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Annual Report 2000

A Year of Growth and Change

AMERICAN LIBRARY
IN PARIS
Another great year for the Library! Our members enjoyed the fruits of the major refurbishment undertaken last year. The Building Committee and staff are focusing their efforts on taking care of details, ranging from refurbishing the tiles to creation of a rare book display showcase (courtesy of The Florence Gould Foundation). For those of you who have not yet visited us since the major works were finished, please come by and check us out while you check out some books!

THANK YOU TO THESE DONORS FOR THEIR MAJOR GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY IN 2000

The Starr Foundation
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Your Library continues to offer a full range of services to its members. Our children’s programs, author nights, and Internet connections remain popular, and our comfortable chairs for reading make the most recent American newspapers and magazines welcomed by many of you.

As you know, effective next year, we intend to align French labor legislation and implement the 35-hour work week. In order to ensure that we do not reduce opening hours or current service levels, we need to increase our operating funds available to us by increasing our endowment and fundraising activities. Many of you come from towns and cities where local taxes cover the cost of running a public library. We have no such funding, and must rely on individual gift-giving and foundations to help cover our costs that are not covered by membership fees. Your support (individual and corporate) is essential for our financial health. Please think of us often as you plan your annual charitable giving.

Kay Rader, our Director, has decided to return to the U.S. after seven years of loyal and dedicated service to the Library and the community. On behalf of the Board and all the members, we would like to thank Kay for the enthusiasm and professionalism she brought to all of us. Her constant smile and helpfulness has touched all of us. Our search for a new Director has begun and we will keep you informed as to its progression. New directors are known for forward to the continued support of our volunteers and staff during the coming months as we prepare for a transition.

We would like to thank each of you for your support. In our over 80 years of existence, we proudly boast of our role as a major American cultural institution in Paris. Help us to continue that role by giving generously to the American Library in Paris.

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2000 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUES (RF)

Gains from the Endowment 13.2%
Rental Income 11.9%
Collection Development 4.4%
Computer Services 3.3%
Capital Expenditures 6.9%
Supplies & Maintenance 17.7%
Renovation Expenses 29.1%
Personnel 43.2%

Gains for the Renovation 2,641,000
Gains for the Collection Development 1,120,000
Gains for the Endowment 2,460,900
TOTAL 8,469,900

EXPENSES (RF)

Operating Expenses 5,970,000
Includes Personnel, Collection, Computer Services, and Supplies & Maintenance
Capital Expenses 30,000
Renovation Expenses 2,460,900
TOTAL 8,469,900

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2000

1999-2000 PROJECTS

In December 1999 the Library began many renovation projects which were completed in early 2000, including the following improvements:

- Renovated reading room
- New heating system
- New Young Adult section
- Upgraded electrical system
- Safety and handicapped exits
- New furniture
- Fine walls
- Improved lighting
- New carpet and fresh paint
- New subject signs
- Increased access to the book collection

PROJECTS IN 2000

In 2000 the library carried out the following projects:

- The newly opened mezzanine was refurbished with new carpet, fresh paint, and additional lights.
- The mezzanine houses thousands of books previously inaccessible to the public, including the Library’s collection of beautiful oversized books.
- A new security system to protect the collections was installed, thanks to gifts from The Search Foundation and The Arthur Family Foundation.

Elizabeth Rohatyn becomes Honorary Lifetime Trustee

Mrs. Elizabeth Rohatyn accepted an invitation to become an Honorary Lifetime Trustee of the Library. Mrs. Rohatyn is past president of the Board of Trustees of The New York Public Library. Ambassador and Mrs. Rohatyn donated many books to the Library, including beautifully illustrated art and travel books.

Dr. Betty J. Turock Elected ALA Liaison to the Library

The American Library Association (ALA) elected Dr. Betty J. Turock as the ALA Liaison Trustee to the American Library in Paris. The Library was founded by ALA in 1920. Dr. Turock, a past president of ALA, is professor of the School of Communications, Information and Library Studies at Rutgers University.

Professional Activities

Library staff attended meetings of the American Library Association, the Association des Bibliothèques Francaises (ABF), and the VTIS European Users Group. (VTIS is the Library’s automatic systems). Assistant Director Adele Wex was European editor of the VTIS newsletter Vital Links.

Development Officer Anne Leclerc attended a library fundraising conference organized by the Academic Library Advancement and Development Network.

Reference Librarian Andrea Dufresne was elected treasurer of the Board of the ABF Paris Group, and won the Marshall Cavendish Award to attend the Newbury Caldecott Awards Banquet and attend the annual meeting of the American Library Association.
**Evenings with an Author**

*Word for Word* performed *Friend of My Youth*, a short story by Alice Manto, at the Salle Adyar. The San Francisco theater troupe performs well-known works of short fiction in their entirety, as written, word for word. The program was made possible by a grant from The Florence Gould Foundation and with the support of Air France.  

