The American Library in Paris
Annual Report
2004

A Message from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees

It takes only a quick look at this report to see what a successful and busy year it has been at the Library. We have continued and expanded our program offerings, increased our outreach efforts, and have undertaken an ambitious technology upgrade, which is scheduled for completion in early 2006.

The Board of Trustees and staff continue to seek ways to make the Library more responsive to its community of users. The newly installed technology will allow us to give you quicker service, easier access, and at-home querying of our collection.

The Board has wrestled with maintaining your privacy while complying with the USA PATRIOT Act, and has developed a policy on Confidentiality of Library Records and Patron Privacy in response.

The continually increasing usage and contributions demonstrate how important the Library is to its community, especially in difficult times...

The American Library in Paris remains an important bridge of Franco-American relations, and a center for Anglophone learning, reading, research, and leisure. We appreciate your support and look forward to working together to continue to improve our services and facilities.

Charmaine Donnelly

Thank You to these Donors for Their Major Gifts to the Library

The Board of Trustees and staff of the Library thank these donors for their generous support of the children’s programs, the book budget, library technology, and the general fund.

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From the Director

The past year has presented challenges for the Library as the dollar dropped to new lows against the euro. Because the majority of the Library's operating expenses are in euros, gifts from the endowment and other grants in dollars were affected adversely by the dollar's continuing weakness.

Despite the difficulties with the exchange rate, the Library was able to maintain its acquisitions, its outreach activities to the community, and its all-important children's programs. A number of special programs for teens and pre-teens were added, as well as programs for parents on using children in a multicultural society. We also instituted later opening hours one night a week. Other notable achievements for the Library this year involve our building: the opening of new space in the basement, where we gained nearly 100 square meters of needed shelving, and the bathroom renovation, supported by a grant from a generous donor.

We would not have been able to achieve this without the Library staff, whose professionalism and dedication keep daily operations running smoothly, nor without our large number of selfless volunteers, who contribute huge amounts of time, effort, and professional services of all kinds to the Library. Special thanks go to the Board of Trustees for their hard work and financial support; to the Friends of the Library for their assistance with the Library's fundraising projects; and to the Annenberg Foundation for their continuing support for the positions of Children's Librarian, Director, and Evenings With an Author. Thank you to the Scaife Foundation for their generous grant for the General Fund, to the French-American Charitable Trust for their support for the Library's outreach programs, to the Irving Berlin Charitable Fund, to the Woodward Foundation for their generous support for the Child Development seminars, and to the many generous individuals and corporations whose gifts helped the Library not only sustain its programs, but grow.

Shirley Lambert, Director
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Library Collections - 2004

| Adult Books: | 106,298 (4,946 added in 2004) |
| Audiovisual: | 4,428 (425 added in 2004) |
| Periodicals: | 245 |
| Total Collections: | 120,484 |
A total of 21,576 books were donated to the Library in 2004.

Circulation of the Collection by Subject

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Total Circulation: 121,557
Per Capita 2004: 58.95 2003: 48.22

People are reading MORE.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Many thanks to the Annenberg Foundation for their sponsorship of Evenings With an Author. In addition to our literary evenings, which welcomed several young adults this year, the Library continues to offer Evenings of American Culture. The two series comprised 24 programs in 2004.

Polly Platt, French or Fore?
Catherine Mason, "George Sand: Genius Gone Mad and Her Conquest of America." Co-sponsored by the Wellesley Alumnae Club of France
Jazz Night with Steve Brownstein, Ted Solotroff, Alfred Kazin's America.
Tanuji Desai Hidier, Born Confused
Stéphane Gerson, "Recapturing the Local Past: A Historical Perspective on a Modern French Czare." Co-sponsored by the New York University Club of France.

Phrases. Annual poetry reading.

Child Development in the 21st Century

The seminar series by outstanding European physicians and mental health specialists, funded by the Woodward Charitable Foundation, continued to draw parents from all nationalities to hear the well-known speakers. Five programs were held in 2004.

Mazel Rufno, "Sexuality and Children:"

Stéphane de Groof, "The Neurological Development of the Infant."

David Stern, "Inside the Mind of Your Baby."

Boris Czyraich, "The Resilience of Children."

Julian Cohen-Solal, "The Young Child in School: What Parents Need to Know."

The Library is grateful to the Woodward Foundation for their support of this series, as well as for their continuing support of the purchase of children's materials.

Partnerships with Suppliers

The Library is fortunate to have relationships with a number of local businesses who provide services at reduced rates or even gratis. We are extremely grateful to these generous merchants.

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### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### THE AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS, USA FOUNDATION

The American Library in Paris, USA Foundation, is the entity that receives major gifts from donors and manages the Library's endowment. The fund manager is Merrill Lynch.

**PURPOSE**

The American Library in Paris, USA Foundation ("USA Foundation") is a 501 (c) 3 tax-exempt foundation under U.S. IRS rules. From time to time, as the need arises for operating funds, the USA Foundation receives a request from the Library for a gift from the endowment to meet its needs. The Directors approve the gift and make the transfer.

**CURRENCY**

All funds in the USA Foundation are in dollars, although some are invested in Euro instruments to take advantage of exchange rates.

**FUNDS**

The USA Foundation maintains five (5) accounts of which two (2) are designated by their donors for specific uses. Fund investments are managed by Merrill Lynch. Funds designated for specific uses are recorded as permanently restricted.

