

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

1995  
ANNUAL REPORT

## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: VISION 2000

*Vision 2000 is a strategic plan based on the mission and values of the American Library in Paris. The plan builds on a renewed commitment to public service and broadening the Library's base of support and membership.*

### GOALS OF VISION 2000

- Maintain and improve an enduring collection of books on all subjects.
- Create a Children's and Young Adult Center to support school programs and to instill a love of reading and libraries in young people.
- Develop and expand the Library's program of American cultural activities for adults and young people.
- Develop a dynamic marketing plan to increase membership and visibility throughout France and internationally.
- Create and implement a development program that will enhance and sustain the long-term financial stability of the Library.
- Retain, recruit, and train a highly skilled, flexible staff capable of developing and managing Library services into the next century.
- Create a highly skilled public services team to raise the level of service to Library members and to attract new membership.
- Create and implement additional policies and standards to improve Library services.
- Maintain and extend state-of-the-art computer technology by providing new CD-ROM services and remote access via the Internet.

## 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.

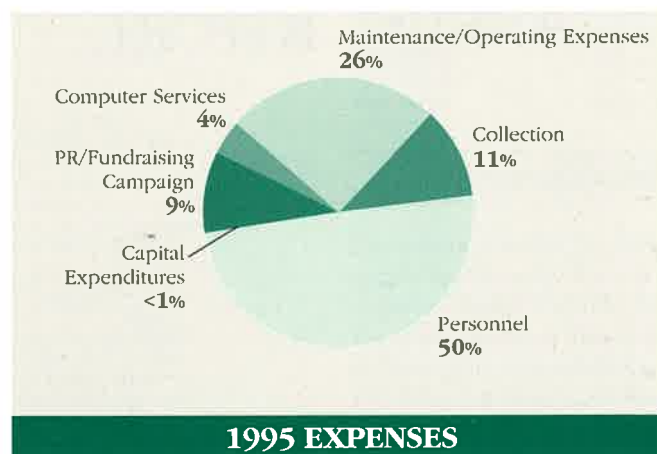
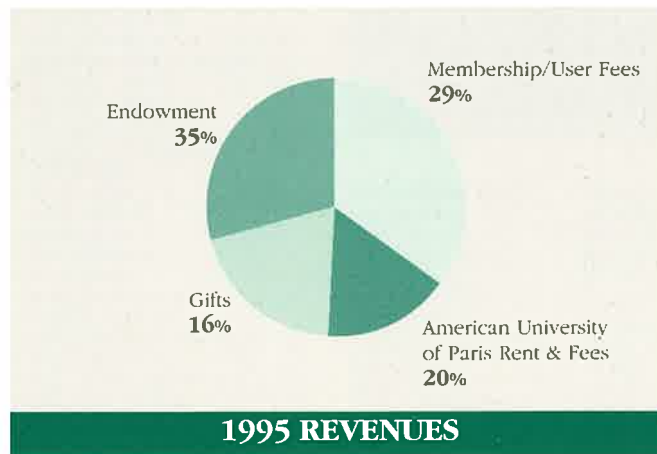
We also used this special year to organize and launch **CAMPAIGN 2000**, the Library's fundraising program intended (i) to increase our endowment so as to assure greater investment earnings and thus to provide the financial base for improved Library services and (ii) to permit needed improvements in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

Operating Revenues	2 779 000
Gifts*	943 000
Endowment Income	2 021 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 743 000</b>

\*An additional 840 640 FRF in gifts has been added to the endowment in 1995.

#### EXPENSES (FRF)

Operating Expenses	5 247 000
Fundraising Campaign	491 000
Capital Expenses	5 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 743 000</b>

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## 1995 HIGHLIGHTS

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### 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 Bronk's *Le monde, le sans-monde*. Michel Gresset, President of the Prix Coindreau Committee, and Michelle Lapautre 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 presidents 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 Copans, Ted Liska, Phyllis Michaux, and Warren Trabant.

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## EVENTS

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### JANUARY

Evenings with an Author:  
Betty Friedan  
Edmund 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 *Pharos*

### 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 Evanns

Evenings with an Author:  
Carl Djerassi

U.S. Degrees in France,  
cosponsored by PAN.  
Panelists: Senator André  
Maman, Solange de Serre,  
Geneviève Acker, and  
Constance Borde

### DECEMBER

Christmas Party

**THE 1995 OPEN HOUSE AND BOOK SALE  
ATTRACTED 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 volunteer Vivian Cruise.

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## CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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### 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	360
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
<b>Total Interlibrary Loans</b>	<b>646</b>

## 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.

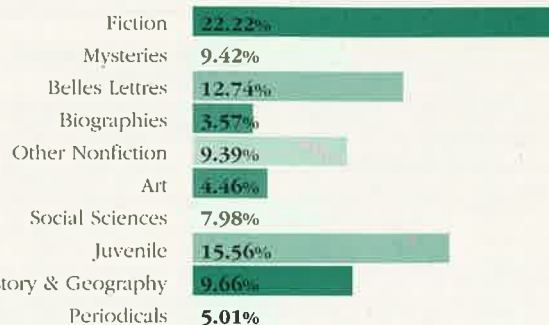
Though levels of computerization vary, branch libraries are active in projects such as converting to on-line catalogues, adding CD-ROM resources, and providing Internet access.

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.

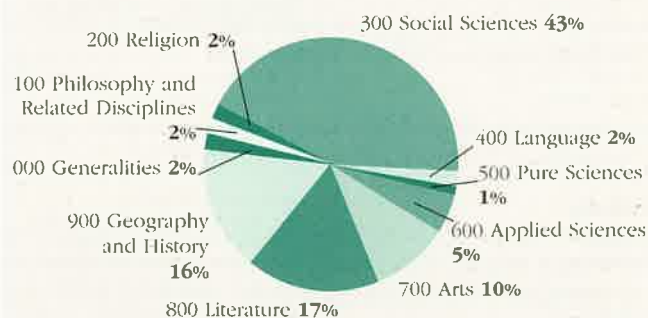
In 1995 an increasing number of branch members traveled to Paris to take advantage of their membership privileges at the main Library.

## 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.

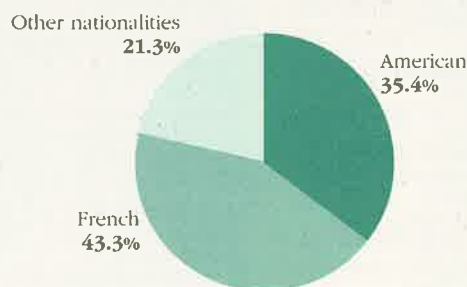


## CIRCULATION BY SUBJECT



## REFERENCE QUERIES BY SUBJECT \*

\*Above breakdown by Dewey Decimal Classification subject categories, based on November and December 1995 statistics.



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**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 6,412**

American University of Paris Users

## MEMBERSHIP BY TYPE



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# 1995: A YEAR OF CELEBRATION

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

### EXCURSION TO GIVERNY OCTOBER 24, 1995

Private tour of the Musée d'Art Américain given by Mr. Robert Korengold, Director

Luncheon reception hosted by Mrs. Gerald Van der Kemp at the Fondation Claude Monet

### TEA AT THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE OCTOBER 25, 1995

Hosted by  
The Honorable Pamela Harriman

### COCKTAIL RECEPTIONS

Hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gogel, Mr. & Mrs. Lee Huebner, and Mme Mary Beth Behrent

### ANNIVERSARY GALA AT THE CHATEAU DE VERSAILLES, OCTOBER 26, 1995

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IN COOPERATION WITH  
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