Central Library Director
Sonia Long Set to Retire

Plattsburgh Public Library Director Sonia Long has announced that she will retire in August. After graduate school at Syracuse University, Sonia started her career in the Syracuse area as the director of the Baldwinsville Public Library. In her thirty-plus years in libraries, she has been a director in Ohio, Oklahoma, and various libraries in New York State. During her four and a half years at Plattsburgh Public Library she has been responsible for the renovation of the library building and has seen the circulation grow 33%. She has overseen improvements in computer technology and her library’s web page. As Central Library Director Sonia has become a leader in our three county library community, and her generous philosophy of resource sharing has been an example to all libraries, big and small.

Plattsburgh residents have noticed (and appreciate) the results of Sonia’s leadership of the Central Library. CEF Director Ewa Jankowska reports that she was stopped in the street the other day by a woman who “kept telling me how this library has improved.”

To celebrate Sonia’s retirement, the staff of the Plattsburgh Public Library will host a get together at the Naked Turtle on Friday, August 3 at 5:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Jamie Parrotte at 563-5190 x 26 or parrotte@plattsburghlib.org if you would like to attend.
Beach Bag Browsing

Readers from around the system area took a few minutes out of the hazy, lazy, crazy days of summer to recommend the following good reads that no beach bag should be without.

I’m reading a really good thriller set in Venice called *Lucifer’s Shadow* by David Hewson, a British author. It’s full of twists and turns, including a mysterious symphony written in the 1700’s, a valuable missing violin, and the death of a young woman under suspicious circumstances. They all come together when a young student, Daniel Forster, accepts a position working for an ailing art collector for the summer in Venice. The setting alone makes this a great read, but the story will keep you turning the pages! - Kathie LaBombard, CEF

There are so many wonderful books that it is hard to choose. Whether you are on the beach or nestled on a shady porch swing, don’t do it without a book! I especially recommend:

- *Set Sail for Murder* by Carolyn Hart – a mystery lover’s delight!
- *The Marriage Game* by Fern Michaels – nice fluff; break out the Coke and potato chips!
- *Body Surfing* by Anita Shreve – a summer cottage on a New Hampshire beach and a three-way love triangle is hot stuff for a cool day.
- *Prisoner of Tehran* by Marina Nemar – this biography reads like a novel and is timely stuff.
- *Bidding for Love* by Katie Fforde – fun in an auction house. Katie Fford is delightful.
- *The Prince* by William Simpson – a biography of Bandar of Saudi Arabia for serious readers
- *Orange Bear Apple Pear* by Emily Gravette – I couldn’t resist putting this Easy reader book on the list; it is so cute and will keep the little ones busy and happy.

-- Mary Ann Tremblay, Dodge Library Rouses Point
More Beach Bag finds...

*The Blue Bistro* by Elin Hilderbrand is a wonderful love story set on the beautiful island of Nantucket. I have recommended this book to many and all have liked it. I also like *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. This is a heartwarming, humanitarian story about one man's campaign to build schools for girls in the most dangerous, remote, anti-American areas in Asia. In *Because They Hate* by Brigitte Gabriel, a survivor of Islamic terror gives us a frightening look inside the mind of a terrorist and what they are currently doing to America. Every American should read this book! --

-- Jane Bouchard, Schroon Lake

*The Last Juror* by John Grisham is a quick entertaining read. John Grisham has few peers when it comes to writing about crime, investigation and court room activities.

-- Lynn Dufort, CEF Board member & Bookmobile patron

*Love Kills* by Edna Buchanan - Brit Montero is at her best, while recovering from her fiancé’s death. But what is she doing in Alaska? *Spanish Dagger* by Susan Wittig Albert - This is a very good read. It’s like getting two books in one. It’s a mystery and also a good reference for information on various plants and herbs. *Lean Mean Thirteen* by Janet Evanovich is hilarious!! If you like a funny book this is it. Find out what famous store Grandma Mazur visits and why. Why did Stephanie put sugar on her head?

