It’s Cold Outside, Let’s Talk About Summer Reading

The official theme of next year’s Collaborative Summer Library Program is “Build a Better World”. Seems like the perfect theme to incorporate great maker activities and crafts in conjunction with other literacy activities. Also, this will mark the first year that the Early Literacy & Children’s program, Teen program, and Adult program use the same slogan, which should make it a bit easier to advertise to different age groups (and maybe make the end report simpler).

Speaking of Reports

We had 19 libraries host Summer Reading programs in 2016, and they were kind enough to let us know how many attended and participated:

1,426 CHILDREN RECORDED READING
146 KIDS AND TEENS
RECORDED THEY SPENT
30,309 MINUTES
READING
That's over 505 hours
worth of reading.

524 KIDS AND TEENS RECORDED THEY READ
7,431 BOOKS
That's an average of 14 book per person.

6,094 KIDS AND TEENS
ATTENDED 406 EVENTS FROM 19 LIBRARIES

If the events together were a country, it would have a higher
population than 7 other countries according to UN estimates.
Northern Adirondack Library Association Reconstitutes in 2016; Looks Forward to 2017

The Northern Adirondack Library Association met on October 19 at the Plattsburgh Public Library. An agenda was accepted and officers were elected for the coming year. Congratulations to Ewa Jankowska of CEFLS, President; Steve Patnode of Chazy Central, Vice President; Sue Lefebvre of CEWW and Karen Ricketson of PPL, co-treasurers. Amy Myers of Saranac Central is membership chair. A spring meeting will be held with the date to be announced. The secretary position is vacant and we would like for someone to assume the office.

Following the meeting, we were pleased to present Chris Fasolino as our author guest speaker. He spoke of his curiosity and many hours spent in the Wead Library, which gave him the inspiration to form the genesis of his first novel, Men of Promise, a seafaring tale of adventure and exploration. We were privy to the fact that he has started working on a sequel.

Group members enjoyed a social and cultural outing which was a walking tour of Old Montreal. The tour, led by Dan Ladue, included librarians from Plattsburgh and the St. Lawrence area. We stopped in at Atwater Market for lunch, rode the Metro to visit the beautiful Notre Dame Basilica and an excellent tour guide took us through the home of Mr. Etienne Cartier, one of the founders of the confederation of Canada. A little weary, we sampled Vietnamese cuisine and then headed home. An enjoyable time and thanks to Dan for arranging our first outing!

Going forward into the New Year, group members hope to increase membership, provide networking and professional roundtables and sponsor more social get-togethers. A membership application is available online on the NALA Facebook page at facebook.com/groups/1020019998120457/.

-Glenda Rowe

Link We Like:
www.unboundworlds.com
The Unbound Worlds website from Penguin explores the “science fiction and fantasy universe.” Lots of interesting author interviews, book lists, series information and essays are featured.
The 3 Apples Book Award has been developed to encourage the joy of reading for pleasure, and to give the children of New York State the opportunity to participate in honoring their favorite books.

It is co-sponsored by the Youth Services and School Library Sections of the New York Library Association, which together represent the public and school libraries of the state.

Each year teens in grades 7-12 (ages 13+) nominate their favorite book, creating a statewide ballot of fifteen of the most popular titles. After reading at least three of the finalist books, the children vote to select one as their favorite. That book and its author are honored with the presentation of the 3 Apples Book Award, and celebrations take place across the state in school and public libraries.

November 2016 - April 2017

- READ! READ!! READ!!!
- Visit your local public or school library between November 2016 and April 2017 to borrow the books on the list.
- Each teen must read or listen to a minimum of three books from the list of 15 finalists in order to vote in April.

April 2017

- Voting will take place in public and school libraries throughout New York State.
- Ballots will be made available at school and public libraries, and can be printed from the 3 Apples Book Award website.
- Only teens in grades 7-12 (ages 13+) who have read or listened to at least 3 of the nominated titles are eligible to vote.
- Each eligible teen has one vote, cast at either their school or public library.
- Librarians will tally the votes from their library and submit them online by April 30th.

May 2017

- The award winner will be announced on the website on May 10th.
• Libraries across the state will sponsor events to celebrate the winner of the 3 Apples Book Award.

