Celebrating 75 years of Service

1995 Annual Report
FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

1995 was an important milestone in the history of the American Library in Paris. We celebrated our 75th Anniversary with a series of events culminating in a gala dinner in the Galerie des Batailles of the Château de Versailles that was attended by a number of prominent guests and many Library patrons and members. We were fortunate to have Dr. Paul LeClerc, President of the New York Public Library, to speak on both the past and the future of libraries.

In addition to raising the public profile of the Library substantially, we used this anniversary year to complete the improvement and rationalization of the Library's financial and operational management begun under the guidance of our dynamic Director, Kay Rader, shortly after her arrival in 1994.

We also used this special year to organize and launch CAMPAIGN 2000, the Library's fundraising program intended (i) to increase our endowment so as to assure greater investment earnings and thus to provide the financial base for improved Library services and (ii) to permit needed improvements in the book collections, reading space, and children's activities.

This fundraising program was the subject of careful study by the Board and Director, with the assistance of a professional fundraising expert, who provided us with essential guidance on the implementation of CAMPAIGN 2000.

To complement our fundraising program, the Board of Trustees and the Director have developed VISION 2000, a strategic plan for the next five years - and beyond. The goals of this plan are stated to the left.

The Library needs the active support of its friends, users, and donors to assure the success of both CAMPAIGN 2000 and VISION 2000. Please contact Kay Rader at the Library or myself if you want to help with the search for gifts needed to increase the endowment and refurbish and extend the Library's premises. Every assistance is needed to assure the continued healthy growth of this precious and vital cultural presence of the United States in France.

— John H. Riggs

1995 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUES (FRF)

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1995 REVENUES

1995 EXPENSES
1995 HIGHLIGHTS

75 YEARS OF LITERARY HISTORY CELEBRATED
Guest authors John Baxter, Jerome Charyn, James A. Emanuel, Tana Hoban, Russell Hoban, Diane Johnson, and Julian More gathered on October 18 for a 75th Anniversary Party in the Library. They read from the works of writers that feature in the Library's history, among them Colette, Ernest Hemingway, Mary McCarthy, and Thornton Wilder. The Paris Alumni/ae Network cosponsored the evening.

CONTINUING SUPPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, FOUNDING CONTRIBUTOR TO THE LIBRARY
A gift of $10,000 for Campaign 2000 was announced by the American Library Association. At the annual ALA conference in Chicago, the Association also presented a resolution honoring the Library's 75th Anniversary. ALA President Betty J. Turock and Executive Director Elizabeth Martinez participated in the anniversary celebrations.

USIA/ALA LIBRARY FELLOW
The Library was the recipient of a six-month fellowship sponsored by the USIA and the American Library Association. Seattle librarian Bonita C. Corliss, winner of this prestigious fellowship, joined us from August 1995 to February 1996 to work on public services training, reorganization of reference services, and a review of the branch libraries.

PRIX MAURICE EDGAR COINDREAU
The Library was chosen as the site for the awards ceremony of the 14th Prix Maurice Edgar Coindreau. The program was made possible with the support of the Cultural Services Office of the American Embassy. The prize, given annually for the best translation of a work of American literature from English into French, was awarded to Paul Keineg for his rendering of William Bronik's Le monde, le sans-mondes. Michel Gresset, President of the Prix Coindreau Committee, and Michelle Lepiart spoke.

PETE SEEGER MAKES A GIFT OF CHARLES SEEGER MEMOIRS AND ALAN SEEGER POEM
In honor of his grandfather Charles Seeger, one of the founders and first president of the Library, singer Pete Seeger donated a copy of his grandfather's memoirs. As a gift to the Library, he also recorded the poem "I have a Rendezvous with Death," written by his uncle Alan Seeger, the World War I poet.

PIERRE LE-TAN DONATES POSTER ART
As a gift for the Library's Anniversary, noted artist Pierre Le-Tan donated a handsome and clever drawing on which we have based our new silk-screen poster. (Now on sale at the Circulation Desk.)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPTS NEW LIBRARY LOGO
The Library began a program of updating its printed materials, including creating a new logo and the Campaign 2000 brochure. The logo, which combines the Eiffel Tower with an open book, appears on the cover of this report.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF V-E DAY
To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of V-E Day, author and historian Hilary Kaiser led a panel discussion of American soldiers, including a WAC, all of whom came to France during World War II and stayed to make their lives here. Panelists were Library Trustee Guy Dunham, Sim Gopans, Ted Liska, Phyllis Michaux, and Warren Trabant.

EVENTS

JANUARY
Evenings with an Author:
Betty Friedan
Eldredge White

FEBRUARY
Evenings with an Author:
Jerome Charyn
James A. Emanuel

MARCH
Evenings with an Author:
Norman Spinrad

APRIL
Evenings with an Author:
Julian Gloag

MAY
Evenings with an Author:
Julian More
V-E Day Celebration
Prix Maurice Edgar Coindreau
Open House and Book Sale

JUNE
Gregory Usher Culinary Collection Celebration
Readings from Phærus

OCTOBER
75th Anniversary
Literary History Party
75th Anniversary Gala at the Château de Versailles
Tea at the U.S. Ambassador's Residence
Excursion to Giverny
Anniversary Week Cocktail Receptions

NOVEMBER
Jazz & Poetry:
James A. Emanuel
Chansse Evans
Evenings with an Author:
Carl Djerassi
U.S. Degrees in France, cosponsored by PAN. Panellists: Senator André Mirman, Solange de Serre, Geneviève Acker, and ... Constance Borde

DECEMBER
Christmas Party

THE 1995 OPEN HOUSE AND BOOK SALE ATTRACTION OVER 1,200 PEOPLE.