-- Sue Ellen Mayville, Bookmobile patron - Brushton

*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. A must read for everyone! I also recommend *North River* by Pete Hamill and *Peony in Love* by Lisa See

-- Alison Mandeville, Director Champlain Memorial Library

I'm reading *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger. It's interesting and different than what I normally read.

-- Cheryl Blanchard, Paine Memorial Library, Willsboro

More from Clinton County...

**Champlain Memorial Library**

A memorial for Gerry Rowe, who passed away on January 19, 2007, has been erected at the entrance to the Champlain Memorial Library. The memorial, a brick enclosed flower garden with a plaque, is being maintained by Gerry’s two daughters Lisa and Heather who live in the Champlain area. Gerry served the Champlain Memorial Library as a board member for 10 years and was the wife of John Rowe, the library’s current board treasurer. Gerry loved gardening and patrons are reminded of this love when entering the library.

![Memorial Garden](image)

From left to right - Husband John, children Tom, Heather, Terry and Lisa. The family dog, Misty is in the foreground.

**Dannemora Free Library**

Summer reading craziness is here -- our little sleuths sure do keep us busy! The newest thing this summer is our teen program, "Sneak Peeks." We have five teens participating so far, but we're already talking about continuing the program after the summer. It's like a teen advisory group -- they're reading new young adult books and reviewing them (and they get to keep a copy of the books they review, thanks to money from this year's CEF's summer reading mini-grant). But then we're taking it a step further and designing a flyer to send out to y'all with their recommendations. At our first meeting I was really impressed with how engaged they all were with the books and the process. Look for our first "publication" soon.

— Niki Kourofsky, Director

"Disguise the Limit"

**craft time**
News From Essex County

Keene Valley Library Association

Summer visitors have gathered and we are ready for the many activities happening in the valley. We have an abundance of summer lectures, so many in fact that some will take place on Wednesdays throughout the summer. A complete schedule can be found on our web site at www.kvvi.net/~library.

This summer we are also offering an intergenerational program that provides activities for children, parents, and grandparents. The programs will begin at 6:30 on Thursday evenings. Some topics include “Creating Card and Floor Mats” (August 2), Adirondack Lodge Nature Program (August 9), Beaver Pond Walk on August 16, and Designing Tee-Shirts on August 23. Pre-registration is requested. A complete schedule can be found on our web site.

We held our main summer fundraising activity on July 26 at historic Putnam Camp. This camp is the subject of George Prochnik’s fascinating book, Putnam Camp. Putnam Camp is a small private camp that was originally founded in 1874 by four young men from Boston. It was a retreat for some of the most distinguished doctors, philosophers and writers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In 1909, the founders of psychoanalysis (Jung, Ferenczi and Freud) stayed at the camp. Over the years, buildings have been added and the trees have grown to obstruct the view, but it remains a rustic haven for thoughtful people, many of whom have life-long ties to the camp. The July 26th benefit party featured a silent auction, wine, cheese and light fare, along with jazz, blues and swing music by Too Human.


Patron Requests are Zooming with More Libraries Automated

Harry Potter may own some of the credit this month, but the number of patron requests being placed and filled through our automated system is growing steadily. Each month in the past three months, over 2500 requests have been placed in Horizon, with over a third of those being placed by patrons at home. In July alone, 2870 requests were placed, with 1041 coming from Internet savvy patrons. Last year in July, just over 2000 requests were placed. — Betsy Brooks

From a Man’s Perspective

This is the first installment of what we hope will be a regular column by Larry Hahn, Director of the Dodge Library, West Chazy.

When I think of books that male readers might like, four authors come to mind. The first is Steven Pressfield, author of Gates of Fire and Tides of War. Gates of Fire is about the Battle of Thermopylae, in which 300 Spartans defended a narrow mountain pass. Tides of War focuses on an Athenian soldier by the name of Alcibiades. Pressman does his research and his portrayals of battle scenes are very real and graphic in both books.

