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What’s a Zogby and Why Should You Care?

Two polls were recently conducted by – you guessed it – Zogby Pollsters to find out how New York State residents felt about their public libraries. The results of these Zogby Polls are the “why you should care” part. They provide useful facts and figures for anyone seeking increases in state and local aid to libraries. In a nutshell, the polls revealed that:

• More than 75% of respondents across all geographic regions and from all segments of the population regardless of income, gender or age, were willing to support increased taxes if it meant increases in library funding.

• 89% of respondents indicated that it was important for state government to provide more library funding. Of all respondents, more than half (52%) indicated that it was very important that state government provide more funding for libraries.

• When asked how important the library was to their community, 95% of respondents said that their library was important to them. 71% of all poll respondents said the library was very important to them. *

All librarians, library trustees, and library supporters are asked to take time early this fall to write a “personal and thoughtful” letter to Governor Pataki that explains your library’s need for sustained and increased funding. Visit the NYLA web site at www.nyla.org and click on Advocacy Materials for tips on communicating your legislative priorities to our representatives in Albany. You’ll find model letters that make writing your own personal letters quite painless, a useful fact sheet about New York libraries, and as much background material as you can digest.

*Source: NYLA website: www.nyla.org

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CHAMPLAIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

A Visit to the Champlain Memorial Library

The Champlain Memorial Library joins the Dodge Memorial Library in Rouses Point in being the northern-most library in Clinton County. The library’s early history parallels that of other small libraries in the area. In 1923, the Champlain Literary Club wanted to start a library as a community project. The St. Cecilia Club, a musical organization active in the village at that time, had the same idea, and arranged for the use of a room in the First National Bank of Champlain, which was donated “rent free”. The two organizations joined forces, contributed $25 each, and started a fund-raising campaign. An association library was organized which was chartered in 1925 as the Champlain Free Library, and registered in 1926 to serve the residents of the village and surrounding area. In 1954, the Champlain Free Library became a member of the newly created Clinton-Essex Library System. The library was headquartered above the bank for thirty years until it was moved to a room in the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Harrison in 1957 where it remained for almost 16 years. In the late 1960’s, the library’s trustees were given a bequest by Mrs. Florence Atwood for a new library building. They were equally fortunate to have been offered a site on the grounds of the Champlain Elementary School. A history of the library by Katherine M. Holden praises the site for its “excellent central location” and “ample parking”. The new building was built in 1970 and has lived up to this billing.

The Champlain Memorial Library is a busy place these days. Alison Mandeville was appointed director in Spring 2003 and has been making changes and promoting the library ever since. Alison commutes twenty miles from her home in Morrisonville to Champlain, but she doesn’t exactly consider it a trip to “work”. She takes special pleasure in passing on the joy of reading to children. Several cosmetic changes to the collection (using good marketing techniques) have resulted in a “tripling” in the circulation of these materials. Since Alison’s arrival, the library has been the lucky beneficiary of several fundraisers and has been featured in the August 23 issue of the Press Republican.

If you are traveling up the Northway to Canada, be sure to add a side trip to the Champlain Memorial Library to your itinerary.


Director Alison Mandeville talks with patron Mike Manning

Margaret Hawkins was the lucky winner of an Adirondack theme quilt handmade by Gerald Seguin of West Chazy as a library fundraiser.
MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

In Clinton County:

Chazy Public Library

Summer is always a busy time, with vacationing visitors. Visitors to the library were happy to find public use computers, as well as books and videos. The local children kept the computers pretty busy too. Chazy had very good participation in the summer reading program; 25 out of the 32 children who signed up returned their book lists. Twelve were able to attend our August 23rd wind-up party (which was hard to schedule between games, practices and vacations). The three children who won Scholastic Book packets were so thrilled and the prizes were a wonderful addition to our program!

The Friends of the Chazy Library Annual Labor Day Book Sale, ably coordinated by Emily Castine, brought in about $550. Now we face the problem of finding homes for the leftover books. Any ideas, anyone?

-- Francie Fairebild, Director

Mooers Free Library

It seemed that everyone went on vacation at once this summer because business at the library was unusually slow. Despite the summer holiday mood, we hosted a great summer reading program thanks to Kelly Roberts who conducted the reading program and made sure that the books were read. Although attendance was low, the program itself was good! As part of the statewide summer reading program, the library system sent local songster Speedy Arnold our way, much to our delight.