June – August 2017
• Libraries will promote the award during their summer reading programs and encourage teens to read in preparation for nominations in September.

2016 Handbook for Library Trustees in New York State Is Now Available!

A revised online edition of the Handbook for Library Trustees of New York State is available on the State Library’s website at:

The major addition to the revised 2016 online edition is found in a new appendix: "The Role of the Public Library Treasurer." This new appendix includes background information on this important topic and answers some of the many questions the authors have received over the past year. The 2016 revisions also embed links to key State Library hosted webinars of use to trustees, links to NYLA’s Field Guide to Civil Service and address other significant issues related to Library Treasurers and Library District Clerks.

The Handbook is produced with the assistance of the Public Library System Directors Organization of New York State, the Library Trustees Association of New York State, the New York State Library and the New York Library Association.

Link We Like:
goo.gl/RNzjuH (Shortened URL)
Reference Resource: “Presidential Transition Guide” (2nd ed.; 2016) published by the Center for Presidential Transitions, Partnership for Public Service
From the website: This publication provides a comprehensive overview of the presidential transition process, complete with discussions of the components of a transition team, the work done by the outgoing administration and the roles of the various departments within government. The material was drawn from a variety of sources, including interviews with participants in past transitions, archived materials that were developed as part of past transition operations, and scholarly studies on the subject of presidential transitions and the presidency. Individuals interviewed provided information on the basis of non-attribution, and direct quotes have been included with permission.
Another Year of Construction

As you may have heard, New York State increased the funds to State Aid for Library Construction up to $19,000,000, meaning that $432,267 was up for grabs for member libraries in Clinton, Essex, and Franklin counties to improve their buildings and services to patrons. When all was said and done, 7 libraries successfully requested the money from the state through the System. Congratulations to all the libraries due to get to work on great spaces for patrons to enjoy!

This is only the second year we’ve used the entirety of the funds offered by the State, and we’re glad that our libraries are making use of it (despite it being more work for them and for us). Not including this year, the System has helped libraries receive about $2,090,596.00 in State Aid since 2007. We’ve just gotten to the next phase for the current fiscal year which means more editing of the applications and wording to get things locked in.

Link We Like:
www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2016/11/children-deserve-kindness/
ALSC (Association for Library Service for Children) has just released a free downloadable booklist “for librarians, parents, caregivers, teachers and other caring adults faced with children asking tough questions about the recent election and looking for positive ways to take action.”
Adopt an eBook or e-audiobook—Help others enjoy the gift of reading this holiday season and honor a loved one with a title all can enjoy! adirondackgives.org/campaigns/honor-a-loved-one-share-the-gift-of-reading-this-season/

We are seeking help to purchase seasonal titles for all ages to enjoy and read or listen to together during the holiday season from cefls.overdrive.com. For a donation of $25 or more, funders may adopt a title from our collection in honor or memory of a loved one.

Did you know: Readers of all ages can browse the collection, borrow with a library card, and enjoy on a computer, tablet, smartphone or eReader? Many borrowed eBooks and audiobooks can be enjoyed immediately in a web browser or downloaded to the free OverDrive app for mobile devices. Digital titles can also be enjoyed on tablets and eReader devices. No matter how one plans to enjoy, titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period. There are no late fees!

Our shared collection has something for everyone and 100 holiday titles for adults, teens, and kids are up for adoption. We will add the name of your honoree in the “note field” of a designated title. If you would prefer to send a check as your donation, please mail it to CEF Library System, 33 Oak Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901. Add “Holiday Honoree” in the memo line, and be sure to include the name of your honoree as you want it noted.
News From Clinton County
Dodge Library, West Chazy

We enjoyed another glorious fall here in the North Country. Pumpkin flavored beverages with hot stew are a perfect complement to curling on the sofa with a good book in hand.

Dodge Library has recently elected board member, Norman Taber. He will serve another term as president, and we’re honored to have him. Our writing contest for children has recently come to a close. We are in the process of reading all the entries. The winners will have their books published. Thank you to all the entrants; there are many talented writers out there and we celebrate them!

