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# ANNUAL REPORT 1998

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

The Board of Trustees is delighted with the significant progress the American Library in Paris has made over the last twelve months. We are especially proud of the increase in the number of services and programs offered to the public. Evenings with an Author, children's programs, new Internet services, art exhibitions – all of these activities have been made possible by the dedication of the staff and our many volunteers, under the able guidance of our Director, Kay Rader.

As many of you already know, the Library budget consists of two major sources of funding – memberships and donations. While interest earned on our endowment helps to balance the cash flow, we continue to be faced with the challenge of raising enough funds every year to offer even more expanded services, hours, staff and technology, and the latest books and magazines. This is only possible through your generosity. Whether you can help the Library through tax-deductible giving or volunteering of your own time, the Board is extremely appreciative of your gifts, whatever the amount. The Library is not subsidized by any public monies so our growth and success depend on all of us.

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–Robert Gogel

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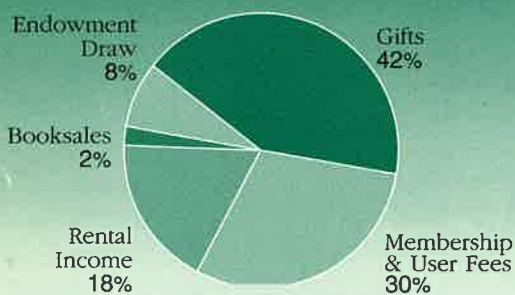
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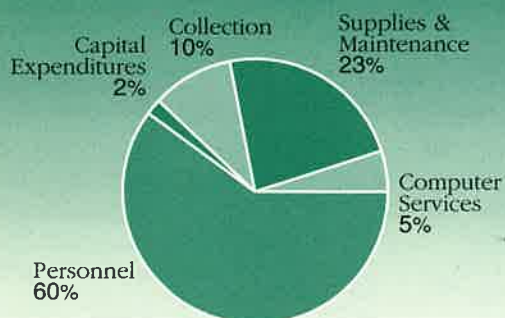
## 1998 FINANCIAL SUMMARY



### REVENUES (FRF)

<b>Operating revenues</b> Includes rental income, booksales, and membership and user fees	2 804 000
<b>Gifts</b>	2 338 000
<b>Endowment Draw</b>	*410 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	5 552 000

\*The Library's immediate fundraising goal is to eliminate the need to draw from the endowment income to cover the shortfall in operating revenues.



### EXPENSES (FRF)

<b>Operating expenses</b> Includes personnel, collection, computer services, and supplies and maintenance	5 389 000
<b>Capital expenses</b>	91 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	5 480 000

## ALP IN CYBERSPACE 1998

6,373 visits to the ALP homepage at <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/alp/>

## CAMPAIGN 2000 UPDATE

### IN 1998, THE LIBRARY RECEIVED MAJOR GRANTS FROM:

THE STARR FOUNDATION  
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### WE HAVE RAISED OVER \$1.5 MILLION.

If you would like to know more about CAMPAIGN 2000, please contact Kay Rader, Library Director (Telephone: 01 53 59 12 63) or Anne Lechartier, Development Officer (Telephone: 01 53 59 12 67).

### GIFTS-IN-KIND 1998

DONNA ZILKHA KRISSEL  
Television, VCR, and mobile audiovisual stand  
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Corel WordPerfect Suite and Corel Draw 8  
INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTER,  
U. S. EMBASSY IN PARIS  
The Los Angeles Times, 1985-1994,  
on microfilm

If you would like to donate a gift-in-kind, please ask for the Library's Wish List of needed items.

## AMERICAN COMMUNITY ARCHIVES

With a grant from the Mona Bismarck Charitable Trust, author and community leader Phyllis Michaux launched the American Community Archive Project in 1997. The project will provide a centralized source of information on the history of the American community in France. In 1998, Mrs. Michaux gathered extensive information about many long-term American non-profit groups in France.

## THE LIBRARY COLLECTION

### Major Gifts to the Collection

The Florence Gould Foundation presented a complete 106-volume set of The Library of America editions (and future editions) to the Library and each of its four branches.

Flora Lewis gave the Library over 400 books on politics and history.

Diane Johnson donated 150 books, including many recently published novels.

Frederick H.S. Allen contributed a collection of art books and art catalogues.

Karl Orend donated many books on literature from Alyscamps Press.

Suzy Mac Dougall gave more than 1,000 books on management, science, and the English language.

Adam Shaw presented 350 books from the private library of his father Irwin Shaw.

Rachmael ben Avram donated over 280 books on the theater, ranging from the Greek classics to Edward Albee.

Copernicus Diffusion donated 800 new books of fiction and poetry.

H.W. Wilson Co. contributed *Reader's Guide Abstracts* on CD-ROM.

### The Library received major collections of new books from the following literary agencies:

- La Nouvelle Agence de Mary Kling
- Agence Littéraire Michelle Lapautre
- Agence Littéraire Eliane Benisti
- Alexandra Chapman
- Lora Fountain

### Additions to the Collection in 1998

Adult books	5 576
Children's books	674
Audiovisual	284
Periodical subscriptions	4
<b>Total Additions</b>	<b>6 538</b>

### The Collection as of December 31, 1998

Adult books	95 521
Children's books	8 348
Audiovisual	3 389
Periodical subscriptions	365
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>107 623</b>

### Circulation of the Collection by Subject 1998: 89,352 Items Borrowed



## REFERENCE SERVICES

### Internet Access

A grant from the United States Information Agency enabled the Library to install two Internet workstations for its members and day users. A menu links users to sites which provide information on government agencies, companies, law, health, genealogy, literature, and more. The popular workstations have been used more than 1,000 times since their installation in mid-October.

