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FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Two years ago the Library Trustees and staff adopted Vision 2000, a long-range plan that renewed the Library's commitment to public service and to broadening its base of support and membership. In 1996 the staff made significant progress toward the plan's goals in technology, programming, collection development, branch activities, fund-raising, and professional development.

The Library has actively updated its on-line public access cataloge (VLS) and is preparing for the introduction of the third-generation catalogue software, VITURIA. A review of the periodicals collection resulted in the addition of journals on business, the social sciences, and Asian-American, Native-American, and Hispanic-American topics. The collection development team streamlined selection and cataloging processes, using computer services made available by our book suppliers. We established full-time professional reference coverage and implemented a system of subject analysis using reference statistics to refine the collections. A new Ready Reference Collection and a Community Information File supplemented the recently updated Reference Collection.

New computer and upgraded software aided the Campaign 2000 initiative, which this year was focused on submitting funding proposals and appeals to foundations, corporations, and individuals. Development staff have laid the groundwork for an international Friends of the Library, a planned giving program, and the autumn, 1997, membership drive.

Staff participated in various forums sponsored by their professional associations, thereby widening the resources on which the Library can draw and enabling us to remain at the forefront of best American library practice. Staff also liaised with area libraries, exchanging visits and strengthening our ties with the broader French community.

The staff continue to work toward the goals of Vision 2000 in consultation with Library Trustee Dr. Brooke Sheldon, past president of the American Library Association, and Dr. Paul Wasserman, a member of the USA Foundation Board of Directors and past president of the International Federation of Library Associations.

RAY G. BADER

THE COLLECTION

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1996

Gala in Honor of William Styron

U.S. ambassador Pamela Harriman hosted a gala dinner in honor of William Styron at the Ambassador's Residence on June 4. Trustee Lynn Kelley chaired the event. Mr. Styron has joined the USA Foundation's Board of Directors.

Christmas Party

The Library's Annual Christmas Party was held in the Grand Salon of the American University of Paris. The guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. James Guitens. The party, organized by Trustee Lynn Kelley and sponsored by the Monti Bismark Foundation, featured a puppet theater and readings by Mr. Guitens and Mary Jo Sutter.

Board of Trustees Receives Paris and U.S. Embassy Officials

The Board of Trustees held a reception for Mme. Hélène Macé de pinay, Deputy mayor of Paris for Cultural Affairs, Michel Kalfisch, Deputy to the Mayor of the 7th Arrondissement, and James Hogan, Cultural Affairs Attaché at the U.S. Embassy. The guests were given a Library tour by Trustees Catherine Coste, Michele Gompel, Whitney de Courcel, Tom Rose, and John Riggs.

American Library Association Gift to Campaign 2000

In July Trustee Nancy Webster and Director Kay Rader attended the American Library Association annual meeting in New York City. At the ALA council meeting Association President Betty J. Torock presented $100,000 to Campaign 2000 in celebration of the Association's role as founder of the Library.

Update on Campaign 2000

The success of Campaign 2000 in 1996 was made possible by the vision and hard work of Tom Rose and Robert Pergone, co-chairs of the Campaign 2000 committee, as well as the efforts of the Trustees and the entire Library staff. If you are interested in helping, please call Kay Rader or Anne Lechatter at the Library.

Reception Honors Count René de Chambry

The Library staff gave a reception in honor of Count René de Chambry, whose mother, Countess Clara de Chambry, was a past President of the Board of Trustees.

Encouraging English Learning Among Disadvantaged French Schoolchildren

In cooperation with the Association "A travers la Ville," the Library sponsors a bimonthly program for nine- to twelve-year-olds, using the medium of the story hour to help them with their English vocabulary and pronunciation. Most of the youngsters come from homes in the city's northern periphery.

Gregory Peck tours Library

Gregory Peck made a spontaneous visit to the Library in April. After a tour, he generously offered to send the complete American Film Institute Catalog of Motion Pictures Produced in the United States as a gift.

Salon du Livre and Le Temps des Livres

This year the Library participated for the first time in both the 10th Salon du Livre, a five-day spring book fair at the Porte de Versailles, and le Temps des Livres, the Ministry of Culture's two-week national and international celebration of books and reading. Both helped strengthen the Library's links to the broader community.

OPEN HOUSE AND BOOK SALE

As always, the annual book sale drew crowds. In addition to raising money for the Library, staff members and volunteers re-sorted to our services to a wider public.

PETE SEGER DUNTS BUST OF ALAN SEGER

Pete Seeger's nephew Nick Seeger visited the Library and presented a bust of the World War I poet Alan Seeger. The bust is a gift from Pete Seeger and David Marlowe. Mr. Marlowe's great-grandmother, Mary Brush, sculpted the statue.

WEEKLY CHILDREN'S STORY HOURS

These weekly events remain very popular, often drawing standing-room-only audiences of three-to-five-year-olds with events such as George Washington's Birthday, Saint Patrick's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Black History Month, April Fools' Day, American Independence Day, Halloween, Dr. Seuss' Birthday, and Native American Month.

GIFTS-IN-KIND

IBM France gave five Aptiva computers for the Development and Accounting Offices and for CD-ROM reference tools and subscriptions. CIGNA Insurance Company of America presented three personal computers for the Research Center and staff offices.

The Annenberg Foundation made possible the purchase of books on art, civilization, history, and geography for children and a multimedia workstation. The gift included the 3.5-volume Grove Dictionary of Art.

Nancy Willard Magaud established an endowment in honor of her mother a collection of books aimed at children learning either French or English (The Joyce R. Willard Children's Language Collection).

