



The American Library in Paris

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A message from the Chairman

This has been a good year for the Library, with continued progress on all of the major goals that we are determined to achieve. The Board of Trustees approved the acquisition of a new OPAC cataloguing system, funded by a generous gift from an anonymous donor. The system will be going "live" in early 2006, and it is hoped that all of you will have a chance to use it, either at the Library, or via the on-line catalogue viewing capabilities, to make your research — for a good book, or a new title, or an interesting subject — both pleasant and efficient. This is an important technological enhancement for the American Library in Paris, and we are committed to improving our technological capabilities and bringing them to a new level.

Important challenges remain, however. Our increased visibility in the community through our programs and a diverse offering of cultural attractions has yet to translate into increased membership revenues. It is hoped, however, that with the continued support from the Library's dedicated staff, from committed friends and volunteers, and from hard-working members of the Board of Trustees, we will be able to move forward on the ambitious plans that we have set for the American Library in the year ahead.

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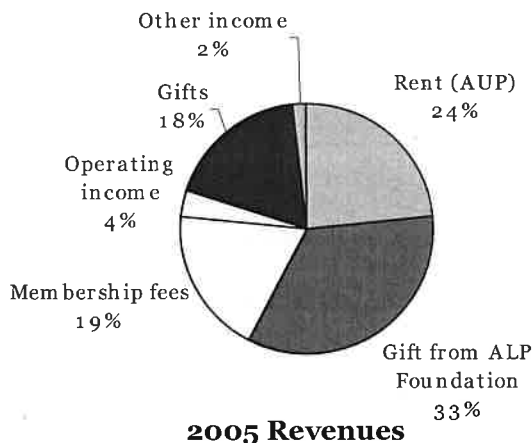
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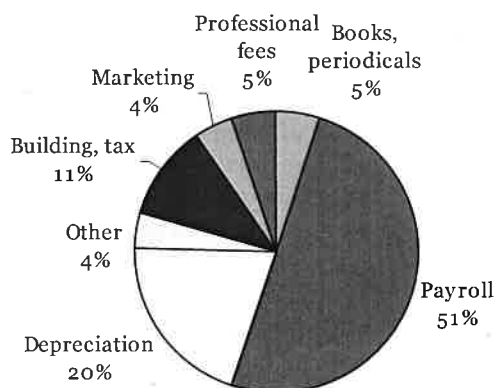
FINANCIAL

Statement of income and expenses

Revenues in \$	2004	2005
Membership fees	191 862	220 206
Operating income	42 107	41 643
Rent (AUP)	256 774	274 104
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ALP Foundation	309 086	392 042
Gifts	169 915	211 807
Other income	11 496	19 326
Total revenues	981 240	1 159 128



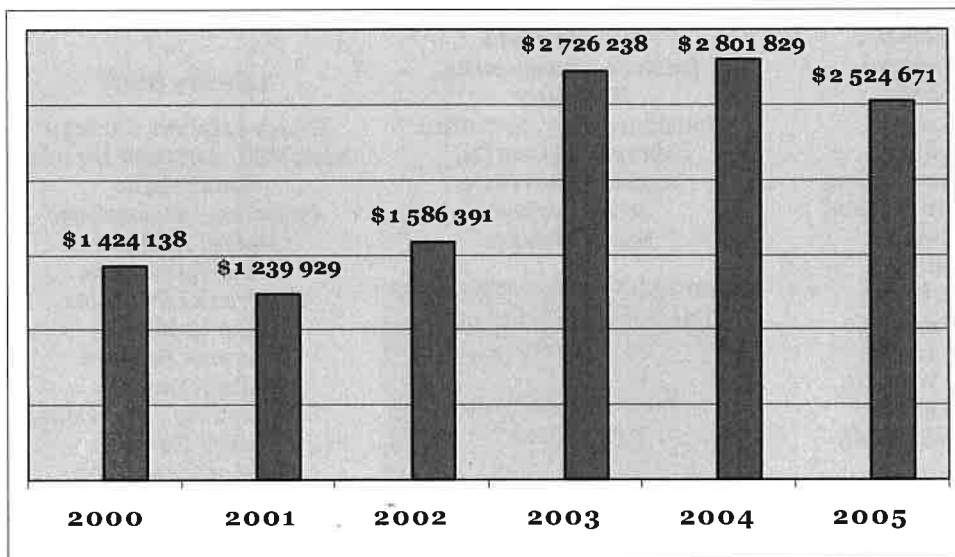
Expenditures in \$	2004	2005
Payroll	592 622	599 671
Building, Tax	139 549	123 565
Depreciation	112 880	240 687
Professional fees (1)	95 396	59 637
Books and periodicals	88 304	58 909
Marketing (2)	49 121	52 063
Other (3)	64 721	62 010
Total expenditures	1 142 593	1 196 542



