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FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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 refinishing the tabletops 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

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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 the most recent American newspapers and magazines welcomed many of you.

As you know, effective next year, we too must adapt to French labor legislation and

implement the 35-hour 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 your 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.

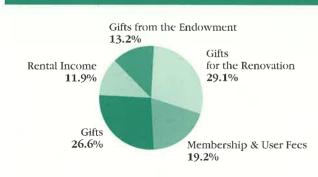
Kay Rader, our Director, has decided to return to the U.S. after seven years of loyal and dedicated service to the Library and the community. On behalf of the Board and all the members, we would like to thank Kay for the enthusiasm and professionalism she brought to all of us. Her constant smile and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

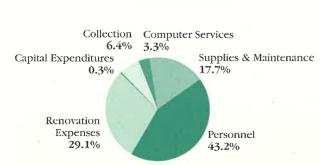
We would like to thank each of you for your support. In our over 80 years of existence, we proudly can boast of our role as a major American cultural institution in Paris. Help us to continue that role by giving generously to the American Library in Paris.

—Robert Gogel, Chairman

-Charmaine Donnelly, Vice Chairman

2000 FINANCIAL SUMMARY*





REVENUES (FRF)

Operating Revenues Includes Rental Income, Booksald and Membership & User Fees	2,634,000
Gifts	2,255,000
Gifts from the Endowment	1,120,000
Gifts for the Renovation	2,460,900
TOTAL	8,469,900

EXPENSES (FRF)

Operating Expenses 5,979,000
Includes Personnel,
Collection, Computer Services,
and Supplies & Maintenance

Capital Expenses	30,000
Renovation Expenses	2,460,900
TOTAL	8,469,900

*unaudited

FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Library's 80th anniversary year was one of change and growth, and planning for the 21st century. We unveiled a newly renovated facility in January 2000, and made plans for more renovation projects in the year 2001. There was a tremendous increase in Library use in 2000, with a record number of programs and attendance, and a dramatic increase in the number of items checked out by members. In September 2000, the staff kicked off a membership drive to introduce more people to the Library's wonderful services and resources. In addition, the generosity of many friends of the Library enabled us to improve the collections, including better resources for children and young adults.

—Kay Rader: Library Director

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2000

1999-2001 RENOVATION

1999-2000 PROJECTS

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

THANK YOU TO THESE DONORS WHO ARE HELPING TO IMPROVE AND RENOVATE THE LIBRARY

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GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT ROOM

The Sussner Family
(donation of new furniture)
Association of American Wives of Europeans
(grant for new furniture)

Gifts-in-Kind Patrick Cardon Catherine Coste

- Renovated reading room
- New heating system
- New Young Adult section
- Upgraded electrical systemSafety and handicapped exits
- Safety and nandicapped
 New furniture
- Fire walls
- Improved lighting
- New carpet and fresh paint
- New directional and 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 oversize books.

• A new security system to protect the collections was installed, thanks

to gifts from The Search Foundation and The Arthur Family Foundation.

- A multimedia workstation for young members was ordered for installation near the new Young Adult section. This project, a gift from The Annenberg Foundation, will give young Library users access to CD-ROMs covering many subjects.
- The Dillon Reading Room received additional improvements, thanks to The Dillon Fund, including equipment for mounting art displays, refurbished reading tables, and wooden end panels for the shelves.

PLANNING FOR 2001

In 2000 the Building Committee approved a design for **The Florence Gould Foundation Rare Book Display** to be completed in May 2001. The project will include a lighted shelving unit in the front of the Library to display selections from the Library's rare book collection and archives, and exhibits by collectors and other libraries. The project also makes possible the creation of a rare book and archive room which will help preserve the Library's special collections and historical documents.

Building Committee

Nancy Webster, *Trustee and Chair* Patrick Cardon, *Trustee* Linda Emmet. *Trustee* Gregory Weingarten, *Trustee* Kay Rader, *Library Director*

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 in the School of Communications, Information and Library Studies of Rutgers University.

