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The goals of the founders, to which the American Library in Paris continues to subscribe, were:

- To establish and maintain in Paris and elsewhere a library of books, periodicals and newspapers in English.
- To aid in the international exchange of information about books, libraries and library methods.
- To promote cordial relations between France and the United States through mutual association in library service.
- To provide for the English-speaking community of Paris the essential services of an American library.

Circulation, reference, photocopying, microforms, and access to the Reading Room are available to members. These services, with the exception of borrowing privileges, are available to non-members for a daily or six-month user fee.

Collections:

Reference books, general fiction and non-fiction, and children's books.

Periodicals.

Audio recordings.

Microforms (including the complete International Herald Tribune, on microfilm, from its founding in 1887).

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REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Nineteen-ninety was a year of challenge, hard work and planning for the future. With the implementation of the computer system in the Fall of 1989, which puts this Library on a par with most modern library counterparts in the United States, the first phase of the total renovation of the Library was completed. Director Bob Grattan and the Library staff are to be congratulated for the ease with which this conversion was accomplished.

Phase two of the Library renovation, the construction of a new Research Center within the Library’s premises, will begin this year. A Development Committee, chaired by First Vice Chairman, John H. Riggs, Jr., was formed to raise funds specifically for this project and to plan for phases three and four, the microforming of the Library’s entire periodicals collection and the subsequent remodeling of the main Library areas. Mr. Riggs and this committee are to be thanked for the work and commitment they are giving to ensure the Library’s future.

For the fulfillment of their particularly demanding tasks, three Trustees should be singled out: Kandice Vettier for the great success of the 1990 Gala Dinner; Jeff Williams for supervising the Children’s Room and Volunteer program without which the Library could not function as it does; and Guy Dunham who chairs the Building Committee and is in charge of the construction of the Research Center.

Mrs. Walter J.P. Curley, wife of our Ambassador to France, was actively involved in our fund-raising efforts in 1990. Her continuing support and encouragement of others to help the Library is deeply appreciated.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank all of our many friends and supporters—individuals, foundations and corporations—for making possible the advancements in 1990 and the optimism with which we are working in 1991.

Respectfully submitted,

Michèle Gompel
Chairman
COLLECTIONS

Materials inventoried:  
Adult books: 78,000  
Children’s books: 6,000  
Periodical titles: 450  
Microforms: 1,180  
Records and cassettes: 1,139  

Books sent to branches: 2,761

Circulation of materials for home use:  
Fiction Non-Fiction Juvenile Periodicals  
22,597 33,863 9,634 3,185 
32.6% 48.9% 13.9% 4.6%

Total: 69,279 items circulated

Building use by non-members: 1,776

Photocopies made: 112,977

Interlibrary requests: 1,200 from general; 2,640 from ALP branches

Interlibrary loans: 158 general, 264 to branches

MEMBERSHIP

First Edition & Sustaining 22 1%  
Family 337 16%  
Individual 694 33%  
Student* 821 35%  
Juvenile 148 7%  
Readers 84 4%  

*about 800 American University of Paris students, faculty and staff also used the library

Total Membership: 2,104

American 863 41%  
French 800 38%  
Other 441 21%  

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Volunteers continue to be an integral part of the American Library’s operations. In 1990, more than fifty volunteers contributed 6,000 hours of their time and services to the following departments:

Director’s Office  

Cataloging Department  
Inventory, book repair, book orders.

Periodicals Department  
Research, photocopying.

Circulation Desk  
Shelving, shelf reading, phone answering, general.

Children’s Department  
Wednesday morning and afternoon Story Time and Film Strip.  
Introduction to library and computer usages for school classes and Girl Scout troops  
Assist high school students to earn volunteer credits.

Development Office  
Fund-raising, publicity, membership mailings.

Office and Maintenance  
Information Desk  
All day staffing five days a week.
SPECIAL EVENTS

Christmas Caroling Party: December 14th
Gala Benefit Dinner: May 22nd
Book Sale & Open House: June 19th

Monthly authors’ lecture series with Paris-based and visiting writers.

MAJOR CONTRIBUTION FROM THE H.W. WILSON COMPANY

Through the help of American Library Trustee Robert Wedgeworth and the generosity of the H.W. Wilson company, the library has received a gift of a WilsonLine workstation. It consists of an IBM PS/2 Model 30 286 microcomputer, a color monitor, a CD-ROM laser disk reader and a printer.

Wilson has also donated an annual subscription to the Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature, now published on CD-ROM. This reference work indexes the past six years on one small compact disk, including abstracts of the articles, which are not available in the printed edition. In a matter of seconds, the user will be able to search through a guide to more than 300 periodicals for the six-year period by means of key words, subjects, dates, authors or journal titles or any combination of these.

THE BRANCHES

In cooperative arrangements with the French universities at Grenoble, Montpellier, Nancy, Nantes and Toulouse, the American Library’s branches serve students and scholars in American Studies as well as members of the general public. The main library in Paris adds to the branches’ collections with duplicate books received as gifts, as well as new books bought for the branches. It is hoped that the branches can soon be linked by computer with the main library.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1990 (UNAUDITED)

Revenue

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Expenditures

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<td>Computer Supplies</td>
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<td>Book Purchases</td>
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Capital Expenditures

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<td>Computer and Related Equipment</td>
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<td>(University Cost-Sharing)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Capital Expenditures</strong></td>
<td><strong>+128,000</strong></td>
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**Total Deficit** 318,000

The Library’s development program was initiated in 1988-89 to upgrade the cataloging, circulation and search functions to computer “state of the art” levels. This program continued in 1990 and resulted in increased opening hours and salary costs. Membership fees and gifts rose but did not cover expenses. The Board of Trustees approved a modest deficit for 1990 to sustain the development program.
BENEFACTORS

One of the most important resources of the American Library in Paris and its branches is the countless numbers of members, non-members and companies who donate books to the Library. Unfortunately, space does not allow us to mention all the individuals who gave books in 1990, but it does permit us to give special thanks to the following companies:

Agence Littéraire Eliane Benisti  
Agence Littéraire Michelle Lapautre  
Book Club Associates  
Brentano's  
Centre Védantique Ramakrishna  
Editions Robert Lafont  
International Herald Tribune  
La Nouvelle Agence

A second gift from Mrs. Joan Palevsky has enabled the American Library to have its collection of Library of America publications brought up to date and continued through the next several years.

Particular mention should also be made of major gifts of books by the American Library Association and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

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Harald Fringham: champagne  
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