**ENDOWMENT**

In 2003, the endowment funds balance on December 31 was $2,726,238.
In 2004, the endowment funds balance on December 31 was $2,801,829.

Financial statements audited by Deloitte & Associates Complete financial statements are available in the Library for examination upon request.

### FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

The 2004 Gala, Special Guest Paul Auster
This year's Gala, held at the Automobile Club of France, raised over $50,000. Thanks to Paul Auster and special thanks to Chairman Lynn Kelley. Sponsors and supporters were a major part of the Gala's financial success.

**Our thanks to:**
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- Chanel
- The Craig Family
- The Library of America

Friends of the Library

The Library, with assistance of the Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Library, hosted several fundraisers over the year. Thanks to all those whose efforts made these events successful.

**Winetasting with Donald and Pietje Kladstrup, authors of Wine and War**

Organized by the Library. Special thanks to the vineyards who contributed the wine: Chateau Coulon, Maison Joseph Drouhin, Domaine Huet, Maison Louis Latour, and Laurent Perrier, as well as to authors Don and Pietje Kladstrup for a memorable evening.

**Hotel Bristol Cocktail Party with Guest Speaker William Pfaff**

Organized by the Board of Trustees. Special thanks to Berna Huesbner, Linda Emmet, Nancy Webster, William Pfaff the Village Voice Bookstore, and the Hotel Bristol.

**Public speaking workshop with Nick Morgan, "Working the Room"**

Thanks to the Cornell Club of France and President Curt Hartman, for organizing the event. Special thanks to Nick Morgan.

**Cocktails with Alan Furst, author of Dark Voyage**

Organized by the Friends of the Library. Thanks to Elizabeth Hochman and Sandra Craig; thanks to the many Board members and Friends for their participation. Special thanks to Alan Furst.
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Every year the children's programs are the stars of the Library's activities. With guest storytellers, poets, clowns, parties, and many, many activities centered on reading and English, the Children's Room forms the focal point for families at the Library. Memberships for children increased 10.8% in 2004.

Programs for children included the lap-sit for toddlers (twice a month), story hour for children ages 3 to 5 (twice a week), stories and activities for children 6 to 9 (every week), a book club for ages 9 to 11 (weekly, fall and spring), tea nights, and the summer reading programs.

There were a total of 170 programs for children in 2004, in addition to the Summer Reading Program and the Holiday Party. There were also three programs for parents, initiated by Kristin Duncombe, who replaced Michelle Holder in August. Michelle had been the Children's Librarian for two and a half years. In November, Kristin reduced her time to half-time and worked with the older children and teens. Rachel Koblin assumed the duties of Children's Librarian (also half-time) for the younger set.

Programs offered during the year included:
- Mother Goose Lap-Sit (ages 1-3)
- Wednesday Story Hour (for 3-5 year-olds)
- Book Worms Book Club (ages 9-11)
- Friday and Saturday reading events and activities (ages 6-12)
- Teen events (12+)

Approximately 2650 children participated in these events.

Children's Activities

Summer Reading Program

The sixth annual summer reading program (Reading Olympics) attracted over 100 young readers, who received stickers for each book read and a certificate and prizes at the end of summer celebration.

Group Programs

The Library provided programs and story times for children from surrounding French and bilingual schools and organizations, including the Ecole Active Bilingue, L'Ecole d'Aujourd'hui, and the Lennem Bilingual School. Several high school teachers brought entire classes to the Library to learn how to conduct research for their papers using reference materials like encyclopedias, indexes, the catalog, and various journals.

Story Hour Special Events and Guest Stars

Guest storytellers, artists, and performers often lend their skills to the children's programs. In addition to these generous and talented individuals, a number of specialists in other areas of child development shared stories and activities with our young patrons. Special programs on keeping a journal, study skills, communication skills, health and nutrition, yoga, collage, and radio broadcasting were geared enthusiastically by parents and children alike. Book Worms, the reading club for ages 9 to 11, continued, and teen nights added programs on keeping a journal and public speaking, as well as the ever-popular movie discussion groups.

Thanks to all the guests and volunteers who made the 2004 programs such a success.

Volunteers at the Library

The Library depends on volunteers for many things, from greeting patrons and checking their cards, shelving books, and checking books in and out, to helping with children's programs, assisting with mailings and evening programs, and fundraising.

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- Kevindaryan Galindo
- A little cowboy enjoys our Children's Collection.

Friends of the Children's Room

The Library also extends it thanks to the following Friends of the Children's Room: Special thanks go to the Annenberg Foundation for their ongoing support of the Children's Librarian position.

- Elizabeth Hochman and Sandra Craig, Co-Chairs of the ALP Friends, for the terrific Holiday Party and assistance with the Children's Book Sale.

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- Molly, Lynn, and Marvin Wurzer
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- Elaine Benisti
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Professional Activities

Library Director Shirley Lambert attended the annual conference of the American Library Association, in Orlando, Florida, in June. With nearly 20,000 attendees and hundreds of programs, committee meetings, and speakers, the four days were packed with sessions on fundraising, reference sources, children's materials and programs, and library management, as well as opportunities to see and try the latest technologies for managing and presenting information. The exhibit floor showcased publishers of books, journals, and online information, as well as library furniture and supplies. A number of publishers donated books to the Library—special thanks go to Scarecrow Press.

Halloween

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