

The American Library in Paris

ANNUAL REPORT 2007

A message from the Chairman

Dear members, patrons, friends and supporters of the American Library:

It has been a great honor and privilege to have served as the chairman of the Library's board of trustees this past year, and I wanted to thank all of the members of the ALP community for their support of and dedication to the Library as we near the end of our 9th decade of service.

During the past year, the board of trustees and the Library director have spent a great deal of time on several areas of priority, including the implementation of the Julia Peterson Dede Distinguished Visiting Librarian program and the TBWA membership survey and case for support projects, both of which were funded through generous gifts to the ALP by anonymous donors; the ongoing review of our financial position and work on various fundraising initiatives; and ongoing work on governance, membership and library affairs matters. We also held periodic "town hall" meetings during the year in order to allow members to meet and discuss matters of interest with the board and director other than at the annual meeting.

Through the dedication and hard work of the library staff and director, and those trustees on our Gala Committee, our 2008 Library Gala dinner exceeded our historical levels in terms of both attendance and proceeds, and our autumn and spring fundraising letters also brought good responses, for which we are grateful.

The American Library in Paris is a great institution with a vibrant past and a special role here in Paris, and we are all working hard to ensure it has a bright future; in order to strengthen the Library's finances we will be embarking on a major gifts campaign in the coming months, and I hope that we can count on your continued support.

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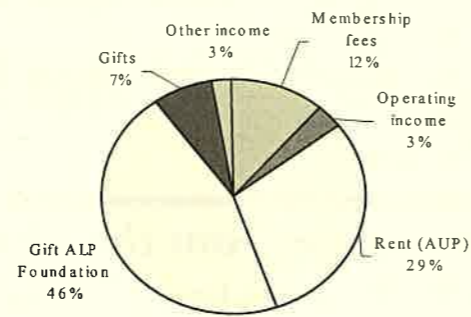
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Statement of income and expenses

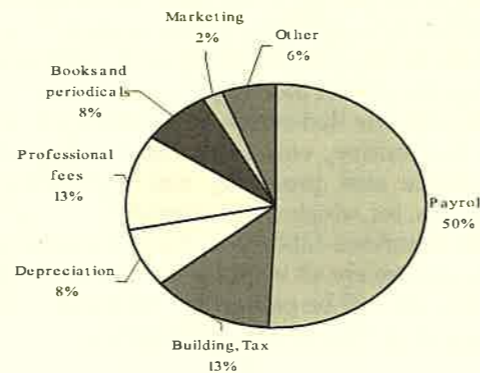
Revenues in \$	2006	2007
Membership fees	221 140	131 092 (1)
Operating income	36 697	37 150
Rent (AUP)	284 447	329 873
Gift from		
ALP Foundation	220 831	510 356
Gifts	144 984	81 762
Other income	26 364	29 366
Total revenues	934 463	1 119 599

Expenditures in \$	2006	2007
Payroll	587 398	698 698
Building, Tax	144 050	181 976
Depreciation	109 912	106 836
Professional fees (2)	93 644	174 014
Books and periodicals	81 925	104 301
Marketing (3)	47 044	30 550
Other (4)	52 103	79 214
Total expenditures	1 116 076	1 375 589

(1) Accounting changes were made during 2007 to change the reporting method for membership fees. Calculated in terms consistent with 2006, membership fees were \$241 296 in 2007.
 (2) Banking, legal, and insurance fees.
 (3) Advertising, programs, fundraising.
 (4) Shipping, postage, telephone, equipment rental and maintenance.