Another author that I recommend is James Lee Burke. His main character is Dave Robicheaux, a former homicide cop and recovering alcoholic. Watch out when he loses his temper. Burke’s novels about Louisiana and New Orleans are very descriptive and stand above most mystery stories. You can readily picture the bayous and the moss hanging from the tree; his descriptions border on the poetic.

Stephen Hunter is an excellent read for those who like action. His main characters are Earl and Bob Lee Swagger. Earl is the father, and Medal of Honor winner. Bob, his son, is a former marine. As you can guess, they are both expert marksmen, and quite capable in hand to hand combat. In Pale Horse Coming, Earl goes to Mississippi to close down a penitentiary where the convicts are isolated and basically enslaved by ruthless and violent prison guards. His novel Point of Impact was recently made into a movie.

Finally, no one can overlook Lee Child and his Jack Reacher novels. His most recent book is Bad Luck and Trouble, both of which Jack has in abundance. Reacher is a former military policeman, and as a result he is very well trained. He must know what every other soldier knows in order to take on the bad guys. Readers will find plenty of non-stop action in his novels.

-- Larry Hahn, Director, Dodge Library, West Chazy
The Lake Placid Public Library, located on Main Street in the heart of Lake Placid village since 1886, was the dream of a few people that became the delight of an entire community. A 1902 historical sketch stated, “The library was to be kept open not less than one hour on three days of each week.” The first librarian’s salary started at $1.00 a week.

Over the years, the library grew with the community, but the most recent construction project more than doubled its original size. Many visitors who come to Lake Placid may not be aware that the little white bungalow on Main Street is just the top layer of a five-story building overlooking the lake, with a lawn and Adirondack chairs for sitting out by the shore in the summer. The library is now fully handicapped accessible. It houses a separate children’s room, computer area, reference room and a gallery for local artists. The windows overlooking Mirror Lake provide breathtaking views of a small community set in the pristine Adirondacks. The expansion project also contributed significantly to the downtown waterfront available to the public.

The Lake Placid Education Foundation gave the library project a terrific opening boost with a $120,000 matching grant upon the understanding that the library would house the historical records of the Lake Placid Club, a social and recreation resort founded by Melvil Dewey in 1895. From the very beginning, the library enjoyed a working relationship with the renowned Melvil Dewey, who was inspired by the scenery and beautiful mountains around Lake Placid. He established the Lake Placid Club as a retreat for educators and teachers. He also encouraged the growth of the Lake Placid Public Library by offering it many subscriptions to newspapers and journals in agreement that the library would be open six nights a week for the benefit of his guests.

The Lake Placid Club was known as one of the first locations in the United States to introduce and popularize recreational winter sports such as skiing and bobsledding. Melvil Dewey’s son, Godfrey, was instrumental in bringing the 1932 Winter Olympics to Lake Placid. The Lake Placid Club became the headquarters for the International Olympic Committee in 1932 and also played that role for the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid.

The Lake Placid Education Foundation’s original investment came from the sale of Forest Press, publisher of the Dewey Decimal System, to OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) in 1988. With the revenue from the sale, the Foundation has been able to support many libraries and other not-for-profit agencies in the local surrounding area. Community members responded kindly to the library matching grant challenge. They gave generously to provide enough funds to meet the goal. Many Lake Placid High School alumni willingly gave back to their hometown, which meant that we only had to spend $35,000 of public money on an elevator.
Last year, the Lake Placid Public Library completed its three-year automation conversion of all library holdings. Thanks to Internet access, patrons can now search for library resources from the comfort of their own homes. They can go on-line to request a book, place a hold on an item and even renew their checked-out material. Plans to include the archival material as part of the catalog are slowly being realized.

