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**WE HAVE RAISED \$1.2 MILLION**

## GOALS

- To raise a minimum of \$1 million to renovate the Library.
- To raise at least \$2 million to increase the Library's endowment.
- To heighten the Library's visibility and expand the donor base.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Your corporate, foundation, and individual donations will help the American Library in Paris uphold its heritage and lay the groundwork for an even more exciting future.

You can help in a number of ways:

- **Library membership** and bringing in new members.
- **Donations** of any size.
- **An in-kind gift.**

Ask for the *Wish List*, with suggestions of needed gifts, from large computers to single folding chairs, all indispensable to Library operations.

*Those who are interested in discussing gifts to CAMPAIGN 2000 or who wish further information should contact Kay Rader, Library Director (Telephone: 01 53 59 12 63) or Anne Lechartier, Development Officer (Telephone: 01 53 59 12 67).*

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 1997

### Mrs. Elizabeth Rohatyn Becomes Honorary Trustee

Mrs. Elizabeth Rohatyn, wife of the American Ambassador to France, accepted a position as Honorary Trustee of the American Library in Paris. Mrs. Rohatyn is the former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the New York Public Library.

### Internet Reference Service

The Library was awarded a grant from the United States Information Service to provide Internet access to ALP members. The new Internet Reference Service will be available in 1998.

### Arts and Civilization Collection

A 1996 grant from the Annenberg Foundation enabled the Library to enrich its collections in the fields of arts and civilization and multiculturalism, including the purchase of books, audiocassettes, compact discs, videos, and CD-ROMs. The gift will also be used to purchase a multimedia workstation to be installed in 1998.

### American Community Archives Project

Author and community leader Phyllis Michaux launched the American Community Archives project at the ALP. Sponsored by the Mona Bismarck Charitable Trust, the project will provide a centralized source of information on the history of the American community in France.

### Salon du Livre

The Library participated in the 17th annual Salon du Livre, a five-day spring book fair at the Porte de Versailles which attracted over 200,000 visitors. The ALP booth provided an opportunity to publicize the Library and to help strengthen its ties to the broader community.

### 1997 Member Survey

A general satisfaction survey of American Library in Paris members yielded an 80% response rate. Suggestions were carefully evaluated, and many of them are being implemented to improve Library services.

### Membership Drive

A major effort to attract new members was begun in October and will continue in 1998. Sponsored by European Benefits, the drive is designed to increase membership and raise the visibility of the Library. Several new membership categories were created to attract members. Memberships are being offered for senior citizens, those under 26, and the unemployed. In addition, six-month and three-month memberships are available.

### Holiday Party

Over 300 people attended the Library's Annual Holiday Party at the American Church. Trustees Sarah de Lencquesaing and Whitney de Courcel organized the event, with the support of Library staff, volunteers, and Trustees. Jacques Barot and the children from the Association à Travers la Ville presented a puppet show, assisted by Library staff members Armelle Aymonin and Nancy Meloche. Mimi Horne and Trustee Nancy Willard Magaud provided piano accompaniment for the Christmas caroling. The Library is grateful to Pastor Kalajainen and the American Church for providing a very congenial setting for this increasingly popular holiday celebration.

### Gifts for Children and Young Adults

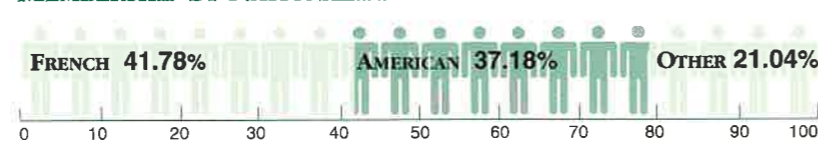
In 1997, the Library received gifts of major book collections for children and young adults. Houstonian Molly Wurzer donated a collection of award-winning books from the Master List of the Texas Bluebonnet Award. Hachette Livre, Scholastic, Inc., The Pleasant Company, Bantam Books for Young Readers, and Random House donated complete collections of series for young adults.

### Gifts-in-Kind

The Library received donations of several important items on the Library's Wish List, including a 5si laser printer with network capacity from Hewlett Packard Europe, a fax machine from Trustee Christopher Mesnooh, folding chairs from White & Case, and a laser printer donated by Canon France.

## LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP AND USE

### MEMBERSHIP BY NATIONALITY



### DAY USERS: 1,749

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

FRENCH	67.17%
AMERICAN	17.64%
OTHER	15.19%

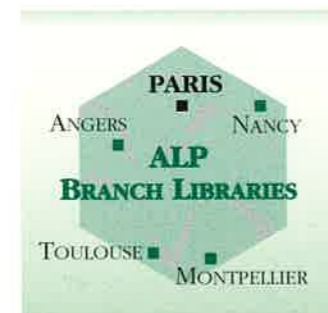
### 1997 LIBRARY VISITS OVER 27,586

Based on daily counts of the public entering the Library

### AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS MEMBERS

Paris Library members: 2,384  
 Branch members: 2,669  
 Group members: 1,179

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 6,232**



### ALP IN CYBERSPACE

6,390 visits to the ALP homepage at <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/alp/>

## THE ALP COLLECTION

### ADDITIONS IN 1997

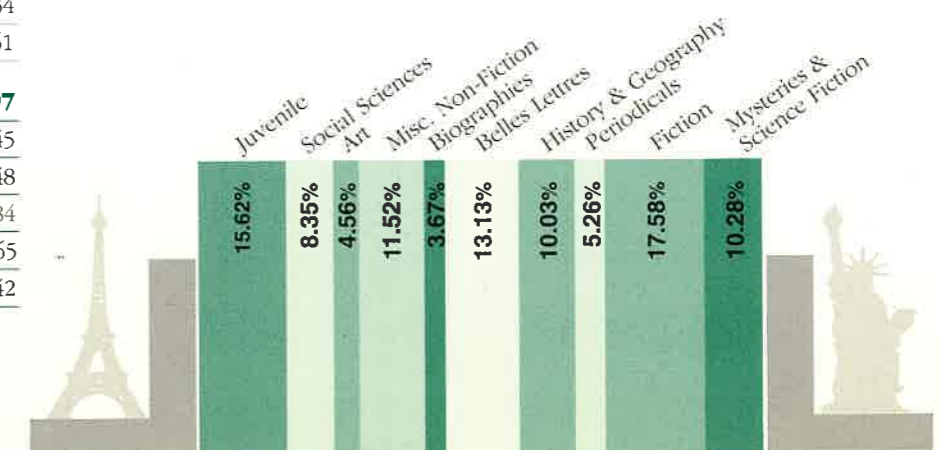
Adult books	5,794
Children's books	734
Audiovisual	161

### AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1997

Adult books	91,245
Children's books	8,348
Audiovisual	3,184
Periodical titles	365

**TOTAL COLLECTION 103,142**

## CIRCULATION OF THE COLLECTION, 1997: 86,073 ITEMS BORROWED



## EVENINGS WITH AN AUTHOR

**Tribute to Martin Luther King**, sponsored by The Harambi Association, featuring Jazz Haiku by poet James A. Emanuel and saxophonist Chansse Evanns, and *The March*, a documentary about Dr. King, courtesy of the American Embassy.

**Mary Jo Salter**, *Sunday Skaters*.

**Adrienne Blue**, *On Kissing: From the Metaphysical to the Erotic*.

**Dr. Douglas Schwartz**, "Santa Fe: Biography of a Creative Community."

**Alberto Manguel**, *A History of Reading*.

**Madeleine Deschamps**, "French Taste in the Time of Napoleon"

**Diane Johnson**, *Le Divorce*.

**Happy Birthday, Sylvia Beach!**, an evening of readings in celebration of the 110th birthday of Sylvia Beach, with Mavis Gallant, Adam Gopnik, Tana Hoban, John Baxter, Judith Burnett, Christian Erickson, and Erzsébet Deák.

## CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT SERVICES

**Almost 1,000 children attended the weekly Children's Story Hours for three- to five-year-olds.** Guest authors included Nina Laden, Deborah Durland DeSaix, Hazel Edwards, Mary Lafleur, Bruce Balan, and Cynthia Restivo. Sandy Gogel was the guest story-teller at the Hanukkah Celebration.

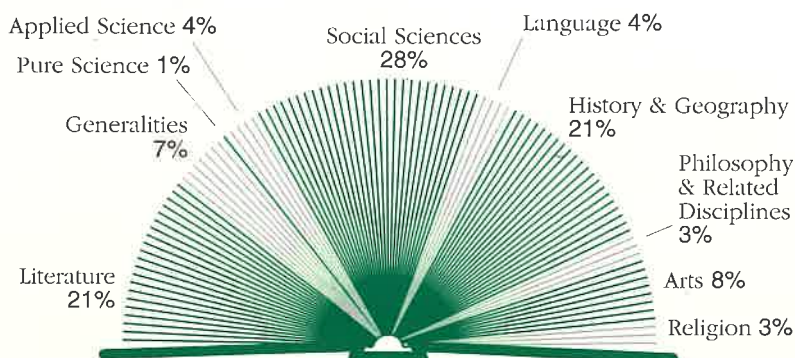
The Library sponsored bimonthly programs for nine- to twelve-year-olds from the Association à Travers la Ville, and offered story times for MESSAGE, an anglophone mother support group.

Story hours and library skills programs were given for school groups, including classes from L'Ermitage and the Lennen Bilingual School.