- Linda Dupee, Director

Mooers Free Library

Our October 22 Pumpkin Carving Party was a great success. We had 16 children and numerous parents who offered their time and assistance. Apple cider and donuts from the Chazy Apple Orchard were a great reward for all of the carving efforts. Pictures of the kids and their creations are available on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MooersLibrary.

On October 31, a great time was had by all who stopped by the library to Trick or Treat. Treats were given out along with Mooers Library bookmarks and pencils in hopes of scaring up new customers.

We have a Brick By Brick Fundraiser going on to raise funds needed to complete our new library. We are very close to our goal. We had anticipated that the sale of our current library building would provide the remaining funds needed, however the town decided to keep the building. This fundraiser will give supporters a chance to purchase and personalize bricks similar to the bricks down at the Plattsburgh Riverwalk. Prices are as follows:

- 4x8 brick with three lines of text - $100
- 8x8 brick with three lines of text - $250
- 12x12 Marble Square can include text, picture or logo - $500.

We are also accepting donations of any amount. All donations are greatly appreciated. Payments can be made directly to us, through our donation box or online using PayPal at www.mooerslibrary.org/brick-project.

We know that Santa will be visiting our library for our annual
Christmas Party on Saturday, December 17. Details of his arrival are not yet available.

- Tracey Ducharme, Director

**Dannemora Free Library**

We have started a knitting group which meets on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. every other week. Please call (518) 492-7005 for scheduled dates. Any level from beginner to advanced may come and join us. Crocheters are also welcome to join in.

- Eileen Cody, Director

**Dodge Memorial Library, Rouses Point**

Friday, December 2 was Rouses Point's *Parade of Toys* led by Santa and Mrs. Claus. Carols were sung at the pavilion followed by cookies and hot chocolate which were served while children awaited their turn with Santa. The library, in conjunction with the Friends of the Library, gave away over 150 books to participants of all ages.

- Susan Sullivan, Director

**News from the Central Library**

**Plattsburgh Public Library**

The chances of a makerspace being created in Plattsburgh Public Library are looking good. Over the next three years, PPL will be making plans to transform a room within the library from a simple storage space to a location for patrons to get hands-on with 3D printers, electronics, tools, crafts, and beyond. Hopefully, with the support of small grants, they can get the funding to make the major change a reality. This would also coincide with a plan to create an interactive mural on the outside of the library to draw even more attention to the building.

Speaking of change, PPL will also be using around $15,000 to create a coffee bar that might take up shop in the library’s computer room. The café won’t be staffed by library employees, but will be staffed by a vendor that would work independently with the Department of Health, with none of the preparation of the food done within the library.

**Link We Like:**

[hourofcode.com/us](hourofcode.com/us)

Hour of Code offers tutorials that are available in over 45 languages. No experience needed. Ages 4 - 104. Google, MIT, Microsoft, and others have pitched in to make this a truly powerful resource to learn coding.
News From Essex County
Belden Noble Memorial Library, Essex

Our library will be the focus of a series of much-needed improvements in the months ahead. "Thanks to generous donors who contributed the required one-fourth of the funds up front," said Library Board President Colleen Van Hoven, "and the tireless efforts of our past and present board members, we were able to secure a grant of $60,179 from the New York State Library Construction Program."

The total funds available, more than $81,000, will go to restoring exterior doors and windows, roof repairs, adding insulation, upgrading the Library's electrical system, painting all exterior trim (last done in the 1990s), and creating an enlarged children's room and a reading room upstairs.

The renovations got a jump-start this past summer, when Nicholas Rumsey, a new resident of Essex, noticed that one of the Library's most prominent features, the balcony, needed more than a fresh coat of paint; it was badly in need of repair. Though the underlying structure is sound, he saw cracked and rotted balusters hanging free of warped and sagging bottom rails.

With the Library Board's approval, Rumsey spent close to 150 volunteer hours infilling cracks with a special wood epoxy, then sanding, priming, and pre-painting all 44 balusters on the lower balcony. "Just like people," Rumsey noted, "the balusters aged at different rates. Some were in good shape; most needed work." Essex resident Kevin DeLaughter generously volunteered his time to help with re-installation.

Although this project is just one small step in the planned upgrades to the Library, the restored balcony presents a new face forward.

