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The American Library in Paris

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Dear Library supporter,

As the leaves turn and a new season unfolds, the American Library in Paris is also entering an exciting new chapter. We're proud to showcase new initiatives informed by our mission, inspired by your invaluable feedback, and made possible by your generosity.



Library Outreach and Community Engagement

Always a home for the thoughtful and curious, the Library continues to expand its services to a diverse audience hailing from one hundred countries.

In action: <u>On the Road</u>, a journey of discovery through France bringing the Library's treasures to new communities.

Cultivating Culture and Connecting Disciplines

We've launched new Paris partnerships, expanded cultural programs, and increased direct support for artists and writers.

In action: A new cultural fellowship and <u>partner programs</u> with Columbia Global Centers, The Center for Fiction, the Overseas Press Club, mk2, and many more.





Honoring our History

We are committed to illuminating a century of service and storytelling at the Library and the community of readers that made it all possible.

In action: A docent-led <u>history tour</u>—a deep dive into the Library's archives, anecdotes, and artifacts.

The archival image, above, is of our circulation desk and was captured by celebrated photographer Gisèle Freund. It was displayed at the 1937 Paris International Expo to demonstrate our cutting-edge library practices. For us, the photo exemplifies our intertwined motivations: deep reverence for our history and pioneering innovations in service. As we evolve, our commitment to these values remains steadfast.

Nearly one year ago, a substantial <u>forthcoming gift was pledged</u> by the American Center for Art & Culture. Since this exciting announcement, through focus groups and in-depth discussions, we've heard what the Library means to you. Your insights have fueled a yearlong strategic planning process, still underway and spearheaded by our Board of Trustees, that will shape a dynamic future for the Library. Your ongoing input is vital to our planning process: We invite you to email feedback@americanlibraryinparis.org.

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When the gift comes to fruition, it has the potential to be transformational, amplifying the impact of individual contributions and allowing us to foster strategic partnerships, expand essential programs, and explore new community services.

Your support is the cornerstone of these endeavors.

Every contribution, no matter the size, permits the Library to serve you and adapt to the evolving needs of the community. We are deeply grateful for your trust and support. Together, we are forging a future as vibrant as the public we serve. Thank you again for being part of our story, and for permitting us to be part of yours.

With gratitude,

FORREST ALOGNA Chairman of the Board AUDREY CHAPUIS Executive Director

P.S.—Stay tuned for updates on our progress and <u>invitations to exclusive donor-only events</u> where you can see the impact of your generosity firsthand.

MAKE YOUR YEAR-END GIFT

The American Library in Paris is an independent, non-profit institution.

Your generosity is essential in keeping the Library vibrant and creative.

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