As the Archival Room developed, the library became the recipient of the extensive historical files of long time town historian Mary MacKenzie. Over the years, those who have been interested in Adirondack history have read Mary MacKenzie's historical essays in local journals and newspapers. Near the end of her life, Mrs. MacKenzie granted copyright of her comprehensive and meticulous writings to the Lake Placid Public Library for the enrichment of the community. Upon her death, her family asked local journalist, Lee Manchester, to execute her literary estate, resulting in the recently released publication of the collected writings of Mary MacKenzie titled *The Plains of Abraham: A History of North Elba and Lake Placid*. Ms. MacKenzie’s original writings will still be stored at the Lake Placid Public Library, but now they will be accessible outside of the library either by purchase at a local bookstore or through inter-library loan.

The library is chartered to serve a resident population of 5899, but during summer the population increases to over 10,000 visitors a day. More and more people are finding out about the library’s services through its newly created web site, which can be accessed at [www.lakeplacidlibrary.org](http://www.lakeplacidlibrary.org).

With the assistance of community members, neighbors, friends, the Lake Placid Education Foundation and Mary MacKenzie’s estate, the library did indeed double in size, but more importantly it now houses an archival room of primary documents from the Lake Placid/North Elba community.

The library still sits in the center of town and overlooks the peaceful Mirror Lake. It has grown and changed throughout the years, but the dream of a few people is still esteemed as one of the “gems” of the community.

-- Patricia Perez, Director
Thanks to a dedicated crew of volunteers our annual Books, Antiques, Food and Things sale was a well-attended success. Volunteers spent months organizing books and donated items, and a wide selection of food and treats was available.

Local artist Grace Potthast presented our Get a Clue @ the Library summer reading program in July with activities for Super Sleuths in a range of ages. A life-size soft sculpture of Sherlock Holmes made by library patron Joan Turbek helped set the scene, and delighted adult patrons as well. Speedy Arnold will join us on July 31st, the final day of the program, for a concert of silly songs and sing-alongs.

Keene artist Marjorie Burns is exhibiting her acrylic and watercolor paintings through August. The library was a stop on the July 28 Jay Studio Tour, with local artists Kim Frank and Kay Kowanko participating. A collection of works including everything from glass butterflies to a chair with wings was on display.

On Saturday, August 4th at 1:00 p.m., the Goulet Family of Jay will present Spanish songs and a puppet show. For the past few years, Lora, Catherine and María Goulet have enjoyed sharing lively, colorful Latin American CUENTOS Y CANCIONES (stories and songs) with students from Northern Lights and Holy Name Schools. Students have been entertained as they sing along in Spanish with Catherine and María's comical and often surprising puppet "amigos".

We are pleased to host Storyteller Karen Glass on Wednesday, August 8th, for a Tea and Talk program of Adirondack Tales.

Library patron and Ironman volunteer Manon Prevost-Mullane chose the library as a potential recipient of the Ironman Community Fund. If selected, grant money will go towards children’s programming.

Writer's workshops continue, and feature a different genre each month. Sponsored in part by a grant from the New York State Arts Council of the Northern Adirondacks, the workshops are held the third Tuesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Workshops have been presented on poetry, fiction, and playwriting. Poet Roger Mitchell held a critique session July 17th, and Fred Balzac will conduct two more sessions on playwriting with a December 18th performance at Upholstery Lounge in Upper Jay. All are welcome to participate in these free workshops.

— Karen Rappaport, Director

I listened to a great audio book recently: Tallgrass, by Sandra Dallas. It’s the story of the effect on a small town that a Japanese internment camp has during the early years of World War II. The characters are rich, the plot is revealing in terms of what Americans thought during that time, and the impact of war on our society is explored. The audio version is well narrated, and I recommend both the audio and print versions of this book. It's not as depressing as it sounds, really.

For a nice summer book, I recently read the classic The Country of the Pointed Firs, by Sarah Orne Jewett. What a great book! It's a novella, so a couple of days at the beach or on the dock should do it. It's the nice story of a turn-of-the-century writer’s summer spent on an island in Maine. Full of a rich cast of characters, this really delves into the independent character of people who live in the North Country, dealing with isolation and small town life. This was written in the late 1800's so requires a bit more concentration to read than today's "quick reads," but the effort is well worth the time.