### Children's Story Hour Special Events

Martin Luther King Day	Earth Day
George Washington's Birthday	4th of July Celebration
Groundhog Day	Halloween
Dr. Seuss's Birthday	Thanksgiving
St. Valentine's Day	African American Authors
St. Patrick's Day	Native American
Easter	Folklore Day
April Fool's Day	Hanukkah Celebration
	Christmas Party

## REFERENCE QUERIES BY SUBJECT



**Mavis Gallant**, *The Collected Stories*.

**Thirza Vallois**, *Around and About Paris*.

**Laure Schindler Levine**, *The Last Links of the Chain: The Hidden Children*.

**Adam Gopnik**, "Writing the *Paris Journal*."

**Tim Tomasik**, "Rabelais: Conviviality of the Table," sponsored by The American Institute of Wine and Food-France.

**Word for Word Theater Troupe** from San Francisco; *Xingu* by Edith Wharton, made possible by a grant from The Florence Gould Foundation and with the support of Air France.

**Carolyn Boyle-Turner**, "The Discovery of Brittany: Gauguin and the Pont-Aven Group."

**Pharos: Poetry and Prose from Paris**, a group reading of poetry and fiction by contributors to the Paris literary magazine *Pharos*.

**The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (France)** presented workshops and conferences at the ALP, organized by SCBWI President in France Erzsébet Deák. SCBWI is an international network of children's book writers, illustrators, and anyone who has a vital interest in children's literature.

■ **Marvin Turban**, "Who Says English Can't Be Fun?"

■ **Deborah Durland DeSaix**, "Breaking In: The U.S. Children's Book Market"

■ **Bruce Balan**, "Using Your Computer: Writing, Technology, and the Meaning of It All"

■ **Manuela Martin**, "French Copyright Law"

## SPRING GALA DINNER IN HONOR OF PHILIPPE DE MONTEBELLO,

DIRECTOR OF THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE  
MAY 30, 1997

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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

In 1997, the American Library in Paris continued the improvement and growth of its services and marked further success in its program to raise funds for renovation and reinforcement of its endowment.

The operational and financial restructuring of the Library and its four provincial branches undertaken four years ago reached its conclusion, and our efforts are now being concentrated on the renovation project and obtaining the necessary funds to permit its realization.



Our Library's collection grows by between 2,000 and 4,000 volumes per year. In 1997, gifts of an unusual number of books, including a marvelous collection of art books, resulted in an exceptional surge in growth of our collection which now totals 100,000 books.

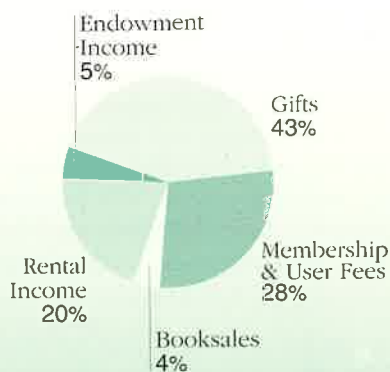
Despite efforts to cull out books and other publications which are unnecessarily duplicative or no longer meet our mission, user-friendly space must be made for the new additions to our collection. Expanding children's activities necessitate greater space for them.

These elements make the renovation (which will include the addition of considerable new space through the installation of a mezzanine in the front of the Library) increasingly necessary, and I hope all members and friends of the Library will make a special financial effort to assure the success of this important project.

Our membership continues to grow, and a campaign to attract new members has been launched. Please encourage your friends who are not yet members to consider becoming so. As our members, you are in a good position to advocate the benefits of Library membership.

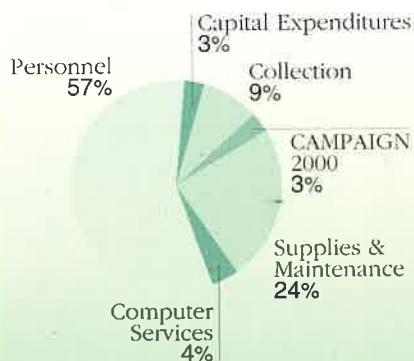
—John H. Riggs  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

## 1997 FINANCIAL SUMMARY



### REVENUES (FRF)

<b>Operating revenues</b>	<b>2,871,000</b>
<i>Includes Rental Income, Booksales, and Membership &amp; User Fees</i>	
<b>Gifts</b>	<b>2,416,000</b>
<b>Endowment Income</b>	<b>274,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,561,000</b>



### EXPENSES (FRF)

<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>4,909,000</b>
<i>Includes Personnel, Collection, Computer Services, and Supplies &amp; Maintenance</i>	
<b>CAMPAIGN 2000</b>	<b>140,000</b>
<b>Capital Expenses</b>	<b>140,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,189,000</b>

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