FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

As we close this fiscal year, we can look back on 2001 and reflect on the ALP's renaissance as one of the major cultural institutions on the French scene. With our active program of evenings with authors and our ever-popular children's room, we have been able to cater to our member needs across generations and national origins. The common theme has been the love of American literature and reading. Our reference service and collection are superb. We recently completed our display of rare book holdings as a result of the generosity of the Florence Gould Foundation.

Unlike most "public" libraries, we are totally financed through memberships, gifts, and fundraising events. We continue to be subject to the same constraints as the business community, ranging from adjusting to the 35-hour work week for our staff to tight expense control. But in order to provide high service levels to our members, your generosity, whether it be a financial contribution or volunteering a few hours a week, is critical to maintaining our role as one of the leading English language libraries in continental Europe.

Our success depends also on a loyal and dedicated staff. After seven years of service, Kay Racer returned to the U.S. in June. Your Board is currently searching for a new Director. Under the able interim management of Adele D. Witt, the Library staff has been coping with the sudden illness of Andrea Delumeau, our Reference Librarian, as well as increasing demands from our membership. Your patience and generosity are appreciated. We all hope to see Andrea back at the Library as soon as possible.

I complete my term as Chairman this year and would like to thank the Board for its hard work and commitment to the Library. Most of all, it is the membership and our ever-growing list of donors that allow us to create new services and provide supporting technologies to make the Library's core business -- sharing the benefits and pleasure of reading -- available to as wide an audience as possible. Thank you for making a difference.

—Robert Gogel, Chairman

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We would like to express our warmest appreciation to the sponsors of an EVENING WITH ALBISTO MANUEL, held at The Gala Benefit Dinner held on May 16, 2001, at the Greenwich Recreation Center. 

The Annenberg Foundation International Herald Tribune Robert and Sandra Gogel, family and friends Donna S. Ziklia Mansara International

INTERNET

www.americanlibraryinparis.org

We continue to update and improve the Library’s Web site with the help of our volunteer web master Gregory M. Kersten. In 2001, Andrea Deloumeau and Matt Living offered the following free Internet classes for members. These classes are in high demand.

- Beginners Classes for Adult Research Techniques and Academic Research
- Internet Environments in Cyberspace
- Library Resources on the Web

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Reference librarian Andrea Deloumeau continued to be a very active member of the Association des Bibliothécaires Francais (ABF). As ABF delegate, she attended the IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations) conference last August in Boston.

Adele D. Witt, Assistant Director, continued her activities with the VITALS Functions Research Group (VITLS is the library’s automation system). She attended the annual conference in Warsaw, Poland, and continued as European editor of the VITLS users newsletter, Vital Links.


Frank Viviano, Foreign Correspondent-at-large for the San Francisco Chronicle, read from his book, Blood/Wishes Blood: A True Story of Love, Murder, and Redemption Under the Sistine Sun, which tells of how he traveled to his ancestral village in Sicily to uncover the secret of who was responsible for the murder of his great-grandfather.

David Ignatius, columnist for The Washington Post and Executive Editor of the International Herald Tribune, discussed the use of fact and fiction in writing and how it may sometimes be easier for fiction to communicate the truth behind foreign affairs.

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

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MEMBERSHIP BY NATIONALITY, 2001

35% AMERICAN
20% FRENCH
35% OTHER

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH, 1985-2001


127,000 ITEMS BORROWED IN 2001

EVENINGS WITH AN AUTHOR

The San Francisco Chronicle troupe ‘Word for Word performed ‘The Breakspear Edge of the World’, a short story by Anthony Proctor, at the Salie Adyar. The troupe performs well-known works of 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. The library celebrated Black History Month and Dr. Martin Luther King’s Birthday with A Rhythmic Celebration of American Jazz and Blues, featuring poet James A. Emanuel, saxophonist Chuanie Evans, and jazz singer Cynthia McPherson. A documentary on Dr. Martin Luther King was presented by Michael Blumenhagen, prize-winning poet and novelist and former Director of Creative Writing at Harvard, read from his poems and his collected Central European essays.


Bernard Poirier read from his new book, Witness to the End; Cold War Revelations 1950-1960. His talk encompassed the cold war crisis and Kennedy’s exposure of nuclear deterrence, as well as the division between De Gaulle and MacMillan over non-proliferation.

Alberto Manuel, the acclaimed author of A History of Reading, read from his new book, A History of Love and Hate. The program included a discussion of Piaggio’s relationship with his mistress Doa Mar, exploring the links between violence and the stories told by the class.