-- Elizabeth Rogers, CEF

No time for beach reading, but one book I have enjoyed relaxing with is A Year in the World; Journeys of a Passionate Traveler by Frances Mayes (author of Under the Tuscan Sun). She and her husband take a year off to travel; not just a whirlwind tour of big cities, but renting houses in various countries and really getting to know the local delights. This is a good story by a charming writer.

-- Francie Fairchild, Chazy Public Library

I can recommend four movies I watched recently: “Volver”, “Carol’s Journey”, “Keeping Mum” and “Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont”. I am embarking on reading Julia Cameron’s Artist’s Way but haven’t managed to start yet.

-- Ewa Jankowska, CEF System Director
Paine Memorial Library, Willsboro

The Paine Memorial Free Library is pleased to participate in the "Summer Youth Employment Program" provided by One Work Source of Essex County. Under this program we provide a real work experience for young people who have been assigned to us. This gives them an opportunity to try new skills, and mature in several different areas. They also gain the self-esteem they need and deserve by providing services in their communities. By setting an example, we are showing them the values it takes to build a solid work ethic that can be in their future education and careers.

This year I was lucky enough to be given three wonderful individuals. **Tara Sayward**, age 17, works at our summer reading library at the Noblewood Beach site. This program is part of The Town of Willsboro's Youth Program. Each day, more than 60 children rotate into the small library to read for 30 to 45 minutes. Tara loves these young children and they love her equally. She reads to students and helps them pick out age appropriate books. She also keeps the library neat and clean. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children of the town to keep their reading levels up. **Morrigan Burrows**, age 18, also works at the Noblewood beach summer reading library. She says "everyone calls me Markie." Markie likes working at Noblewood because she likes kids. Markie also works at the main library, which she enjoys, because she is a people person. She will be leaving to attend North Country Community College on August 18th to study Massage Therapy. **Stephanie (Stevie) Burrows**, age 15, is Markie's sister. She attends Willsboro Central School and is going into 10th grade. She loves anything to do with history. Her goal in life is to become either a lawyer or a judge. Stephanie is working the front circulation desk, and picked up our Horizon system very quickly. She likes working at the Paine Library because she loves books, she likes to learn, and to meet new people.

It's really wonderful working with young adults. It certainly helps the library to have extra personnel in the summer months when we are so busy. These three girls get to gain some job experience and we get a lot of help. They have a lot to teach us too!

-- Cheryl Blanchard, Director

Markie (left) and Stevie (right) Burrows give patrons a warm smile at the Paine Memorial Library circulation desk this summer.

Schroon Lake CPOC Team Wins Second Annual Take a Bite Out of Books Challenge!

**A very determined team from Schroon Lake Public Library successfully captured the Take a Bite Out of Books perpetual trophy on June 2 at Champlain Centre Mall. The six team members, Virginia Graves, Holly Bruce, Joseph DeZalia, Abigail Veverka, Jordan Taylor, and Autumn Moses, worked long and hard to master the details of the six books featured in this year’s contest. The winning team won gift certificates to the Mall, individual trophies and the right to keep the perpetual trophy at the Schroon Lake Library until next year’s competition.**

**Many months of work went into the preparation of all fourteen teams competing. The teams came from Champlain Memorial Library, Dannemora Free Library, Plattsburgh Public Library, Black Watch Memorial Library (Ticonderoga), Saranac Lake Free Library, Schroon Lake Library, Sherman Free Library (Port Henry), Keene Valley Library Association, Keene Public Library and Goff-Nelson Memorial Library (Tupper Lake). The Dannemora Smarites were this year’s runner-up in a very close final round.**

**Congratulations to all the teams competing this year for an exciting battle of wits! We are proud of all of you!**

This activity was made possible as part of a two year LSTA (Library Services and Construction Act) grant to the Plattsburgh Public Library by the New York State Library (2005-2007).