After school homework help at the library continues at the library this fall and story hours for pre-school through first grade will be offered. Our Labor Day Book Sale, which is our major fund raiser, was a success. I’m sorry to see the summer slip away so quickly, but am looking forward to new things coming our way this fall.

-- Edie Morelock, Director

Dodge Library, West Chazy

Summer brought some wonderful additions to the Dodge Library in West Chazy this year. As part of our ongoing "facelift", we now have a central air conditioner installed. This was much appreciated by yours truly and our patrons during those muggy days. We also got

Raise Your Hand if You Got Blasted....

The recent MS Blaster Worm affected literally millions of computers around the world, and northern New York wasn't immune. I know that several libraries suffered the effects, with computers that slowed down to a crawl and kept rebooting, or lost Internet connectivity. This worm spread without email, which means that your computers could get the infection without any help from you.

We’ve learned lots from this experience. Besides virus protection, you also need to keep your computers “patched” by visiting the windows update web site at least once a month, preferably once a week. When you visit http://windowsupdate.microsoft.com (you can also find it by going to www.microsoft.com and looking for windows update among the links on the left), you will be led through the process of finding and installing the appropriate patches for your computer. Do this from each computer, making sure that you have first turned off any protective software or hardware such as Deep-Freeze or Centurion Guard.

The Gates Foundation computers are an exception to this rule, however. According the advice web site for Gates computers www.pacomputing.org “You should not install Microsoft updates on standalone Gates Library Computers, except as instructed by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Technical Support.” They do advise patching the Gates Computers for the Blaster worm, and they give step by step instructions.

-- Betsy Brooks, CEF Automation Librarian
**NYS Talking Books & Braille Library**

Do you have a friend or family member who used to enjoy reading, but can't because he lost his vision? Maybe we can help you.

The CEF Library System is a sub-lending agency for the NY State Talking Book & Braille Library. This service is completely free for anyone who is legally blind or who has a physical disability which prevents him from holding a book.

If you qualify for this service, we will provide you with a cassette player and get you registered with the agency in Albany. Books on cassette will be sent directly to you through the mail – no postage is required. Any type of book you are interested in reading is available to you.

For more information on this free service or for an application, call the Outreach Dept. at 563-5190 x 20.

our new carpeting in August, which completes our building projects for the time being. Back in January, we were asked at the Annual Report Workshop if we use the report in any way during the year. Well, since I am a "newbie" at this thing, I have been trying to incorporate the report's statistics into my routine. To that end, I can proudly say that the patron usage during July and August this year increased a little better than 6%. Don't know if the central air was the cause, or not, but we'll take it anyway!

Story hour went very well this year. Each week, we used one of our five senses to "picture this, imagine that!". We did silhouettes of our shapes, made cookies and ants on a log, made our own play dough and finger paints, and, of course, totally enjoyed Speedy Arnold's wonderful music. I am already looking forward to next summer!

September brought our West Chazy school kids back to the library every Thursday. Unfortunately, we lost the 3rd and 4th grades to the main building this year, but we have some new smiling faces to greet, along with the Kindergartners and the Pre-K group.

I have had some patron interest in starting a book discussion group and am planning to hold an organizational meeting on October 28. Thanks to all who responded to my query about starting such a group. Your suggestions, along with some ILL books that I am still reading, were a great help.

-- Cindy Pytlak, Dodge Library, West Chazy

**In Essex County:**

**Sherman Free Library, Port Henry**

Assistant Director, Kim Harvish held a very successful summer reading program with 126 children and their families participating. They enjoyed making Flat Stanley, participating in the drumming session and hearing the folk concert at the end of the program.

After a busy summer, we have lots of exciting activities planned for fall. July was a big month for us at the Sherman Free Library. Six hundred and twenty people visited the library, which is one and half to two times our usual summer attendance. From October 14-18, we will...
be displaying some of our archival material in celebration of Archive Week. The week’s activities will also feature a program by local writer Dave Donahue on October 16. Dave is compiling a book about the old Port Henry High School and is planning an interactive program that features graduates of the school telling their memories. We hope that the end of October will see lots of trick or treaters at the library. Children who stop by to trick or treat us will receive a book and a piece of candy. We are also planning to hold a mini-book sale on the first Saturday of each month.

-- Jackie Vistenz, Director

Schroon Lake Public Library

We have almost finished entering our holdings into the CEFLS database which means we will be ready to automate when CEFLS goes live with the new system. Our fiction collection has been barcoded and we will be barcoding our nonfiction collection this fall.