CHRISTMAS PARTY
On December 10 the Mona Bismarck Foundation sponsored a Christmas party held in space donated for the evening by the American University of Paris. The party was organized by Trustees Robert Gogel, Nancy Magaud, Lynn Kelley, Berna Huebner, and Mary Beth Behrent and volunteers Vivian Cruise.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WEEKLY STORY HOUR
Attendance at the Weekly Children's Story Hour totaled almost 1,000 children.

Children's Story Hour Special Events
Groundhog Day
African Folklore Day
Valentine's Day
Dr. Seuss's Birthday
Winnie-the-Pooh Day
Guest Author:
Nicole Lambert
Easter Party
Hans Christian Andersen's Birthday
Halloween Party
Native American Folklore Day
Thanksgiving
Hanukkah Celebration
Christmas Party

IN MEMORY OF PAULE LAFEUILLE
Paule Lafeuille, author, playwright and French teacher, who died last fall at the age of 93, bequeathed her English-language books to the American Library in Paris. In keeping with her wish that those friends who wanted to remember her would do so by supporting the Library, we have created the Paule Lafeuille Memorial Fund.
THE COLLECTION

Additions to the collection in 1995:
- Adult books: 4,806
- Children's books: 560
- Audiovisual: 175

The collection as of December 31, 1995:
- Adult books: 85,400
- Children's books: 7,890
- Audiovisual: 2,292
- Periodical subscriptions: 340

IN 1995
LIBRARY MEMBERS CHECKED OUT A TOTAL OF 87,091 ITEMS FROM THE LIBRARY.

LIBRARY VISITS, 1995: OVER 33,000
Daily counts of the public entering the Library

DAY USERS, 1995: 1,943
Patrons who paid a fee for one-day use of the Library

INTERLIBRARY LOANS
- Branches: 498
- Other Libraries: 148
- Total Interlibrary Loans: 646

BRANCHES

The American Library in Paris has branches in four cities: Angers, Montpellier, Nancy, and Toulouse. Branch collections number between 15,000 and 20,000 volumes. The Paris Library provides cataloguing, ordering, and interlibrary loan services and donates hundreds of books each year to enrich the branch collections. This year the Library catalogued 3,376 books for the branch libraries.

Though levels of computerization vary, branch libraries are active in projects such as converting to on-line catalogues, adding CD-ROM resources, and providing Internet access.

This year the Angers branch reports 40% membership growth; the Montpellier branch now has over 1,000 members. In a move that added more space and allowed longer opening hours, the Nancy branch is now in the Pôle Européen Universitaire de Nancy.

In 1995 an increasing number of branch members traveled to Paris to take advantage of their membership privileges at the main Library.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Under the supervision of Adele D. Witt, Assistant Director, volunteers worked at the Welcome Desk, Reference and Circulation Desks, in the Research Center, in the Development Office, and in Children's, Technical, and Periodical Services. Twenty-six volunteers helped to make possible a very successful Open House and Book Sale. In 1995 forty-eight volunteers contributed a total of 3,062 hours to the Library. In addition, two library students from the U.S. completed 2-month internships at the American Library in Paris.

CIRCULATION BY SUBJECT

REFERENCE QUERIES BY SUBJECT

MEMBERSHIP BY NATIONALITY

MEMBERSHIP BY TYPE
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Computer Services: Chris Daniels, System Assistant
Development Office: Andrea Zoller

USA/ALA LIBRARY FELLOW
Bonita C. Coates

1995: A YEAR OF CELEBRATION

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
EXCURSION TO GIVERNY
OCTOBER 24, 1995
Private tour of the Manoir d'Art Giverny given by Mr. Robert Scognamillo, Director<br>Luncheon reception hosted by Mrs. Gerald Van der Kemp at the Foundation Gastronomic Monet

TEA AT THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE
OCTOBER 25, 1995
Hosted by The Honorable Pamela Harrison

COCKTAIL RECEPTIONS
Hosted by H. & Mrs. Robert Gogel, H. & Mrs. Lee Hurne, and Mme Mary Beth Behrman

ANNIVERSARY GALA AT THE CHATEAU DE VERSAILLES
OCTOBER 26, 1995

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Gala Staff and Volunteers
Gala Coordinator: Susan Marriott
Press: Beth Arison
Galery: Colby Camborne
Montique Schnarrer

GREGORY USHER CULINARY COLLECTION CELEBRATION
IN COOPERATION WITH THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF WINE AND FOOD (IWA)

THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN PARIS
JUNE 8, 1995
Hosted by The Honorable Pamela Harrison

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(organized by Mrs. Patrice Wolf)
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Bruno Neveu
Ritz-Escoffier Collection
de la gastronomie française, Hôtel Ritz
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Restaurant Joel Robuchon
Guy Savoy
Ilustraran Guy Savoy
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Pierre d'Espere
Mark Williamson
Willis & Wilkins

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Le Gordon Bleu

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