— Kathie LaBombard, Youth Services Librarian, CEF
It is summer time and time to smell the roses! Time to find a shady spot and read a good book, and time for lemonade and s’mores. Remember when we used to have time for all of those good things? Isn’t it nice – sort of – that our libraries are so busy and well-used that we don’t have much time left over for summer play? Of course it is!

Like all the rest of your libraries, the library at Tupper Lake is hopping. Our schedule for the summer is bustin’ out and spilling over. Our annual summer art show was well viewed and ran through July 21. On June 22, we hosted a Dulcimer workshop from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. followed by a Dulcimer concert at 7:45 that evening. On July 27, local author David Gardner talked with us about “The Wonders of Science for Young People” in the children’s room. On July 31, our local and very popular Andy Flynn will give a lecture and slide show on his newest book *Tales from an Adirondack Attic, Volume 4* in the Community Room.

And here’s the biggie for many of you: the Raquette River Quilters will be holding their 13 Biennial Quilt Show in the Community Room on August 9, 10 and 11. If you have never been to one of these shows it is definitely worth the trip. Those of you who have been before will not want to miss this one.

To round out our summer programs, Mart Podskoch will give a slide show and lecture on his newest book about the CCC Camps of the Adirondacks on August 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Did I mention the summer visitors? And the computer users? And the campers? And the bikers? And the business people who can’t leave their business behind and “smell the roses” Which brings us back to the beginning of this article, and our kudos to the best library system ever!

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**News From Franklin County**

**Goff-Nelson Memorial Library, Tupper Lake**

We started our experiment with downloadable audio books on July 1, and so far we have had a surprising number of brave users trying out the service. Jeff Metz of the Recorded Books company came to provide training on July 12, and several of the library directors have purchased compatible mp3 players and are learning how to download and transfer audio books. This is a learning experience for all of us!

For the month of July, our users have downloaded 127 books, and 50 people have signed up. We hope to see the number rise substantially over the coming months. Do any of the early adopters out there have any picks or pans? I personally really enjoyed several of the Alexander McCall Smith books, the latest being *The Good Husband of Zebra Drive*. If anyone has patrons who are having technical problems, don’t be shy about calling me and I will do my best to help or to get answers.

This pilot project is made possible with support from a Federal Library Services and Technology Act grant and donations from three partner libraries (Plattsburgh Public Library, Saranac Lake Free Library, and the Keene Valley Library Association).

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**Early Adopters Try Downloadable Audiobooks**

We went live online with Horizon on Monday, July 30. Congratulations to Library Director Eileen Clar and her able assistant Larissa Bigelow.

This brings the total number of automated CEF libraries to 21.

**Chateaugay Memorial Library**

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**-- Betsy Brooks, CEFLS**

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**The Chateaugay Memorial Library**

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**-- Linda AuClair, Director**
**More From Essex County...**

**Wilmington’s E.M. Cooper Memorial Public Library**

Great news! Our basement is now the Children’s Reading Room. We opened our basement up to the public on June 23. It took almost a year to get it into shape after the disastrous flood we had last summer. The opening went very well. We had a total of 43 patrons visit and our board members donated home-made cookies and juice for the event. We dedicated the children’s reading room in the basement to Howard “Trum” Trumbull who did quite a bit of the work required to get the basement in shape.

Our Friends of the Library group held its annual food sale on June 9. All the food was gone in about three hours, and they raised over $400.00. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the event a smashing success.

Our summer reading program is off to a flying start. Mary Beth Kikel visited us on July 11 to kick off the program. She read a story and showed the children how finding a library book is a bit like solving a mystery. She also handed out magnifying glasses to each child.

We are fundraising to encase our audio collection in protective plastic cases. We are aiming for $500.00 and have raised $100.00 in the past month. Our local glass maker, Karl von Entress, has donated a nice variety of glass items to help towards the purchase of the cases.

We are preparing for automation, with help from the wonderful ladies from CEFLS who came over and helped with the smart bar coding. It’s a good feeling to finally be on our way!