Professor Paul Goodman bequested his professional library of 5,000 books on American history.

Paula Lafaille bequeathed her English-language library, including many books about the theater.

Harry N. Abrams, Inc., presented 300 Abrams books on art history.

Count René de Chambry donated a first edition of Alan Seeger's poems, which includes a dedication by Charles Seeger, the World War I author's father.

Diana Bond donated a collection of books on tape.

J.P. Morgan Paris presented a collection of books on many subjects, including art and gardening. The collection includes In August Company: The Collections of The Pierpoint Morgan Library and French Master Drawings, From The Pierpoint Morgan Collection.

Adam Gopnik and Martha Parker donated over a hundred first-edition children's books that Adam Gopnik had read and commented on in his annual children's literature roundup for The New Yorker.

GIFTS TO THE COLLECTION

The COLLECTION

CIRCULATION OF THE COLLECTION, 1996: 85,934 items lent

Social Sciences 8.19%
History & Geography 10.39%
Biographies 10%
Periodicals 7.21%
Fiction 26.28%
Mysteries & Science Fiction 10.4%
Dell Lettres 12.07%
Audiovisuals Non-Fiction 10%
Art 4.53%
Consumer Affairs 3.84%
Juvenile 14.05%

ALP IN CYBERSPACE: 1,534 VISITS TO THE ALP HOMEPAGE AT
http://ourworld.compuserve.com/hompages/ALP/
EVENINGS WITH AN AUTHOR

JANUARY
- "Jazz Homage to Martin Luther King," featuring a film and readings on Dr. King's life. Sponsored by The Harambee Association and organized by Association Director Charme Evanns.
- Pharos: Poetry and Prose from Paris, a group reading of poetry and fiction by contributors to the Paris literary magazine Pharos.

FEBRUARY
- Dr. Charles Cogan, Charles de Gaulle: A Short Biography with Documents.
- Maria Donovan, "Is Humor Dead?"

MARCH
- David Guterson, Snow Falling on Cedars, sponsored by Editions Seuill.
- Word for Word Theater Troupe from San Francisco, performing Borence by Edgar Allan Poe and The Standard of Living by Dorothy Parker. Sponsored by The Florence Gould Foundation with the support of Air France.
- "The Chemistry of Cheese" presented by Sister Noelia Marcellino, sponsored by the American Institute of Wine and Food (France).

APRIL
- Alice and Daniel Jouve, Paris: Birthplace of the USA, a walking guide for the American patriot.

MAY
- "Writers at Work," sponsored by the Paris Alumni Network. Paris-based writers spoke on how to write a book and get it published.

JUNE
- William Styron, book-signing party with the Pulitzer Prize-winning author.
- Nancy du Plessis, sung and spoken interpretation of the authors prose-poem, "Notes from the Moroccan Journals."

SEPTEMBER
- Pamplele's Table, Recipes and Writings from the French Countryside, a translation and adaptation of Marthe Davolet's 1919 classic, Les Bons Plats de France, presented by Shirley King, sponsored by the American Institute of Wine and Food (France).

OCTOBER
- Marianne Buchwalter, Memories of a Berlin Childhood.

NOVEMBER
- Phyllis Michaux, The Unknown Ambassadors: A Saga of Citizenship.
- John Baxter, Steven Spielberg: The Unauthorized Biography.

DECEMBER
- Rachel Kaplan, Little Known Museums In and Around Paris.

MEMBERSHIP BY NATIONALITY

Other 18.9%
American 35.2%
French 45.9%

BRANCHES

The American Library in Paris has branches in four cities: Angers, Nancy, Montpellier, and Toulouse. Branch collections number between 15,000 and 20,000 volumes.

In 1996 we put into practice our new program of annual meetings of branch directors. With the help of Trustees Whitney de Courcel and Christopher Mesnooh, this year's address the issue of harmonizing the contracts that determine the services the American Library in Paris provides each of the branches. The meeting also featured a workshop on book selection, ordering, and cataloguing procedures. The Director is developing a new branch policy.

BOOKS CATALOGUED FOR THE BRANCHES 1,875
INTERLIBRARY LOANS TO THE BRANCHES 871

AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS MEMBERS: 2,329
BRANCH MEMBERS: 2,161
INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS: 1,383
TOTAL: 5,873
FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

This past year marked more progress in the development of the American Library in Paris. With the celebration of our 75th anniversary behind us, we concentrated on completing the financial and operational restructuring of the Library and its four branches begun in late 1993 and on fund-raising efforts in connection with Campaign 2000. The campaign is intended to permit a long-needed renovation and an increase in the endowment so as to extend the financial resources available to support future Library operations and development. By the end of 1996, we had raised one third of our targeted $3 million for these purposes, and 1997 will see further progress on Campaign 2000.

Once sufficient funds are available, we will begin the renovation, which will significantly expand book display areas and reading room capacity. The Children's and Young Adults' Center will be enlarged by sixty percent, helping us to respond to this important demand, thus fulfilling a vital objective of your Library's mission. Aesthetic and essential technological improvements will also be made.

Part of Campaign 2000 has been the renewal of the American Library in Paris's USA Foundation, a U.S. not-for-profit foundation with IRS charitable status. Stephen Newton, a longtime Paris resident now based in Houston, has assumed the chair of the foundation, which will become an important vehicle to raise funds for and promote the Library in the United States.

As detailed elsewhere in this Annual Report, your Library's community and children's activities were expanded in 1996 and the Library has become better known in France, the United States, and elsewhere.

Please keep your Library in mind for contributions (tax-deductible in France and the United States within legal limits), especially during Campaign 2000.

—John H. Riggs

1996 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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