Our summer reading program was a huge success in our library. We had over 100 kids sign up this year. In conjunction with the program, we offered weekly story times, weekly craft classes, and an afternoon of cartooning with Stan Burdick. To round off summer reading activities, we hosted a visit by Penelope the Clown. Area businesses continue to be very supportive of the program and enable us to give out weekly prizes to those that read at least 15 minutes per day as well as a few grand prizes.

Our Quilt group continued to meet during the summer and members have been working on blocks to contribute to a Bicentennial Quilt which will be donated to the Town of Schroon when it is completed for their Bicentennial which is in 2004.

We have now expanded our hours to include Saturdays beginning September 1st through May 31st. We are also hoping to open on Fridays year-round beginning next year which would mean we would be open Tuesday through Saturday Sept 1st through May 31st. Summer hours are still up in the air.

-- Jane Bouchard, Director

Black Watch Memorial Library, Ticonderoga

The Black Watch Memorial Library has had the busiest summer ever! Our own patrons along with our “summer people” have always kept us busy, but the addition of four public-access computers has brought in more people than we have ever seen in the library.

Web Wanderings

Check out the Parents’ Choice Foundation web site at www.parents-choice.org for timely reading tips and recommended titles from a trusted source. The site currently offers “Back to School Books” – reading lists and Reference books to help start the school year, along with sections on “Reference Tools & Homework Helpers”, “Shapes, Colors, Letters & Numbers”, “A Book List for Boys” and “Tackling Reading – Building Character: Parents’ Choice and USA Football Join Forces”. We give this site a big thumbs up – let us know what you think!

If you are looking for current New York State laws and regulations pertaining to libraries, a good first stop is the New York State Library’s web site at www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/excerpts/ This new interactive web resource makes components of the State Library’s publication Excerpts From New York State Education Law, Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Pertaining to Libraries, Library Systems, Trustees, and Librarians available in a user friendly and interactive format. You should also note that information given on this site is current as of 2002. It supercedes the 1995 print version of the Excerpts document, so be sure to check here first for the most current information.

-- Excerpted from the Southern Tier Library System newsletter, Fall 2003
Updated Grant Opportunities

Proliteracy Worldwide is currently accepting applications for the National Book Scholarship Program which provides New Readers Press books and other educational materials to literacy programs. Grants range from $500 to $8,000. Family literacy programs are preferred for funding, but ESOL, adult education and initiatives that focus on women will also be considered. Libraries that are interested in partnering with literacy organizations or that wish to start their own adult literacy initiative should definitely check out the straightforward application form that is available on Proliteracy’s web site at www.nbsf.org.

Library Construction application information will also be coming your way this fall. At press time, 2003-2004 program information had just been posted to the State Library’s web site. Visit this site at www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/construc/ for complete application information. CEF will establish a November deadline for applications to be received at the library system, so relax and ignore the October deadline given on the web site! As usual, CEF will prepare paper application packets and forward one to each member library. Watch for this information coming soon on your van delivery.

Please contact Julie Weyer by phone at 563-5190 x 18 or e-mail (weverl@cefls.org) for more information about these fall funding opportunities.

Out Children’s Program this summer was designed and conducted by Ticonderoga Elementary School Art Teacher Kerry Fingland. Her presentation included eight programs featuring a different country each time. The children were given an opportunity to hear a story about the country, discuss aspects of the country and complete an art project. The program provided a great learning experience in a fun atmosphere.

International Paper has awarded the Black Watch Memorial Library a grant to purchase a computer for the Children’s Room. The remaining grant money will be used to purchase medical reference materials, DVD’s and audios. The staff and Board of Trustees are extremely grateful for this grant as it will allow us to continue serving our patrons with new materials and updated technology!

-- Maureen Johns, Director

Wells Memorial Library, Upper Jay

In July we held our annual Books, Antiques, and Things (and new this year, Food) sale. Thanks to all the efforts of volunteers, it was our best sale yet. The proceeds from this sale account for about one quarter of our operating budget.

The 13 children involved in our Summer Reading Program read a total of 103 books. Katie Kortepeter won the CEF drawing for the collection of books from Scholastic, and Javier Fonseca won the Wells Memorial Library drawing for a Walmart gift certificate.

On September 20th, we hosted the Clinton-Essex Documentary Heritage Round Table from 9:30 to 1:00. The discussion topic was "Care and Handling of Historical Records". We are participating in the October Archives Week celebration with an Open House on Thursday, October 16th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. We will have displays, video showing, photo exhibit, and the "Picturing Our Past" project all available for viewing.