-- Joyce M. Pray, Director

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**Lake Placid History Book Set for Release**

On Saturday, Aug. 4 at 1:00 p.m., the Lake Placid Public Library will launch a new book called *The Plains of Abraham: A History of North Elba and Lake Placid, the Collected Writings of Mary MacKenzie*, edited by Lee Manchester. The title is drawn from the original name given to the area at the dawn of the 19th century by the first settlers of European descent.

*The Plains of Abraham* (trade paperback, 424 pages) will retail for $24.95. Copies of the book, signed by the editor, will be available for sale at the library program on August 4. The book will also be sold at most regional bookstores, and online at Amazon.com and BarnesAndNoble.com. Royalties for the book have been dedicated to the Lake Placid Public Library.

In addition to *The Plains of Abraham*, the Lake Placid Public Library has made available online the Mary MacKenzie Historic Slide Collection, an annotated photo album containing more than 300 restored archival pictures showing the visual history of North Elba and Lake Placid. The photo album can be downloaded, free, from the library’s Web site at: [http://www.lakeplacidlibrary.org/history/COMPLETE%20MMHSC.pdf](http://www.lakeplacidlibrary.org/history/COMPLETE%20MMHSC.pdf) Once the file has finished downloading (and be aware that it will take a few minutes) users can save it their hard drive and view it at their leisure.

-- Patti Perez, Director, Lake Placid Public Library

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**Grant Seekers Look No Further**

CEF has renewed a one year subscription to *Grantstation*. This interactive web site allows grant seekers to identify potential funding sources through access to a searchable database of “thousands of foundation and corporate grant makers that are actively accepting proposals.”

Member public library staff members are welcome to explore this terrific resource which is accessible by password on a CEF workstation. In return, we will ask you to give us some brief feedback about your grant seeking experience so we can evaluate this tool. For more information or to book a work session and tutorial, please call Julie Wever at 563-5190 x 18. We will search the *Grantstation* database for you by topic, but we really encourage potential grant seekers to take this great resource for a personal spin.
**CEF Readers in Action**

Whether it’s settling in for a story with an estranged father or stocking up with some large print books when the bookmobile comes to their neighborhood, CEF readers take time out of the summer to enjoy a good book.

There’s a stack of books on the left, and they are still looking at the Beekmantown Seniors stop. Debbie Crossley (right) “unbags” returned books.

Consultant Beth Nolland helps families share a story during visiting day at a local correctional facility.

**Franklin County continued...**

**Saranac Lake Free Library**

As part of the ongoing Centennial events, the Saranac Lake Free Library will hold a silent auction of works by local artists. The paintings, photographs, ceramics, jewelry, fiber art, quilts and other media will be on display in the upstairs Reading Room from August 1 to 17, along with bidding forms. Successful bidders will be announced at 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 17. Artists are generously donating works, and funds raised will go to the Cantwell Community Room renovations.

**Come to the Fair**, with its theme “Hats Off to the Centennial,” will offer thousands of hardcover and paperback books, white elephant items, jewelry, toys, plants, Adirondack crafts and baked goods in the Cantwell Community Room. The fair will run from 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday, August 7 to 9.

“Saranac Lake Reads” included the showing of the film, *A Place in the Sun*, based on the sensational 1906 murder involving Chester Gillette and Grace Brown, and a reading of *A Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly, based on the same murder case. NCPR Adirondack Bureau Chief Brian Mann led the book discussion, while Charles Alexander, of Paul Smiths College, provided background on the film. These were both very popular events.

Over 40 people enjoyed the June 23 Centennial Walking Tour of buildings and sites that existed in Saranac Lake when the library was chartered in 1907. The tour was followed by a complimentary picnic lunch on the lawn in front of the 1910 building.

-- Pat Wiley, Library Assistant

Two teams of fifth through seventh-graders participated in the *Take a bite Out of Books* competition at the Champlain Centre Mall on June 2, with both teams making the semi-final rounds.
This guy was waiting to digest a few good books at the South Acres bookmobile stop.

— Bob Welch, photo