Professional Activities

Library staff attended meetings of the American Library Association, the Association des Bibliothécaires Français (ABF), and the VTLS European Users Group. (VTLS is the Library's automation system). Assistant Director Adele Witt was European editor of the VTLS newsletter *Vital Links*.

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

Reference Librarian Andrea Delumeau was elected treasurer of the Board of the ABF Paris Group, and won the Marshall Cavendish Award to attend the Newbery Caldecott Awards Banquet at the annual meeting of the American Library Association.

GALA SPONSORS

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to the sponsors of our 80th Birthday Gala, held at the Musée Jacquemart André

May 19, 2000

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Holiday Celebrations

A Library tradition was born with the inauguration of drop-in holiday fun days. Halloween and Thanksgiving were celebrated with movies, treats, stories, and craft activities for members of all ages.

http://www.americanlibraryinparis.org

New Web Address in Cyberspace

The Library now has its own domain in cyberspace with a user-friendly address which is easy to find and to remember. The staff, and volunteer web master Gregory Miezelis, continually update and improve the Library's site. This includes new book lists, information about Library programs, links to recommended sites, and cyber-plaques for thanking donors on the Internet.

Free Internet Classes for Members

The 1999 initiative to give free Internet classes for members was very successful. In 2000 Reference Librarian Andrea Delumeau and Children's Librarian Nancy Meloche expanded the program to include:

- Beginners Classes for Children Ages Eight and Up
- Beginners Classes for Adults
- Research Techniques and Academic Research
- Teaching Resources in Cyberspace
- Literary Resources on the Web

EVENINGS WITH AN AUTHOR

Word for Word performed Friend of My Youth, a short story by Alice Munro. 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 Américain at Giverny, gave an illustrated talk about the museum's history, programs, and plans for the

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

The acclaimed novelist Rikki Ducornet read from her latest work, The Fan-Maker's Inquisition (a novel of the Marquis de Sade).

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

Amram Ducovny, 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 Divorce*, presented her most recent novel, Le Mariage.

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

T.E. Carhart read from his new 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/i Network (PAN) presented their work. Participating PAN Poets were Marcia Mead Lèbre, Judith Rosenberg, and Barbara Beck.

Polly Platt, the author of the international best seller French or Foe?, presented excerpts from her most recent book, Savoir Flair! 211 Tips for Enjoying France and the French.

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.

MAJOR GIFTS TO THE ADULT COLLECTION

Eugen 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 Florence Gould Foundation donated recent titles of The Library of America editions to the Library and its branches. In 1998, the Foundation made a donation of complete 106-volume sets of The Library of America editions to the Library and branches, and a gift of all future titles published by The Library of America.

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

The International Herald Tribune and Daniel Reasor donated the fulltext 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 Etlin donated 350 videos, including many popular science fiction films.

Annie Lefrou donated over 800 books.

Barbara Frankenhuis donated over 1200 books.

Marie-France Pochna 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.

H.W. Wilson Company gave the monthly CD-ROM edition of Readers' Guide Abstracts, a donation which began in 1991.

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

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Thank you to these donors who gave magazine subscriptions to the Library:

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THE LIBRARY COLLECTION

Additions to the Collection in 2000

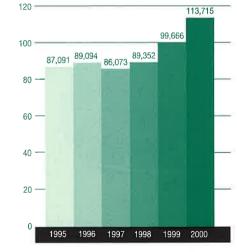
Total Additions	6,908
Audiovisual	212
Children's and YA books	511
Adult books	6,185

The Collection as of December 31, 2000

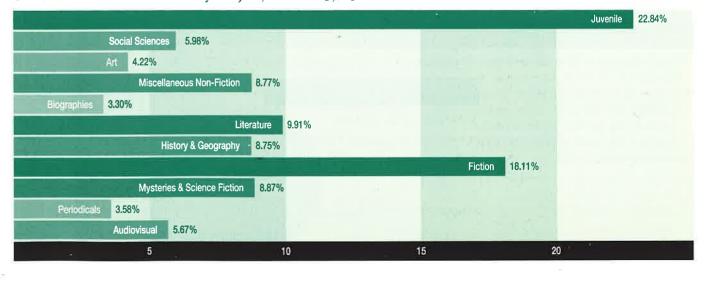
Periodical subscriptions	365
Total Collection	100,004
Children's and YA books	7,973
Audiovisual	2,312
Adult books	89,719

Circulation Growth, 1995-2000

(in thousands of books)



Circulation of the Collection by Subject, 2000: 113,715 items borrowed



CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

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.

