

THE AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS

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annual report for 1974

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The American Library in Paris is one of the oldest private American cultural institutions in Paris and the largest English-language Library in France with over 150,000 volumes and 700 periodicals. Founded in 1920, the Library is an endowed membership institution operated on a non-profit basis.

- G** TO establish and maintain in Paris and elsewhere a Library or libraries of books, periodicals and papers in English and other languages.
- O** TO carry on in connection with said library or libraries such other activities as may now or hereafter be deemed properly incidental to the work of a library corporation.
- A**
- L** TO aid in the international exchange of information about books, libraries and library methods.
- S** TO promote cordial relations between France and the United States through mutual association in library work.
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SERVICES: Circulation and Photocopying. Circulation and use of the Reading Room available to members.

ASSOCIATED SERVICES: American College in Paris Library; Junior Guild Reading Project for the Blind of the American Pro-Cathedral.

COLLECTIONS: Reference; General fiction and non-fiction; American Literature, American History, Children's books and Periodicals.

HOURS: Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Closed Sundays, Mondays, holidays and the month of August.

TELEPHONE: 551.46.82.

BRANCHES: Grenoble, Montpellier, Nancy, Nantes, Toulouse.

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REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS FOR THE YEAR 1974

Despite the 1973 retrenchment program, the Library was able throughout the year to maintain a high level of service. Information was given and books loaned to a diversified public among whom were to be found the French lycéen doing a short essay on Chief Crazy Horse, the American executive researching his book on advertising management, the West African graduate student documenting himself on B.F. Skinner's behaviorism. And last but not least, for many an American lonely and new to France—the Library is often a welcome oasis.

Our budgeted and restricted book fund purchases continue to be supplemented by generous gifts of books. Through these well wishers the Library has a growing collection of autographed works by American authors who are living or have lived in France.

Responding to a poll of users, access to the stacks was liberalized, individual and group orientations offered, better shelf work instituted, the three-week loan period extended to recent non-fiction, and a quarterly acquisitions' list distributed. And the widespread distribution throughout Paris of an eye-catching bookmark and poster is bringing more readers to the Library. In keeping with the trend for attractive and comfortable libraries, the Library applied to the U.S. Agency for International Development, Program of Aid to American Hospitals and Schools Abroad, for a grant to renovate the premises.

Much of the credit for the effectiveness of the Library's response to its patrons' needs goes to its Franco-American staff of fourteen persons. Valuable supplemental help is given by volunteers drawn from the American community in Paris.

The very existence of the Library depends on the generosity of its many friends, individual and corporate, who each year respond to the appeals in France and America. Once again these well wishers came through with a record contribution to help sustain the Library's work. With expenditures in 1975 up sharply through inflation, the Library must depend more than ever on fund raising to fulfill its goals and make certain that no English-reading person in Paris has to answer the question: "What would I do without the American Library in Paris?"

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret D. Garrett, Chairman.

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FACTS AND FIGURES

BOOKS ADDED	ADULTS	JUVENILE	
	2,077	412	
Amount spent for books during the year			\$ 10,954
Amount spent for periodicals during the year			6,820
	Total		<u>\$ 17,774</u>
CIRCULATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS			
Adult books			51,857
Juvenile books			10,915
Periodicals			5,208
	Total		<u>67,980</u>
REFERENCE SERVICES PERFORMED			
Requests for information from patrons			6,844
Books requested from stacks for building use or circulation			20,490
Back periodicals requested for building use			18,045
PHOTODUPLICATION SERVICE			
Photocopies made			35,227
CHILDREN'S ROOM ACTIVITIES			
Film showings			4
Children's Book Week events November 11-17			
Puppet shows			2
Story telling Saturday mornings			
SERVICE DATA			
Total number of subscribers			2,350
Americans	1,172		
French	898		
British	103		
Other	177		

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974

Current Funds available January 1, 1974 \$ 56,551

RECEIPTS

Rental	\$ 26,004
Annual dues and fees	32,529
Fines and book reservations	3,981
Duplicating services	8,343
Gifts and bequests	80,389
Investment income	32,208
Miscellaneous	6,705
Restricted	<u>10,786</u>

Total Receipts 200,945

\$ 257,496

DISBURSEMENTS

Books, periodicals, microfilms and book repairs	\$ 19,323
Salaries	64,435
Payroll taxes	26,244
Other taxes and insurance	4,756
Heat, light, water and telephone	13,309
Office supplies and expenses	12,365
Professional fees and services	2,515
Repairs, alterations and cleaning	6,233
Financial expenses	1,237
Income tax	6,241
Miscellaneous	7,597
Restricted	<u>8,892</u>

Total Disbursements 173,147

Less exchange variation (2,285)

\$ 170,862

Current Funds Available December 31, 1974 \$ 86,634

Audit of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., March 28, 1975
available for inspection.

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BRANCHES

The crowning event of the year, for the branches, was the inauguration of the American Library in Nancy on November 14, 1974. The opening was attended by the Mayor, accompanied by various city officials, the President of the University of Nancy II and various other academic figures and a selection of town "notables". The inauguration was covered by the regional television and newspapers. The Nancy branch is housed in the city's new Cultural Center, which occupies a fine historic building in the heart of "Old Nancy".

The attention given to the creation of a new library did not detract from the activity and growth of the other branches, whose total membership is now close to 4,000. The interest and the enthusiasm of the branch librarians remains keen in spite of the distance that separates them from the Paris library. Membership drives and publicity campaigns were conducted in all the branches during the past year. Newspaper articles appeared in four regional newspapers. Toulouse and Nancy had spots on television.

The French universities make a very tangible contribution to the branches' success, which, translated into monetary terms, would amount to more than \$10,000 a year for each branch. Relieved of all local operating costs, we are able to operate these branches on a minimal budget, entirely provided for by private gifts.

In 1974 and early 1975, the branches received gifts amounting to \$2,275 for books and general expenses, an additional \$1,000 to strengthen the collection of the Nancy branch, and a gift of \$500 to set up a rotating collection of recent, popular books to be sent successively to all the provincial annexes.

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Librarian, Main Library: Clifford H. de Roode.
Associate Librarian and Director of Branches: Harry Goldberg.
Public Relations and Development: Donald Q. Coster.
Officers and Directors of the Library serve without fee.