2007 Revenues



2007 Expenditures

LIBRARY DATA

The collection

Adult holdings

119 611
7 176 added in 2007

Young people's holdings

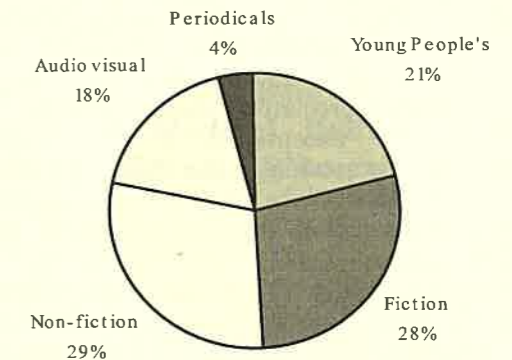
12 490
1 084 added in 2007

Audio visual holdings

7 188
1 205 added in 2007

Total additions to the collection 9 465

Circulation by category



Members by category

Individual

One-year 37 %
6 or 4 month 8 %

Family

One-year 21 %
6 or 4 month 4 %

Student

One-year 12 %
Institutional 13 %

Youth

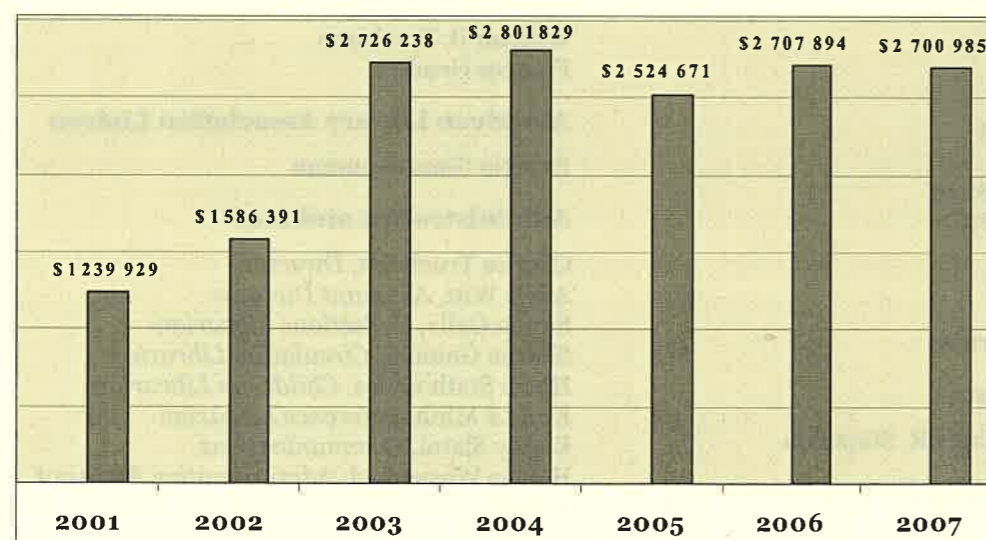
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Where ALP members come from

United States	864	New Zealand	12
France	444	Japan	12
United Kingdom	131	Italy	11
Canada	54	China	10
Australia	41	Pakistan	7
Korea	30	Switzerland	6
India	32	Sweden	6
Ireland	23		
Germany	13		

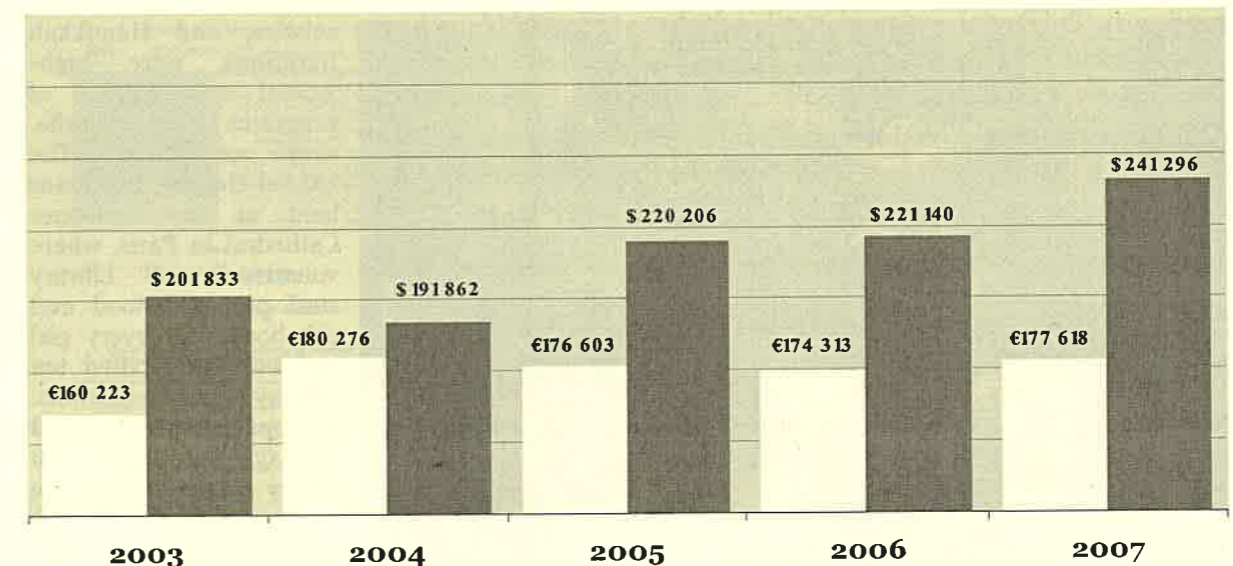
Plus 109 members from 79 other countries.

