

**THE AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS**

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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.

60,000

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- 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.

**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, Periodicals.

**HOURS:** Tuesday through Friday 2-7 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Closed Sundays, Mondays, holidays and the month of August.

**TELEPHONE:** 551.46.82.

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

*Microfilm, Cassette*

*International Herald Tribune*

*end 1st week of September*

Report of the Chairman of the American Library in Paris.

The signal event of these years is the start of the transformation of the main premises into a safer and more convenient library thanks to the grant in 1975 of \$275,000 from the Agency for International Development under the provisions of the program of aid to American schools and hospitals abroad. We are the first library to so benefit.

Remodeling that began in late 1975 and ended in September 1977 included the construction of a roof-terrace to comply with zoning regulations, laying down new floors and staircases, installation of better lighting and heating fixtures, and replacement of wood shelving with steel. Painting, carpeting, new furniture and equipment are conditional on another grant.

With this first phase of improvement over, all collections and services are housed anew in the refurbished space, making the Monttessuy Wing, one of the Library's two properties, available for rent again.

In 1977 the Agency for International Development added \$25,000 to the original grant for the purchase of books and magazines. With this sum many worn or missing books are being replaced.

Since 1966 the Library has shared its space with the American College in Paris in return for an institutional fee. In mid-1977 the College rented the vacant Monttessuy Wing. The Library and the College are now looking beyond this lease to a comprehensive agreement that will make the collections of each institution truly complementary and accessible to all users.

In the summer of 1977 the Blind Department operated by the Junior Guild of the American Pro-Cathedral moved to new quarters.

Other noteworthy events of the years under review were the receipt in 1975 of a legacy of \$75,000 from the late Ethelbert Warfield, a longtime benefactor of the Library and the offer in 1976 of \$200,000 from an American foundation contingent on matching donations of at least \$75,000. This goal has been met and these gifts will increase the endowment by some \$300,000.

Friends of the Library also responded to the Library's annual appeal for operating funds so essential to the continued existence of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

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## FACTS AND FIGURES: ANNUAL AVERAGE

### BOOKS ADDED

Adult	2,000
Juvenile	300
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,300</b>

*100,000*

### CIRCULATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS FOR HOME USE

Adult books	49,000
Juvenile	9,000
Periodicals	5,000

### REFERENCE SERVICES PERFORMED

Requests for information	9,000
Books requested from stacks for building or home use	17,000
Back periodicals requested for building use	19,000

*5,000*

### PHOTODUPLICATION SERVICE

Photocopies made	56,000
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### SERVICE DATA

Total number of individual subscribers	1,500
Breakdown by nationality & percentage:	
Americans	43 %
French	42 %
British	5 %
Other	10 %
American College Group Subscription	450

### PUBLICATIONS

**Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin; Short Bibliographical Notes Based Principally on Secondary Sources.** A bibliography in English and French to mark the Bicentennial.

### Selected List of Periodical Holdings.

*Special Events: Pres-*  
 Book Lists: Annotated in-house Book lists  
 Book Sales: April 1, 1986 to Nov. 11, 1986  
 → Book House

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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURES: ANNUAL AVERAGE

### RECEIPTS

Subscriptions	\$33,000
Miscellaneous receipts	18,000
Interest	31,000
American College institutional fee	12,000
Rental	34,000
Book Sale	\$ 34-

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Library materials & binding	\$16,000
Building operation & maintenance	30,000
Administrative expenses	21,000
Capital-related costs	16,000
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>137,000</b>
FUND RAISING	\$54,000

The Library's accounts are audited annually by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. Audits are available for inspection on request.

*Harvey School visits*  
*BK Mary*  
*of J Ecole Act. B. I*  
*Schiller*  
*Inter. School*  
 Story Time - monthly  
 Library - Study Tours Gro  
 visits from School & Universities  
 children's dept.  
 Both children's & adults  
 Woman's Plan Green Media

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## BRANCHES <sup>1985</sup> 1975-1977

Nineteen seventy-six marked the twenty-fifth year of the American Library's branch operation and the tenth year of the cooperative arrangement with the French universities. In 1974 the Library opened its fifth branch, situated in Nancy's **Maison de Culture**. The other branches are located in Grenoble, Toulouse, Montpellier and Nantes.

There are approximately 3,000 subscribers borrowing books from our branches. That amounts to nearly two thirds of the total number in the «system» of the American Library in Paris. Branch membership is composed of students in the large majority, but there is also a good representation of non-student members in every branch. In addition, these provincial American libraries serve as a «home away from home» for the Americans living in the cities where they are located.]

During the past three years, 9,168 books have been added to the branch collections, whose holdings have more than doubled during the past ten years. There are now more than 8,000 volumes in each of the branches, except for the newly created library in Nancy, which contains 4,000 books.

The American Library in Paris fulfils its obligations to enrich the branch collections through the cataloguing of duplicate books received as gifts, and through purchase, with funds donated for that purpose. During the past three years, the Library has been able to meet all its obligations to the branches on a budget of \$2,000 a year, provided through private gifts. No funds are allocated by the American Library in Paris for branch support.

In all cases the branches are located in ample, attractive quarters, conveniently located for the majority of users. They continue to play a role in their communities that goes beyond that of simple lending libraries. Some constitute embryonic cultural centers, with exhibits, classes in conversational English, poetry readings, and so on.

In every case the branches are well integrated into the communities they serve, and represent ideal cultural transplants of the United States in a highly receptive milieu.

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Officers and Directors serve without fee.

Managing Librarian, Main Library Clifford H. de Roode  
Associate Librarian and Director of Branches Harry Goldberg

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*International Schools  
Schiller College  
Ecole Bilingue*

*NON-Book materials includes  
cassette, microfilms include*

*3,000*  
*we do not have*  
*Friend of the Library Group*  
*Ami de la Bib. Louis Ranson*

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up to 56% of net

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