WEEKLY CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR SPECIAL EVENTS

Martin Luther King Day Valentine's Day Presidents' Day

Dr. Seuss's Birthday Mother's Day

Mother's Day Father's Day Pajama Party

Fourth of July Celebration

Halloween Party

Native American Tales

Hanukkah Celebration

Christmas Party

Guest Storytellers

- Marissa Eiseman, Acting Workshop
- Sandy Gogel, Hanukkah Celebration
- Bobbi Katz, Children's Author
- Christian Leconte, Summer Reading Program Party
- Nilsa Pereyra, School Around the World
- Kathleen Szaj, Children's Author

EVENING EVENTS

The Third-Culture Kid Experience: Growing Up Among Worlds Author Dr. David Pollock presented a program about children

and adults who grow up or live in a country not their own.

Character Counts: The Essential Element in a Story and Devious Plots: Grab Your Reader by the Throat and DON'T LET GO!

Bruce Coville presented these two programs sponsored by The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

TEEN ZONE

- New Teen Membership
- Growing Young Adult Collection
- Booktalks and Bagel Bits!
 A Special Event Just for Teens

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Mystery Day, secret messages, games, and stories for young detectives

Mad Hatter's Tea Party, tea, cookies, and stories 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-bystep 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

Native American Tales

Eloise, games and stories with Eloise in New York, Paris, and Moscow

FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Thank you to these donors who gave major donations to the Children's and Young Adult collections:

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William Jay Smith

Peter Sis

The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators donated many books written or illustrated by SCBWI members.

Pleasant Company continues to support the Library by donating the newest books in the *American Girl* Collection.

Scholastic, Inc.
donated the complete series of
The Royal Diaries and
Dear America books,
an award-winning
historical fiction series.

Bantam Books gave a collection of popular Young Adult paperback books.

LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

The Great Millennium Membership Drive

Beginning in September and planned to continue until October 31, 2001, the membership drive consists of special offers on memberships and incentives for members to recommend the Library to their friends and associates. To encourage non-members to join the Library, free one-day membership passes are being distributed to various groups and schools and to those attending the Evenings with an Author programs.

The staff distributed Library information at "Bloom Where You're Planted", the annual newcomer orientation program of the American Church, the Women's Institute of Continuing Education (WICE) open house, and Marymount and American School open houses. Children's Librarian Nancy Meloche was guest storyteller at "Bloom Where You're Planted".

Membership Types

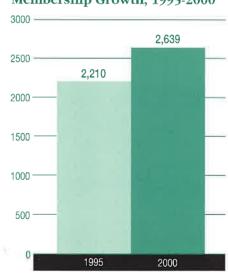
SHORT-TERM
One day, 4 months, 6 months

ANNUAL

Child, Teen, Individual, Student Unemployed, Senior, Family

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Membership Growth, 1995-2000



School Memberships

Universities

- American Graduate School of International Relations and Diplomacy
- Brigham Young University in Paris
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- University of Delaware in Paris
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- Parsons Paris School of Design
- European University
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- International School of Paris
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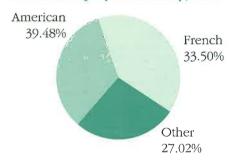
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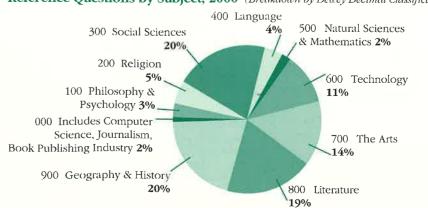
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Total Number of Library Cards issued in 2000: 2,639

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New Database in Research Center

A subscription to *Ethnic NewsWatch* on CD-ROM was donated by Softline Information. This full text database contains news, culture, and history from 200 publications of the ethnic, minority, and Native American press in the U.S.

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