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



Sources: Deloitte & Associés and Sefitec. Copies of audited annual financial statements of the American Library in Paris, Inc. and the American Library in Paris-USA Foundation are available upon request and on the ALP website.

Membership revenues 2003-2007



CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The children's department was a bustling, optimistic place in 2007, offering a full roster of programs — three to five a week — for children, teens, and their parents. Over 190 events were attended by close to 2,500 young people of all ages, and their appreciative parents, in 2007.

Among the exceptional programs were professional storytelling, Scrabble Saturday, Bookworms Book Clubs, a Halloween costume party, a Harry Potter program (complete with Deathly Library Quiz!), an introduction to cheerleading, Tales From the 1001 Nights, seasonal programs and crafts, art appreciation for kids, programs on Hans Christian Andersen, the Brothers Grimm, Greek myths, sign language, and more. Teen programs on Friday and Saturday evenings included the successful Method Acting for Teens workshops, as well as screenwriting, fiction, and poetry writing workshops for young adults.

Highlights of the year, for children and adults alike, included Seonaid McArthur on "Discover the Louvre Together," a presentation by Women of the Malaysian Embassy featuring facts, songs, images, and delicious food from their country, and an evening dance performance by the Académie Américaine de Danse à Paris, including selections from the Nutcracker Suite, just in time for the holidays.

The children's department acquired many of the year's award winners in children's and young adult literature, in fiction and nonfiction. The children's department also spent money to develop its popular children's DVD collection.

In 2007, the library continued to provide story times for children from surrounding schools and

organizations including the *Lennen Bilingual School*, *La petite école bilingue*, the *Bilingual Montessori* and the *Stewart International School*. Schools tended to book sessions for several classes of 10 or more children, especially around the popular holidays such as Easter, Halloween and Thanksgiving. The school visits are a chance to acquaint newcomers with the Library and to distribute membership information to international schools and families.

Once again the children's department took part in the Love in a Box charity drive for needy families in France. New and almost-new French language books were collected for this worthy charity, with many library patrons participating.

The Library hosted programs for children about writing and submitting fiction entries for the Red Wheelbarrow annual Creative Writing Contest for children ages 5 to 18.

The ninth annual summer reading program kicked off in early June. The theme in 2007, "Around the World in 80 Days," was based on traveling and "armchair traveling."

Children ages 6 to 12 discovered new topics every Saturday and learned about familiar subjects in greater depth. A wide array of talented storytellers, writers, musicians and movement experts helped to round out a full roster of programs.

Bookworms, the book club for 9 to 12 year olds, in the spring and fall provided food for thought and literary discussion.

Thanksgiving fact, fiction and turkey crafts shed light on this quintessentially North American holiday for an enthusiastic group of over 30 kids, plus their interested parents.

Christmas, the winter solstice, and Hanukkah traditions were highlighted in a variety of programs involving crafts, songs and treats. The annual Holiday Party was held at the American Cathedral in Paris, where volunteers and Library staff prepared food and gift books for every girl and boy and staffed ten holiday craft stations. Seasonal storytelling and holiday caroling, with Nancy Magaud on the piano, rounded out this well-attended and much-enjoyed event.



David Bacher


PROGRAMS

Thanks largely to the continuing support of the Annenberg Foundation for its evening programs, the Library, its members, and the general public were fortunate to welcome the following authors and other public figures during 2007.