### Reference Questions 1998

Telephone	704
Fax/mail/e-mail	489
In-house	4,772
<b>Total Questions</b>	<b>5,965</b>

### Reference Questions by Subject 1998

(Breakdown by Dewey Decimal Classification)

000 Includes Computer Science, Journalism, Book Publishing Industry	8%
100 Philosophy & Psychology	2%
200 Religion	3%
300 Social Sciences	25%
400 Language	2%
500 Natural Sciences & Mathematics	2%
600 Technology (Applied Sciences)	6%
700 The Arts	12%
800 Literature	19%
900 Geography & History	21%

## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

### Art Exhibition

American Artist Gregory Weingarten inaugurated the Library's first art exhibition with a showing of forty paintings. A vernissage was held on October 7 to celebrate the exhibition and to announce the Library's new program to showcase the work of American artists.

### Children's Holiday Party

Over 250 guests attended the Library's Annual Children's Holiday Party sponsored by the Mona Bismarck Charitable Trust. Held at the American Church, the event was organized by Trustees Whitney de Courcel and Sarah de Lencquesaing. Trustee Nancy Willard Magaud played the piano and Jacques Barot and the children from the Association à Travers la Ville performed a puppet show, assisted by Children's Librarian Nancy Meloche.

### Evenings with an Author

**A Rhythmic Celebration of America: Jazz and Blues**, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., sponsored by The Harambé Association, featuring poet James A. Emanuel and saxophonist Chansse Evanns, singer Cynthia McPherson, and a documentary about Dr. King, shown courtesy of the American Embassy

**Katherine Knorr, *Snakeskin Sally: a Novel of the American Southwest***, reception sponsored by the Hard Rock Cafe Paris

**John Baxter, *Citizen K: the Search for Stanley Kubrick***

**An Evening of Poetry**, sponsored by the Paris Alumni Network, with poets Judith Rosenberg and Marcia Mead Lèbre

**Word for Word**, a San Francisco Theater Troupe, *The Blues I'm Playing* by Langston Hughes, made possible by a grant from The Florence Gould Foundation and with the support of Air France

## AN EVENING WITH GREGORY PECK

### ANNUAL GALA DINNER

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

**Alberto Manguel, "Borges in Love"**

**Peter Kemp, "The Booker Prize"**

**Gilly Lehmann, *French Cookery Seen from England between 1700 and 1800***, and **Sister Noëlla Marcellino, "New Revelations in the Production and Aging of Traditional French Cheeses"**, sponsored by The American Institute of Wine and Food - France

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

**Harold Ambellan, "The Poetic Quality in Folk Music: from Elizabethan to Basin Street"**

**John Baxter, *Woody Allen: a Biography***

**Cheryl Hurley, "Dead Authors and Live Books: the True Story of the Rescue of America's Literary Heritage"**

## CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT SERVICES

### Highlights

■ New story times were added for 1- to 3-year-olds and 6- to 8-year-olds.

THANK YOU TO THE SUSSNER FAMILY FOR THEIR GIFT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

■ Over 135 children attended two Halloween costume parties.

■ L'Ecole Koenig and l'Académie Américaine de Danse à Paris performed scenes from *Peter Pan* and *The Nutcracker*.

■ Fifteen groups participated in library skills classes and special story times.

■ The Library sponsored a monthly English-language learning program for 9- to 12-year-old children from the Association à Travers la Ville, a group which helps disadvantaged children.

■ Seventy-five children participated in the Library's first summer reading program; together they read over 1,000 books.

### WEEKLY CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR SPECIAL EVENTS

Martin Luther King Day	July 4 Celebration
Presidents' Day	Purple Party
Groundhog Day	Halloween
Valentine's Day	Thanksgiving
St. Patrick's Day	Native American Tales
Pajama Party	Hanukkah Celebration
Easter	Christmas Party

### Guest Storytellers

Cynthia Restivo  
Sandy Gogel, Hanukkah celebration  
Shirley Robinson, summer reading program party

The Weekly Children's Story Hour had a total of 1,500 participants in 1998.

Special Friends of the Children's Room who donated major collections of books and videos:

Mrs. Edgar Kerestedjian	Mme Catherine Lapautre
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In 1998, 19% of the Library's total circulation was from the Children's and Young Adult collection.

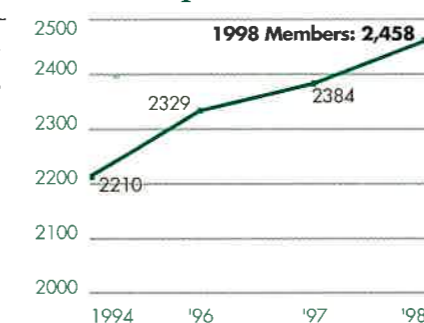
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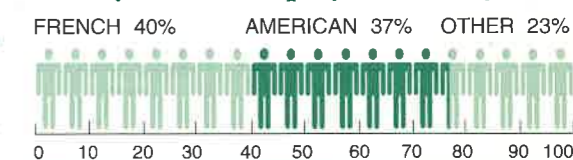
**Memberships:** One day, 4 months, 6 months, student, annual, senior citizen, juvenile, unemployed and family

**Donor memberships:** First Edition, Sustaining

### Membership Growth



### Library Membership by Nationality



### Day Users 1998: 1,874

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

French	65%
American	18%
Other	17%

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