-Tom Mangano, Director
Lake Placid Public Library

A girl named Dorothy, wearing hot, ruby-colored kicky shoes, who, along with a couple odd looking companions was searching for a man called the Wizard of Oz, visited us this summer. Said she had been blown out of Kansas by a tornado. Now that we have landed at the edge of snow season and are wondering how the summer went so fast, we know how she felt.

That Wizard production by the Hampstead Stage Company was the high point of our kid’s reading program, which began with a scavenger hunt for local athletic heroes and included a local pizza entrepreneur tossing an ever expanding disk of dough at the ceiling of the children’s room.

Now, the after-school program is back in session and it’s drawing lots of kids in grades three to five, who love having high school honor students there to help them with projects. Upcoming activities include make-your-own Halloween costumes and, on December 10, children will make their own cards as part of the Lake Placid Holiday Stroll.

High school students are coming by each Saturday morning for a math tutoring program which was begun last year. The free one-on-one help has been a great opportunity for students to improve grades and prepare for exams.

Besides kids and adults, we now have some distinctly odder looking library patrons. They go by names such as Pikachu, Psyduck and Drowzee. Since we arrived one day to discover we were a Poke Stop, we’ve had visitors drop by to seek them out.

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A milestone was reached by Linda Blair, who was saluted in a local news article on her 40-year anniversary as assistant librarian. Linda (often called Miss Linda by the littlest ones) is much loved by children and adults alike for her quiet, warm and welcoming manner. As the main front desk person, she has become the gentle face and the comfortable literary soul of the library.

Lots has been going on in our small art gallery with shows by Adirondack photographer Barry Lobdell and works by fabric artist Cris Winters, who owns the Pink House Gallery in Saranac Lake. Next up: photos by Julie Chrisman and then our yearly children’s holiday art show.

Our new webcam pointing to Mirror Lake has been a hit for anyone looking to check the weather or wanting a glimpse of water and mountains. The cam is dedicated to our late director, Nancy Morelli, and was made possible by donations in her memory. You can reach it simply by going to our website at www.lakeplacidlibrary.org.

Beside the view and our lawn, many people enjoyed our gardens this summer. They have been undergoing an extensive replanting program at the hands (and aching back) of our board president Nancy Shurtleff with help from vice president Keela Rogers. Besides a stairway garden that can be viewed from the street, Nancy has been planting and nurturing flowers in the new garden dedicated last fall to the memory of our long-time director Therese Patnode.

-Lisa Forrest, Assistant Librarian
E.M. Cooper Memorial Library, Wilmington

The Wilmington Library had its first “recipe swap” event on Wednesday, October 19. Several community members got together at the library to swap recipes, and exchange ideas about how to easily feed families on busy nights. The theme for this month’s exchange was “comfort food”. We met again on Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. to take on the theme of Thanksgiving side dishes. This event was a lot of fun and the participants were very enthusiastic.

The Library participated again this year in Wilmington’s Festival of the Colors. Our booth featured a Story Walk® with the book *I Took My Frog to the Library* by Eric A. Kimmel. The children walked grounds while reading the story and then come back to our booth and create a bookmark based on the story.

The Friends of the Library will be having their annual Cookies by the Pound Sale on December 10 at the library beginning at 10:00 a.m. This sale usually brings people from all over swarming to get their Christmas cookies.

-Samantha Baer, Director

Elizabethtown Library Association

Thanks to a NYS library construction grant, Elizabethtown Library is halfway through a long-awaited transformation! We have a new roof, bright LED lighting throughout, and new ceiling tiles. Carpet and circulation desk furniture form the next phase, and the changes are wonderful.

In October we offered another set of Monday Meditation sessions at 9:00 a.m. The sessions were popular and exerted a calming influence on attendees during a particularly stressful fall. We are excited to be partnering with an area preschool for story hour. We expect that this activity will give us lots of opportunities for stories and fun as we approach the holiday seasons.

I have announced my retirement to my board of trustees and will be leaving the library in February 2017. I have enjoyed working with colleagues doing great work in their community libraries. I expect to be active during the transition period to ensure a smooth hand over.