The Princeton Katzenjammer appeared at the Library and sang a wide variety of music, including spirituals, show tunes, popular songs, classical works, and their favorite, vocal jazz.

William Jay Smith, author of more than fifty books of poetry, children’s verse, literary criticism, translations, memoirs, and editor of several influential anthologies, read from The Cherrybrook Letter, a sequence of poems treating the forced removal of southern Indian tribes in the 1830s, the infamous “Trail of Tears.”

Harriet Weyt Rochefort, the author of French Toast, read from her latest book, French Fried. The Culinary Cope of an American in Paris, a food memoir based in part on her true experiences with French cuisine.

Ruth Walter read from The Babushka Gourmets, her mystery novel which takes place in the Marais section of Paris.

Sparkle Hayter, the popular mystery author, read from her latest book, The Left Most Man, featuring Robin Hudson, a wise-cracking special reports journalist for The New York Times Network.

CIRCULATION OF THE COLLECTION BY SUBJECT, 2001

THE LIBRARY COLLECTION, 2001

Additions to the Collection in 2001

Additions to the Collection in 2001

Adult books
6,489
Children’s
879
Audiovisual
866
Total Additions
7,874

The Collection as of December 31, 2001

Adult books
94,633
Children’s
2,508
Audiovisual
4,986
Total Collection
106,151

Periodical subscriptions
37

WEEKLY CHILDREN’S STORY HOUR

Spezial Events

Martin Luther King Day
Groundhog Day
Valentine’s Day
Presidents’ Day
Mother’s Day
Father’s Day
Paskana Day
Fourth of July Celebration
Hanukkah Celebration
Christmas is Coming

GUEST STORYTELLERS

Cheryl Bolden
Cool Creative African Americans

Nanette Mellett
Take Me Out to the Ballpark

Mort Barney
The Bright Red Ball

Francis Bkereney
Masks and Myths

Sandy Gogel
Haida Myth Celebration

Sarah Riggs
Author and volunteer

Melanie Bluestein
Volunteer

CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The fourth annual Stailing Summer Reading Program, “Passport to Reading,” attracted 132 young readers from 3 to 13 years of age. Children received stickers for reading books, and a certificate and prizes at the End of Summer Celebration.

GROUP PROGRAMS

During the winter and fall, the library sponsored English language programs for children from the Association a’ Travers la Ville, a group which helps children at risk. From January to March, 151 children from bilingual and French schools and organizations came to the library for special story times.

LONG- AEGING PROGRAMS

- Twelve-Month Movie Series
- Goose Lap- sit for Toddlers
- Weekly Children’s Story Hour
- Story Hour for Older Children
- Class Visits to the Library

These ongoing programs had a total of 1,880 participants in 2001.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Activities, stories, and a filmstrip were grouped around the theme of Heroes and Heroines. The latest book in the American Girl series was introduced in the fall-funded program. Meet Kit the New American Girl.

Stories, poems and games for future paleontologists were included in Dinomates Dinosaur. Guest curator Cheryl Bolden presented Cool Creative African Americans, stories and activities to help children learn about the lives and history of African Americans. Special guest Nanette Mellert read poems and wrote about baseball in Take Me Out to The Ballpark. In April, Poetry Month, children of all ages contributed their poems and drawings to create their own special poetry book. Guest author Margaret Kinney read from her book The Bright Red Ball and introduced the children to its main character, Frankie the dog.

Halloween Story Hour included not only stories, but candy, face painting, and a costume contest.

Films, books, and activity sheets helped children learn about the celebration of Thanksgiving during Thanksgiving Drop-in Day.

Masks and Myths featured Native American tales, songs, and mask-making with special guest Puncher Kennedy.

Children celebrated the year end in a program featuring Holiday Tales and Crafts.

This year was marked by the appearance in April of Nancy Mische, Head of Children’s and Young Adults Services, to present her this year’s book recommendations. She was replaced in October of 2001 by the new Director, who has been named to the position. We thank the many colleagues and parents who helped to keep the Children’s Programs going during the spring and summer months.

Bona Gerlitz
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The Family
Lora Fountain
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William Jay Smith
Molly Lynn
Marvin Wurzer
The Annenberg Foundation for their donation of the increasingly popular Children’s CD-ROM Workstation.

The Frank Family for their donation of children’s CD-ROMs. The children’s section also received a large contribution from an anonymous fund for the purchase of juvenile fiction books.
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