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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.

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

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REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

After all the excitement and the non-stop activity of 1991 – the successful fund-raising campaign for our new Research Center and the Library existing as part “chantier” during the six months of its construction – 1992 was a year of quieter projects and reflection, a year to set objectives and goals to ensure the Library a firm base on which to go forward into the 21st century. This involved a lot of meticulous, behind-the-scenes activity such as revising the Library’s Statutes and By-laws (which had not been done since the 1950’s!) and re-negotiating our different agreements with the American University Library. A professional study was also done to make recommendations for the Library to use in establishing these much needed goals and objectives for the future. These on-going projects were all begun in 1992 and will not be completed until 1993. I would like to thank particularly the following Trustees for their hard work on the above projects: Virginia Pilpoul, Catherine Coste, Guy Dunham, Jack Anderson, Bob Gogel and Dr. Brooke Sheldon.

One of the highlights of 1992 was the prestigious opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Research Center held on April 2, 1992. Mary Walton Curley, U.S. Ambassador Walter J.P. Curley’s wife, officially opened the new center by cutting the ribbon in the presence of many of the Research Center’s distinguished donors or their representatives which included: Mr. F.H.S. Allen of J.P. Morgan Charitable Trust; Mr. Freddy Dressen of the Florence Gould Foundation; Mrs. Linda Emmet of the Irving Berlin Charitable Trust; Mr. Eric Boissonsas of the Scaler Foundation; and Mrs. Reginald F. Lewis of the Reginald F. Lewis Foundation. After a champagne toast in the new Research Center (the only time food or drink was allowed there!), a reception was graciously hosted in the beautiful salons of the J.P. Morgan Bank, Place Vendôme. I would like to thank Library Trustee Frederick H.S. Allen for making it possible for the Library to thank its generous donors in such an elegant fashion.

While the Library’s generous donors can never be thanked enough, I would also like to thank some friends and Trustees whose intervention sometimes made the difference in the Library’s receiving a very important contribution or not. Mrs. Curley’s special support of the Library and its Research Center project was of extreme help and her active promotion of it made a significant difference. The work of Trustees Frederick H.S. Allen, Catherine Coste, Linda Emmet, Brenda Harper-Vandamme and Kandice Vettier is also greatly appreciated as it contributed directly to the success of the Library’s biggest fund-raising project ever. To all of you who gave or encouraged others to give, the Library is very grateful. In addition, I would like to thank Bob Grattan and the ALP staff who ensured a smooth integration of the Research Center into the library operation.

The American Library in Paris’ sixth annual Gala dinner was held at U.S. Ambassador and Mrs. Walter J.P. Curley’s residence on May 21, 1992. New York Times Senior columnist Flora Lewis gave a witty talk about the journalistic interpretations of world events to the 150 guests. Gala Chairman Bob Gogel is to be congratulated on his second successful Gala. The Library would like to express its great appreciation to our sponsors whose generous support of this Gala Dinner accounts for one third of our annual contributions for general purposes: Alico, American Airlines, Gemini Consulting, Marvais and the International Herald Tribune who made an extra contribution of an American Library Special Edition containing come of Flora Lewis’ notable editorials. The Library is also grateful to its devoted friends whose attendance of the Gala makes for a lovely evening and to those who cannot attend but whose contributions make for a financially successful event.

Our four Branch libraries are functioning well and our policy and agreements concerning the Branches are being studied and updated along with our regular Library projects. This is a big job involving a lot of travel, meetings and documentation and I thank Virginia Pilpoul and her able assistant, Catherine Coste deserve special thanks from the entire Board of Trustees for their work with the Branches. In the meantime, I salute the four Branches and say keep up the good work!

Obviously there are many other activities and contributions from friends and Trustees which cannot be named specifically here. You are all to be thanked for the many and varied ways in which you help the Library. With all of our hard work and enthusiasm, the Library will continue successfully with its present high standards of community service and its smooth advancement into the 21st century is assured.

Respectfully submitted,

Michèle Gompel
Chairman
COLLECTIONS

Materials inventoried:  
Adult books:  85,870  
Children's books:  6,600  
Periodical titles:  452  
Microforms:  1,539  
Records and cassettes:  1,182  
Compact discs:  200

Materials cataloged:  
Adult books:  7,361  
Children's books:  716  
Periodicals (current):  350  
Microforms:  401  
Cassettes:  4  
Compact discs:  200

Books sent to branches:  1,679

Circulation of materials for home use: 76,942 total

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Building use by non-members: 2,284

Interlibrary requests: 1,875 from general; 1,920 from ALP branches

Interlibrary loans: 209 general, 273 to branches

THE BRANCHES

In cooperative arrangements with the French universities at Grenoble, Montpellier, Nancy 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.

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In addition, about 775 American University of Paris students, faculty and staff also used the library.

Total Membership: 1,988

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First Edition and Sustaining Members have chosen to support the Library over and above the normal membership rates. The 1992 members are:

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Volunteers continue to be an integral part of the American Library's operations. In 1992, forty-six volunteers contributed 2,582 hours of their time and services to the following departments:

Director's Office
Book sales, book lists, volunteer training and scheduling.

Cataloging Department
Inventory, book repair, book orders.

Periodicals Department
Research, photocopying.

Circulation Desk
Shelving, shelf-reading, telephone, general research and circulation.

Children's Department
Wednesday afternoon Story Time and film strip. Introduction to library and computer usages for school classes and Girl Scout troops.

Development Office
Fund-raising, publicity, mailings and distribution.

Information Desk
Security, general information, and membership information. The volunteers who staff the information desk are the public's first contact with the Library.

RESEARCH CENTER

The following corporations, foundations, and trusts made contributions for the Research Center's renovation and equipment:

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RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES
(Cash basis)
January 1 – December 31, 1992 (unaudited)

REVENUES
(French francs)
Membership fees 1,491,000
Rent from American University 832,000
Shared Costs from American University 280,000
Total Revenues 2,603,000

OPERATING EXPENDITURES
(French francs)
Personnel 2,346,000
Books, periodicals, CD’s, microfilm, etc. 699,000
Building Maintenance 607,000
General Administration 828,000
Total 4,480,000

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES
(French francs)
Research Center - Microfilm 116,000
Research Center 523,000
Equipment 12,000
Total 651,000
Total Expenditures 5,131,000

GIFTS
(French francs)
Capital gifts (Research Center) 1,324,000
General gifts 754,000
Gifts from Library’s U.S. Foundation 700,000
Total Gifts 2,778,000

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One of the most important resources of the American Library in Paris is the numerous book donations we receive every year. Unfortunately, space does not permit us to mention all the individuals and companies who gave books in 1992, but it does permit us to give special thanks to the following contributors:

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