- (1) Banking, legal, and insurance fees
- (2) Advertising, programs, fundraising
- (3) Shipping, postage, telephone, equipment rental and maintenance

2005 Expenditures

Investment assets: The American Library in Paris (USA) Foundation



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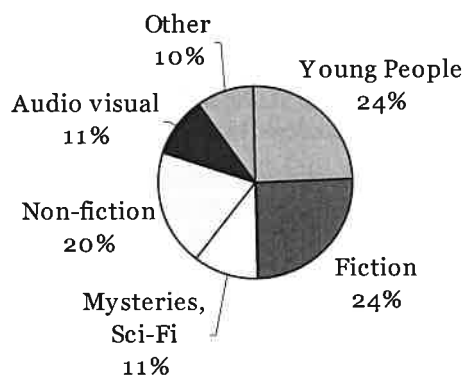
PROGRAMS

In 2005, **Evenings With an Expert**, organized by volunteer **Drew Shagrin**, featured six lectures ranging from "Money Laundering" to "International Dispute Resolution." **Evenings of American Culture** included two jazz concerts, two dramatic presentations, a *vernissage* by local painter Pauline Choi, and a slide lecture on the work of Alfred Stieglitz and Georgia O'Keeffe. **Word for Word**, the dynamic theatre troupe from San Francisco, presented works by Tobias Wolff. **Evenings With an Author** featured mystery writer Cara Black, historian Hal Vaughan, psychologist Kathleen Kelley-Lainé, and novelists Robert Littell and

Diane Johnson. A benefit for the restoration of French heritage sites in Louisiana included a slide lecture on French architecture in the New World by Ron Katz. **Friends of The American Library** special events included James Gaines on Bach and Frederick the Great (and at the piano), a first-rate laugh with Jennifer Conlin, author of *The Perfect Parent's Handbook*, thanks to Friends chair Elizabeth Hochman, and a sellout evening with David Sedaris, thanks to former trustee Lynn Kelley. The annual **Library Gala** in May, co-chaired by trustees Michele Gompel and Ishtar Méjanès, gave 130 guests at Hotel Le Bristol a chance to hear from Gonzague St. Bris, author of *L'éducation gourmande de Flaubert*, and two-star chef Eric Frechon, who created the recipes for the book —and the menu for the gala.

COLLECTIONS

The Library collection evolves every year to meet the changing needs of our users and to keep up with the rapid pace of publishing in the United States and elsewhere in the English-speaking world. Many more new titles are added to the collection than are indicated here, for as we add titles, we remove others that are obsolete, worn out, or no longer of interest. We seek to maintain a collection that includes the latest bestsellers, books that are reviewed favorably in both popular and library media, as well as a balance of serious academic works to accommodate our many students and researchers.