**Dr. Derrick R. Cartwright**, Director of the Musée d’Art American at Cévennes, gave an illustrated talk about the museum’s history, programs, and plans for the future.  

Contributors to the Paris literary magazine *Pheras* presented a group reading of poetry and fiction. *Pheras* publishes the works of both international and Paris-based writers.  

The acclaimed novelist *Rikki Ducornet* read from her latest work, *The Fair-Maker’s Inquisition* (a novel of the Marguis de Sade).  

**Author James Lord** gave a reading from his soon-to-be published novel, *Rigs and Jack*.  

**Anton Dovance**, author of ten non-fiction books, as well as a playwright and journalist, read from his debut novel, *Coney*.  

**Diane Johnson**, the award-winning and best selling author of *Le Dicence*, presented her most recent novel, *Le Mariage*.  

Winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Award for Poetry and Pulitzer Prize winner Alice Notley read from past works and new material in a program entitled *Poetry in Motion*.  

**T.E. Carhart** read from his novel, *The Piano Shop on the Left Bank: The Hidden World of a Paris Atelier*, which was nominated for The Guardian’s Best First Book Award.  

The contributors and editors of the literary magazine *Upstairs at Duroc* presented an evening of poetry and prose readings, and a small exhibition of visual art. *Upstairs at Duroc* is produced by volunteers of the WICE Creative Writing Program.  

Members of the Paris Alumnae Network (PAN) presented their work. Participating PAN Poets were Marcia Mead Lébe, Judith Rosenberg, and Barbara Beck.  


**Rachel Kaplan**, author of the critically acclaimed series of unique guidebooks *Little-Known Museums in and Around Paris*, *London... Rome... and... Berlin*, presented *Secrets of Four Great European Capitals*.  

**Focus on Young Adults**

The Young Adult section, created as part of the renovation project, attracted many young members. A new Teen Membership was started for members from 12 through 17 years old.  

Dr. Anne Scott MacLeod participated in the Library’s *Visiting Scholar Program*. Dr. MacLeod is a widely recognized expert in children’s literature, and professor at the University of Maryland. She consulted with Library Director Kay Rader and Children’s Librarian Nancy Meloche on ways to improve the Young Adult collection.

**Eugene Weber**, historian and UCLA professor, donated 500 books on French history, including many valuable editions of his own works. Mr. Weber also gave the Library a signed portrait of President Raymond Poincaré.  

The Library continues to enrich its collection on American history literature, film, social studies, art, and popular culture, thanks to a gift made in 1999 by *The Annenberg Foundation* for the purchase of American Studies materials.  


The Library received an anonymous gift for the purpose of updating the Children’s and Young Adult non-fiction collections, including history and geography, English as a second language, and books about the United States.  

**The International Herald Tribune** and **Daniel Reesor** donated the last daily edition of *The New York Times* on microfilm, including the Sunday edition with all supplements, a gift the Library has been receiving since 1991. The IHT also donated many useful reference books.  

**Pierre Ettin** donated 350 videos, including many popular science-fiction films.  

**Anne Lefrou** donated over 800 books.  

**Barbara Frankenhaus** donated over 1200 books.  

**Mark-France Pochina** gave over 400 books to the Library.  

**Plunkett Research, Ltd.** donated a collection of business and career reference books to the Library. This is part of an ongoing gift made by **Jack W. Plunkett** of all titles published by Plunkett Research.  


**The Library received major collections of new books from the following literary agencies and publishers:**  

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS
Summer Reading Program
The third annual Sizzling Summer Reading Program, "NUTS About Reading", attracted 126 young readers from 1 to 12 years of age.

Group Programs
The library sponsored monthly English language programs for children from the Association à Travers La Ville, a group which helps children at risk. Over 800 children and young adults from bilingual and French schools and organizations came to the library for special story times and library skills classes.

- Twice a Month Mother Goose Lap Sit for Toddlers
- Weekly Children's Story Hour
- Monthly Story Hours for Older Children
- Class Visits to the Library

These ongoing programs had a total of 2,800 participants in 2000.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS
Mystery Day, secret messages, games, and stories for young detectives
Mad Hatter's Tea Party, tea, cookies, and a card game from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
April is Poetry Month, poetry workshops and readings for older children
Act It Out, a drama workshop for young budding actors and actresses
Cartooning Workshop, step-by-step cartooning techniques and creation of original cartoons
Origami Workshop, a program to teach the art of paper folding
Wizard of Oz, a celebration of the book's 100th anniversary featuring readings and film clips
Medieval Times, crafts and stories
Halloween Spooky Tales
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39.48%
French
33.50%
Other
27.02%

Total Number of Library Cards issued in 2000: 2,699

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