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Dear Library supporter,

It is striking how often we hear that the American Library in Paris has played a pivotal role in a patron's life. What is perhaps most surprising is the sheer variety of ways our users' lives have been touched: a student who came alone to Paris and found a community of readers; a young family spending a year abroad whose child's love of books was first kindled here; a Parisian who stumbled upon an anglophone haven; a writer who discovered a book on our shelves which changed her own work. A common thread that runs through all these stories is the universal hunger for knowledge, understanding, and connection; each story is a testament to the many ways the Library quickens and feeds that hunger.

For nearly one hundred years, the Library has been a welcoming refuge to all those who enter. Today we are honored that your support enables us to carry forward that tradition, as well as to create even more ways for readers to learn, to grow, and to connect.

Your support is vital to that mission. Among many other things, your generosity allows us to: preserve and continue to renew our print collection; staff close to three hundred children's and teens' programs throughout the year; curate an important historical periodical archive; host over seventy free public programs and panels with leading journalists, writers, and thinkers; provide access to over 22,000 e-books and four thousand electronic periodicals; host the largest English-language creative writing contest for youth in Paris; and serve as a quiet, comfortable haven for those seeking knowledge in myriad ways.

We are enormously grateful to you, our supporters. Without you, the Library would not be the bustling intellectual and community hub that it is today. As a reminder, the American Library in Paris receives no government funding, and fees for membership cover only a quarter of our operating costs. Please continue to give generously so that we in turn may continue to grow and thrive.

Sincerely yours,



Audrey Chapuis
Director



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