The Adirondack Architectural Heritage has awarded the library an Adirondack Architectural Heritage 2003 Stewardship Award for "an architecturally sensitive and appropriate addition". The award recognizes "exemplary historic preservation efforts throughout the Adirondack Park". We are honored to have been chosen for this award.

-- Sylvia Norton, President, Board of Trustees

Did You Know…

91% of respondents surveyed by ALA in March 2002 believe libraries are changing and dynamic places with a variety of activities for the whole family.

83% believe free people need free libraries, and libraries and librarians play an essential role in our democracy and are needed now more than ever.

-- ALA Fact Sheet 6 www.alaa.org
Wadhams Free Library

We've had a wonderful summer, which began with our Story Hour kids and kids from the Westport Library collaborating on a float for the July Fourth parade. We also had a fabulous, fun and educational Bubble Day. Jigs and Jo Ann Gardner started off the summer portion of our Wednesdays in Wadhams lecture series with a program on heirloom flower gardens which was billed as a slide show but became a lecture when the (only) projector bulb blew after the first slide. The Gardners with good grace shifted gears and talked to the audience about gardening and a lively and interesting discussion ensued. We're hoping to see the slides next winter. We were very excited to have Kathy Leichter screen and talk about her film, "A Day's Work, A Day's Pay," about people learning to take control of their lives while dealing with an unjust welfare reform program in New York City.

This fall, we're looking forward to (trying to) help with homework again, to a series of printmaking workshops with Debby Koechel in October, and to more reading.

-- Liz Rapalee, Director

Paine Memorial Library, Willimantic

At our Annual Meeting held on July 10th, Steven Kellogg presented a slide show on a series of new books for 2003. The audience was captivated by the beautiful illustrations and the delightful stories. An original piece of artwork was donated to the library by Steven. Stop in and take a look at the beautiful addition to our library. Thank you Steven!

The 2003 Summer Reading Program at the Paine Memorial Free Library wrapped up on Friday August 15th with a musical presentation by local guitarist Speedy Arnold. Sixty children read for 30 minutes a day during the 6-week summer reading program which was held at the Noblewood beach site. Back at the Library, Suzette Montville, a Plattsburgh State University student directed the remedial reading and math program for K-6th grade. On Monday through Thursday students were seen in a one-on-one or small group basis and worked on reading comprehension. While the program focused on reading, time was set aside for fun language activities and games. On Fridays children ages 3-6 enjoyed a story hour session where they listened to stories, sang songs, and participated in show-and-tell. Each week there was a craft project that went along with the topic of the week. The

Teen Read Week 2003
SLAMMIN! @ YOUR LIBRARY
October 19 - 25, 2003

For the sixth consecutive year, the American Library Association's Young Adult Library Services Association will be promoting Teen Read Week in October. This year's theme, "Slammin! @ Your Library," is all about poetry.

Over the past few decades, fewer young adults have been reading for the fun of it. Reading scores are going down and libraries need to let young adults know that the library is ready and waiting to welcome them with ideas and events just for them. If you've never participated in the Teen Read Week celebration, this might be the year to begin!

In recent years, CEF has been purchasing posters for all of our libraries to promote Teen Reading Week. This year will be no exception! You should receive a poster in early October. Let's all try to celebrate this event in some way (big or small) at our libraries this year!

-- Kathie LaBombard,
Youth Services Consultant, CEF

CEF Receives LSTA Grant to Produce Self-Paced Multimedia Training for Libraries

We're excited to announce that CEF has been granted funding for a new venture in providing training to member libraries. Knowing how difficult it can be for member library staff to come to centralized meetings, we came up with a plan to produce multimedia CD-ROMs with self-paced training designed for our member libraries and library boards. We're calling it "Miles Don't Matter," because we hope it can overcome some of those obstacles of distance inherent in our region. Look for more information in the spring, when we will have our first "production" to show you.
This just in from www.bookreporter.com (“where readers and writers click”):

The 2003 Romance Writers of America Golden Heart Awards were recently announced. Categories and winners are:

**Short Contemporary:**
*Maiden in De-Stress* by Stephanie Davis Row

**Long Contemporary:**
*Forever Ago* by Anna DeStafano

**Paranormal Romance:**
(with we are tempted to editorialize about this category)
*The Blackstone Diaries* by Sandy Blair

**Short Historical:**
*His Majesty, The Prince of Toads* by Nadele A. Jacobs

**Long Historical:**
*Unmasked* by Diana Perkins

**Romantic Suspense:**
*Angel on the Run* by Dianna Love Snell

**Contemporary Single Title:**
*Midnight in the Princess Bed* by Laron K. Glover

**Inspirational:**
*A Place to Call Home* by Merillee A. Wren

**CEF says:** If Danielle Steele and Nora Roberts aren’t cranking out titles quickly enough to satisfy your most voracious romance readers, these award winners by lesser known authors might be a good way to expand your “light reading” offerings. Or, you could wait for the paperback edition.