Mark Crick on 'Kafka's Soup: A complete history of world literature in 14 recipes' • **Harriet Welty Rochefort** on French cuisine • **Michael Balter** on an archaeological journey to the dawn of civilization • **American Women's Group** presents its cookbook 'Bistro Chez Moi' • **Jonathan Bloom** on V. S. Pritchett and William Trevor • **David Downie** on 'Paris, Paris: Journey into the City of Light' • **Cheryl Bolden** on 'Memory and Identity: The Black Experience' • An evening with novelist **Jake Lamar** • **Zachary Miller**, **Tannie Stovall**, **Richard Allen**, **Tony Clarke**, **Manda Djinn** and **Ricki Stevens** on 'Black Paris' • An evening with novelist **Bruce Benson** • **Hal Vaughan** on 'FDR's Twelve Apostles' • An evening with novelist **Laurel Zuckerman** • **Peter Steiner** on a lifetime in cartooning • **Word for Word** presents 'Which Is More Than I Can Say for Some People' by **Lorrie Moore** and 'Mlle. Dias de Corta' by **Mavis Gallant** • **Beverly Bie Brahic** and **Susan Cantrick** on 'The Eye Goes After' • **Michel Garcin**, **Virginie Robert**, and **James Graff** on 'The Next President of France' • **Barry Lando** on 'Web of Deceit: Western Complicity in Iraq' • **John Baxter** on 'Under Plain Wrapper: Censorship and Erotic Literature in Paris' • **Ellen Hampton** on 'Women at War' • The **Buddy DiCollette Band** in concert • An evening with novelist **Ann Beattie** • **Maxine Bleiweis** on the contemporary American library •

Alice Kaplan on 'The Interpreter' • **Pamela Druckerman** on 'Cheating Hearts: How the Americans and the French approach fidelity and adultery' • The Paris Writer's Workshop presents **Jake Lamar** and **Phillip Lopate** • **David Berreby** on 'Us and Them' • **Michael Golden** and **Michael Oreskes** on 'Everything you always wanted to know about the International Herald Tribune' • **Dana Thomas** on 'The Decline of Deluxe' • **Charles L. Robertson** on 'America's postwar plan to occupy France' • An evening with novelist **Douglas Kennedy** • **Heather Hartley** presents 'A spooky evening — for adults' • **Mary McAuliffe** on 'Paris Discovered' • An evening with novelist **Richard Ford** • An evening with novelist **Laura Lãm** • **James Gaines** and **Michael Oreskes** on 'France and the Founding Fathers'


THE AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS PRESENTS
EVENINGS WITH AN AUTHOR



An evening with
Douglas Kennedy
Author of 'The Woman in the Fifth,' 'Temptation,'
'The Pursuit of Happiness,' 'The Big Picture'
'The most successful American novelist
America doesn't know' — Time
Wednesday 17 October 19h30

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EVENINGS WITH AN AUTHOR



An evening with
Ann Beattie
Wednesday 13 June 2007
19h30

"Beattie's power and influence arise from her seemingly
realistic immersion in the stark, bewildering of a generous
without a cause" — John Updike

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ABOUT THE LIBRARY

The American Library in Paris was established in 1920 under the auspices of the American Library Association with a core collection of books and periodicals donated by American libraries to United States armed forces personnel serving their allies in World War I.

The Library has grown since then into the largest English-language lending library on the European continent. It operates as a non-profit cultural association in France incorporated under the laws of Delaware.

Library members have access to more than 130,000 books, 250 periodical subscriptions and archives dating to the mid-19th century, movies and other audio-visual materials, and reference and research resources in paper and electronic

form. The Library also hosts regular literary and public-affairs programs and book groups, as well as children's and teen events and activities, and is building on its network of partnerships with French and American schools, universities, and other institutions.

Open to all, with annual and short-term memberships for individuals, families, students, and seniors, the Library serves nearly 2,000 members hailing from more than 100 countries. The Library's seasoned staff of twelve speaks nine languages.

The American Library celebrates the written word and the life of the mind. It is constantly renewing its purpose in Paris as a center for literature, learning, culture, and community.

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