2005 Collection Categories

Some facts and figures for 2005:

Total donated materials:	28 799
Total additions:	6 942
Adult book holdings:	113 185
Added in 2005:	5 667
Young People book holdings:	10 650
Added in 2005:	544
Audiovisual holdings:	4 927
Added in 2005:	731
Periodical holdings:	244
Average circulated items per member:	
2005	51.27
2004	58.95
2003	48.22

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YOUNG PEOPLE

A total of 2 519 young people participated in Library programs in 2005.

Children Two dynamic young people's librarians, Rachel Kobic and Helen Stathopoulos, animated programs, story hours, workshops, and even yoga for younger members. Several programs just for parents were on the schedule, as well as some for both parent and child, like "A Wondrous Journey" with Dean Jacobs.

Programs for toddlers continued to be popular enough to require reservation, and Wednesday story hours drew 1 251 participants over the year. A number of programs for older children were moved from weekdays to Saturday, a move that boosted attendance by over a third. A total of 26 guest readers, authors, artists, musicians, actors, and other talented individuals led stories, activities, or classes for children this year.

The Library also hosted groups from bilingual schools and participated again in "Love in a Box", the American Cathedral's holiday effort to deliver books to children in disadvantaged families.

Teens Both Rachel and Helen were committed to drawing teens to the Library, and they created special evenings of readers' theatre, teen jeopardy, and a poetry café, as well as writing activities and teen yoga, to orient teens to the Library and encourage them to use its resources and learn to relax while studying.

Parents The Library presented five programs in the series "Child Development in the 21st Century," sponsored by the Woodward Foundation. Speakers covered topics as diverse as *in vitro* fertilization, childhood trauma and the resilience of children, and the physical and psychological problems of puberty. Four "Tuesday Talks for Parents" focused on issues with raising bicultural children. And, of course, parents were always invited to participate in special celebrations for the young people, like the Spring Party, the Father Goose poetry program, the summer reading program, "Read-a-Lot Castle," Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and

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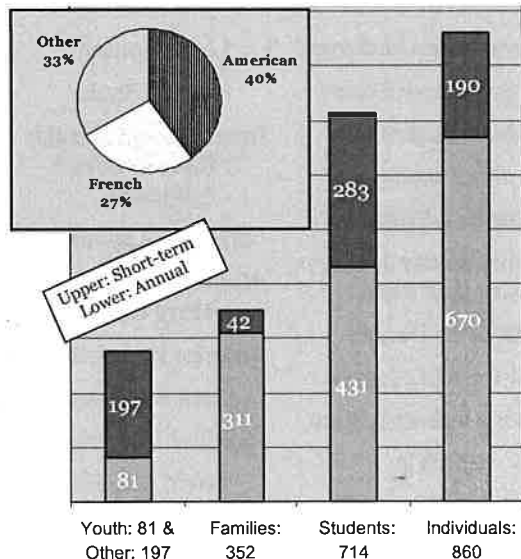
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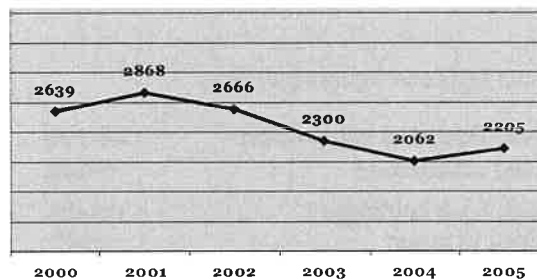
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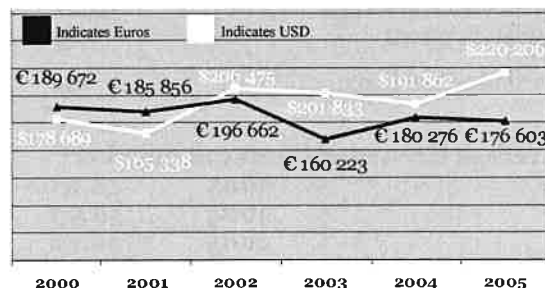
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Membership trends 2000-2005



Membership revenues 2000-2005



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