

ANNUAL REPORT 1994

AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS



FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

The past year was a transition year for the American Library in Paris as your institution approached its 75th anniversary in 1995. A new Director, Kay Rader, joined us in mid-1994 and spent most of the balance of the year working with the Library's Executive Committee on studying and improving the Library's financial management and rationalizing the services it provides. For our new Director, this was an important period to prepare for the celebrations of 1995 and the launching of our CAMPAIGN 2000.

CAMPAIGN 2000 will raise funds for an improved endowment and long-needed renovation for the Library which will permit the doubling of book display and reading space, the 50 percent enlargement of our popular children's activities room and a more attractive and accessible Library.

Your Library is ambitious. It wants to profit from its 75th anniversary to build the professional and financial base on which to project its services into the next century. To provide a standard to measure the Library's accomplishments, a new mission statement (*at right*) was adopted in early 1995 by the Board of Trustees.

We count on all members and friends to make our 75th year a watershed for the future and the occasion for a major step forward to assure that our mission will be accomplished. — *John H. Riggs*

1994 STAFF INITIATIVES

Among the 1994 staff initiatives were improvement of public services and raising the Library's profile in the Paris community. 1994 survey results showed that members appreciate the Library as an educational center, want expanded children's and young adult services, and value professional guidance in all areas.

To improve public services, we began professional coverage of the Reference Desk and increased staffing in the Research Center. Reference statistics from this service will be used to improve collection development. A collection analysis project was implemented to ensure that the Library has complete holdings of new and old classics and recommended titles in specific subjects. The new VTLS92 with keyword searching capacity eased staff and patron use of the computerized system.

To raise our profile in the community, we initiated an advertising campaign and broadened distribution of our promotional materials. Staff attended community events, visited libraries and schools, and organized Library tours for university and civic organizations. Children's and adult programming included a wide variety of subjects and attendance increased dramatically.

Staff development included participation in the American Library Association Conference, European VTLS Users' Group Conference, and management training workshops. The staff also contributed to the development of the Library's exciting plan for the future: CAMPAIGN 2000. — *Kay G. Rader, Director*

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide access in France to what is best in English-language books, periodicals and other materials, by sustaining and extending a varied and enduring collection.

To provide the services of a contemporary American public library.

To encourage and support reading in English by children and young adults.

To act as an educational support center for people of all ages in their pursuit of formal instruction or personal growth.

To promote better understanding between France and the United States by making available the artistic, historical and business record of American achievement to French readers.

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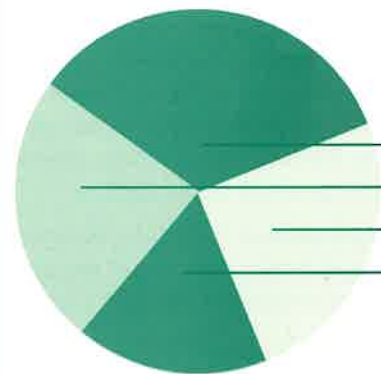
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1994 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUES (FRF)

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| Operating Revenues | 2 671 000 |
| Gifts | 786 000 |
| Endowment Income | 1 111 000 |
| TOTAL | 4 568 000 |

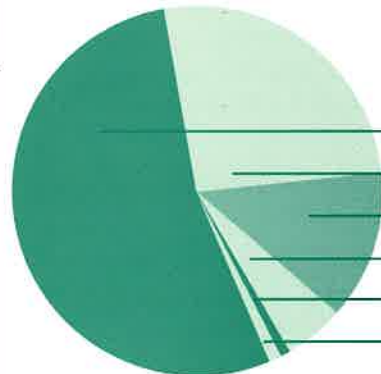
REVENUES



EXPENSES (FRF)

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|--------------------|------------------|
| Operating Expenses | 4 124 000 |
| Capital Expenses | 56 000 |
| TOTAL | 4 180 000 |

EXPENSES



SPECIAL EVENTS 1994

Gala Benefit Dinner, May 10
Open House & Book Sale, May 22
Christmas Party, December 11

Evenings With An Author:

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|----------|---------------------|
| January | Frank Viviano |
| February | John Baxter |
| March | Mavis Gallant |
| April | William Jay Smith |
| May | Christopher Mesnooh |
| July | Mary Jo Salter |
| October | John Baxter |
| November | Polly Platt |
| November | Howard Scherry |
| December | Diane Johnson |
| December | Betty Friedan |

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

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| Weekly Story Hour: | 1,244 |
| Evenings With An Author: | 685 |
| Total | 1,929 |

CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Weekly Story Hour

Story Hour Special Events:

Groundhog's Day
Valentine's Day
Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration
Easter Egg Hunt
Hans Christian Andersen Birthday Celebration
Book-signing by Bidy Strevens, author-illustrator of Toto's Travels
"Dance A Story" - Myth & Movement for Kids led by Salomé Swaim
Jungle Day - Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the The Jungle Books
Halloween Party
Native American Folklore Day
Hanukkah Celebration
Christmas

COLLECTIONS

Reference, general fiction and non-fiction, and children's books.
Periodicals
CD-ROM indexes
Audio-visual collection
Capes Agregation research collection

Additions to the collection in 1994:

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|------------------|-------|
| Adult books | 5 044 |
| Children's books | 673 |
| Audio-visual | 271 |

Collection as of December 31, 1994:

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|--------------------------|--------|
| Adult books | 83 798 |
| Children's books | 7 639 |
| Audio-visual | 2 217 |
| Periodical subscriptions | 340 |

SPECIAL GIFTS TO THE COLLECTION

Gregory Usher: A bequest of an extensive collection of books on food and wine from the noted American chef.

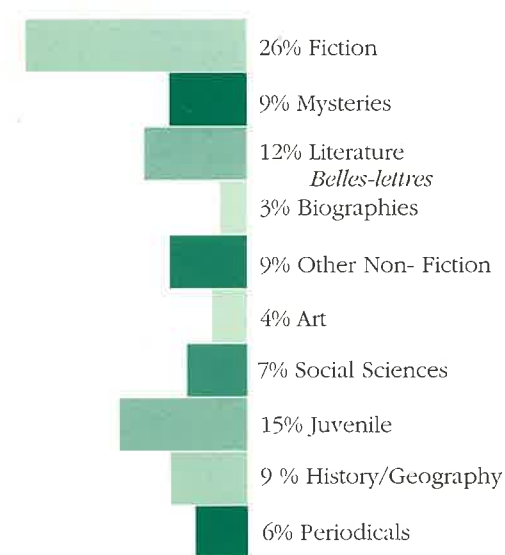
Olivia de Havilland: A gift of letters to Miss de Havilland from authors including James Jones, Irwin Shaw, Anais Nin and Malcolm Cowley.

Joan Palevsky: A gift of the complete Library of America catalogue of classic American literature.

Disneyland Paris: A gift of best-loved children's films on video cassette.

Pierre Funck: A gift of non-fiction works with emphasis on religion, philosophy, science and the theory of literature.

CIRCULATION BY SUBJECT



TOTAL 1994 CIRCULATION: 85,753

BRANCHES

The American Library in Paris has Branches in five cities: Angers, Grenoble, Montpellier, Nancy and Toulouse. Branch collections number between 15,000 and 20,000 volumes. The Paris library provides cataloguing and ordering services, interlibrary loan services and donates hundreds of books to enrich Branch collections. In addition, Branch members have membership privileges at the Paris library.

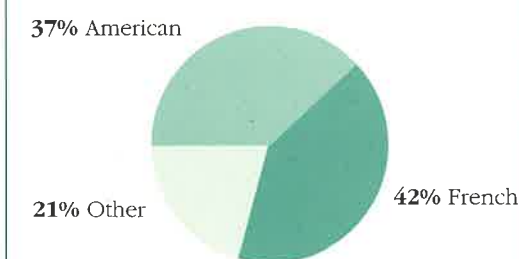
INTERLIBRARY LOANS

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| Branches: | 677 |
| Other Libraries: | 242 |
| Total Interlibrary Loans: | 919 |

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

In 1994, 57 volunteers contributed a total of 2,810 hours to the Library, under the supervision of Adele D. Witt, Assistant Director. Volunteers worked at the Information and Circulation Desks, in the Research Center, in the Development Office, and in Children's, Technical, and Periodical Services. Twenty-four volunteers made possible the very successful Open House & Book Sale. In addition, several professional librarians volunteered to help staff the Reference Desk.

MEMBERSHIP BY NATIONALITY



MEMBERSHIP BY TYPE

| | |
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| American Library in Paris Members | 2 327 |
| Branch Members | 3 061 |
| American University of Paris Users | 810 |

DAY USERS, 1994: 2 103

Patrons who paid a fee for one-day use of the Library

LIBRARY VISITS, 1994: Over 35,000

Daily counts of the public entering the Library

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For information about the Library's CAMPAIGN 2000, please contact Kay G. Rader, Library Director.