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E.M. Cooper Memorial Library, Wilmington

The Cooper Wilmington Library had a busy summer. Summer residents and visitors made good use of the Library computers and book collection. Circulation increased by over 100 books in both July and August. The major news of the summer for our Library is the programs for children and youth. Fifty-one children completed the Summer Reading Program. We solicited local businesses for funds to purchase a new book for each child and teen in the Program. Each young person chose their own book with the librarian. The gift books will be given out at a party on September 6th.

The Library also sponsored a music performance program with funding from the Arts Council of the Northern Adirondacks. Nine to fourteen children came to Saturday morning rehearsals for four weeks, which were under the musical direction of Wilmington music teacher, Tara Mulvey. In addition to rehearsing, different local musicians performed and demonstrated their instrument each week. The program, "Inside-Outside: Songs for Growth and Change", was performed at the Wilmington Town Beach Pavilion on August 20th.

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Summer readers hang out in a cozy corner of the Paine Memorial Library.
The Library's Youth Programs were also a big part of our summer. Four teens signed on as interns in the library for the summer, joining three regular youth interns. During July and August, we had over 40 hours of youth intern time each month. The Youth Council and interns also held a successful yard sale at the Library in August to raise money for the youth space we are creating in our finished basement. Finally, the Library gave a new book to 14 Wilmington teens who graduated from High School this year.

— Anna Court, Director

Franklin County:

Saranac Lake Free Library

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSING—A crew from Continental Construction of Gouverneur works to set up the form for the cement foundation for the elevator shaft. Concrete has been poured for the children’s room floor, lower level, including the handicapped bathroom, and back stairway. Wallboarding in the children’s room is nearing completion, while preliminary work has been done downstairs for additional storage space for the Adirondack Collection. Butler, Rowland and Mays of Mechanicville are the architects. It’s been a dusty, noisy summer at the library, but very exciting to see our expansion project moving forward.

— Pat Wiley

Upcoming Events:

What: Archives Week
When: October 12-18, 2003
Let us know how you will celebrate!

Check out the New York State Library web site at www.nysed.gov/rindex.shtml for more information and celebratory ideas

What: CEF Trustees’ Councils
When: see page 12 of this issue!

What: Make Room For Teens!
When: Wednesday, October 22, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Where: Watertown Ramada Inn
Cost: $15.00
Contact: Regan DeFranza at the North Country Library System
defranza@northnet.org

What: NYLA Annual Conference:
“Your Job, Your Career, Your Profession @ the Library”
When: November 5-8
Where: Saratoga Springs

Registration materials and a conference schedule are now available on the NYLA web site at www.nyla.org.

For information on CEF Scholarships, call Kathie LaBombard.

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Books to the ceiling
Books to the sky
My pile of books
Is a mile high.
How I love them!
How I need them!
I’ll have a long beard
By the time I read them.

— Arnold Lobel
Web Sites for Grant Seekers

Now more than ever, we’re all shaking the money tree, leaving no stone unturned, and beating the bushes for every dollar we can find. Here are just a few web sites that might point you in the right direction in your search for grant money:

The ALA website, at http://www.ala.org contains an excellent essay on grants and a wide variety of organizations to be tapped. Written by Dwight McInvail, the essay offers a large number of really useful links and is a must-read for anyone seeking new sources of funding. Search the title “Grants Love them or Leave them” at the ALA home page.

Adam Corson-Finnerty wrote for ALA’s Big Book of Library Grant Money, then set up his own web page to continue his work with library fundraising. At http://pobox.upen.edu/~corsonf, he’s posted a great deal of information to be mined for those of you looking for money in all the wrong places.

Mainly for Idahoans, but with a few other good resources, try the Idaho State Library’s page at http://www.lili.org, click on “For Librarians” and follow the link for resources.

Finally, if you’re willing to invest $20-$40 there are some great subscription services available at http://www.grant-finder.net. There are governmentgrants.com, 250000freemoney.com, freegovernmentgrants.com and more. Check it out.

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Survey Says…

Thirty two responses to the 2003 CEF System Services survey have been received to date. This was a much longer survey than we have conducted in recent years, and we appreciate your thoughtful feedback. It gives us lots to work with as we make decisions about CEF services that best meet your needs. With the help of a nifty program discovered by CEF Automation Consultant Betsy Brooks, we have compiled and pie charted a 51 page report and are busy digesting the results. CEF Consultants will be following up the survey by telephone, and the report will be excerpted for the winter issue of The Trailblazer. Stay tuned!

Champlain Telephone Company Celebrates 100th Year, Benefits Four Local Libraries

On Saturday, September 20, the Champlain Telephone Company celebrated its 100th year in business with a gala dinner and raffle. All proceeds benefited four libraries in the company’s service area. Grateful recipients of the telephone company’s donation are the Altona Reading Room, Dodge Memorial Library, Rouses Point, the Champlain Memorial Library, and the Mooers Free Library. Champlain Memorial Library Director Alison Mandeville says, “It’s really terrific that the company gave back to the community and chose libraries as their benefit cause. The Trailblazer is a good forum for us all to give Champlain Telephone a big “THANK YOU!”
Generations on Line Program Offers Help to Seniors

Americans 65 and older are the lowest users of the Internet. Only 16% (5.6 million out of 34.7 million) regularly use the Internet, compared to a overall national average of 44%, according to Jupiter Communications, *Assessing the Digital Divide*, May 24, 2000.

You can probably guess some of the reasons that most senior citizens aren’t using the Internet, despite the fact that some of the information found there is vital to their well-being. Now, imagine the Internet with large print, no advertisements, and step-by-step plain English help. Imagine that when you first went online the computer helped you register for a free email account, invited you to send a postcard to someone, let you search the Internet without knowing anything about search engines or web addresses, told you how to interpret the results, and drew you into a discussion of how you got to school when you were a child.

An award-winning software package called Generations on Line is available that does all these things. It was designed by a non-profit organization, launched in 2000, and is now in use at a growing number of nursing homes, subsidized senior housing, and libraries.

After having taught a few computer classes for senior citizens, I know that trying to learn about computers can be very frustrating for some. The Generations on Line software seeks to address some of the problems seniors have with the online world by simplifying the Internet. I reviewed the software at [www.generationsonline.org](http://www.generationsonline.org), and found that it lived up to the positive press. It really does make computers and the Internet friendly to seniors. There are a few things it can’t do, such as make the mouse easier to operate or make the print on some web sites more readable, but the simple, friendly interface always allows users to get back to something they understand. It can be used as a self-paced learning experience, or a library could sign up seniors for a certain time and walk them through it.

If you know of any senior patrons who have children working for AT&T or IBM, you may be able to get a grant for this program by having the child apply through their employer. This might also be a good CEF mini-grant!

-- Betsy Brooks, CEF Automation Librarian

New York Statewide Seniorama

Senior Citizens enjoyed a day of fun and entertainment at the Mohawk Bingo Palace in Hogansburg, the site of the New York Statewide Seniorama.

The day began with a beautiful Presentation of the Flag and Salute by the Hogansburg Marines.

Seniors check out the many table displays set up by area agencies and take advantage of the give-aways at the CEF table.
The Seventh Annual Trustees’ Forum –
Coming Soon to a Library Near You!

Back by popular demand, the Trustees’ Forum “road show” will be held at three library locations during October and November. Last year’s feedback indicated that this “we walk, you talk” approach is a convenient way for member library staff and trustees to gather together and discuss common concerns. Topics to consider might include: money and fundraising, grant opportunities, budgets, library districts, continuing education for staff and trustees, director/board relations, staff compensation and evaluation, building project needs, or whatever else is on your mind!

Please gather your staff and trustees, choose a date that best suits your schedule, and plan to join your colleagues at one of these locations:

Wednesday, October 22, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Goff Nelson Memorial Library, Tupper Lake

Wednesday, October 29, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Hammond Library, Crown Point

Monday, November 3, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Champlain Memorial Library

Please let us know which forum you plan to attend and RSVP to Penny Cowan at CEF by telephone (563-5190 x 10); FAX (563-0421) or e-mail pcowan@cefls.org. To assist us in our planning, please indicate which issues you are interested in discussing when you register.