- Lora Langston, Director
Wells Memorial Library, Upper Jay

Many thanks to Ellen Metcalf for magnificent summer flowers in window boxes and planters out front, and to "Green-Up Day" volunteers who spruced up the library steps, picnic table, lawn, trees and shrubs. Our library looked terrific all summer long.

For an ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, READ! summer reading program, Casey Galligan of Sugar House Creamery in Upper Jay was here with farm photos and cool cow books. Participants then walked up the road to visit the cows, tour the farm and taste the milk. Also this summer, we welcomed Mountain to Mountain Children's Theatre Workshop for a performance of And the Dish Ran Away With the Spoon, adapted from a book by Janet Stevens in our children’s collection.

We received a grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation for a National Historic Register sign. Their website states: "This grant is available to commemorate public properties or districts in NYS that are on the National Register." Application information is available at: www.wgpfoundation.org, NYS Historic Grant programs - National Register of Historic Places Signage Program.

Our Quilters' Gathering meets at the library on the third Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. and is open to anyone with an interest in quilting.

-Karen Rappaport, Director
Paine Memorial Free Library, Willsboro

A frequently asked question this year has been, “What are the workman doing to the exterior of the Library?” The cause of the outside work is actually to be found inside the building, in the form of leaks over the fireplace and on the ceiling. To prevent further interior damage, the first phase of the work has been to completely rebuild the chimney, a project which was completed last fall. This summer, the masons have replaced cracked bricks on the upper portions of the walls and repaired old mortar in the joints of the white marble gables – which were also cleaned at both ends of the building.

Marble is a beautiful stone and lends great elegance to this historic building which was constructed in 1930. Unfortunately, it is a porous stone which can readily absorb dirt from the atmosphere. Despite the fact that not all stains can be thoroughly removed the building now looks considerably cleaner.

We have currently applied for a State Library Construction grant to continue the work of renovating the Library and making sure that it serves the community well for another 86 years. A huge thanks to CEF for helping us apply for our construction grant!

Some of the programs that are currently taking place are Meditation and a Spiritual Reading Group that takes place on Mondays at 5:15 p.m. This group meets under the direction of Tony D’Angelo. For thousands of years, meditators have claimed

**Did You Know?**

We’ve added a slew of festive titles to the ebook collection available on OverDrive. Patrons can check these out along with over 5,000 other titles on a computer or mobile device. Jump over to [cefls.overdrive.com](http://cefls.overdrive.com) to see them all.

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many benefits for their practice. Our experience suggests that regular mindfulness practice, through meditation, is an effective treatment for stress, worry, lack of focus, relationship problems, addictions and more. It leads to peace of mind and wellbeing, greater focus and creativity.

Other programs that are taking place are Tech Time on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to noon by appointment, Wednesday banjo lessons from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday Jam Band from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Friday Story Hour from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., and Saturday Infant / Toddler Story Hour on the first and third Saturday of every month from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. In the fall and winter months you can find puzzles in progress and coloring projects available at any time of the day.

Our Holiday Arts and Craft Sale will start in early December and we have many wonderful lectures scheduled for the beginning of 2017.

Stop by the Paine Memorial Library to participate in one of our programs or just to check out the wonderful restoration of this grand library.

-Cheryl Blanchard, Director

Schroon Lake Public Library
Expansion Update:

It looks like our expansion project is really going to happen this time. At the town board’s September meeting, the town board members voted to accept the bids for the general contracting and the electrical pieces of the project but will be rebidding the HVAC and plumbing. Our town supervisor is confident that the project will break ground in October of this year. This new space will more than triple what we have now and give us a new meeting room, children’s area, computer area, and YA section. As we are bursting at the seams, we can’t wait.

Some fun new things we are trying:

Get Your Uke On: we are offering a 10-week multi-generational Ukulele training camp in October. The program is facilitated by local musician Mark Piper. Participants are really having a good time.

Mindstorm Mania Robotics Camp: this summer we offered a week-long Lego Mindstorms Robotics camp that was facilitated by a
Teacher at Schroon Lake Central School, David Jones. Mr. Jones taught children, ages 10 and up how to write code, build, and program a robot using Mindstorms software. This was a collaboration with the library and the school, we paid the instructor fees, the school supplied the laptop lab, Mindstorm software, and the Lego Robotics.

Crafts for Uncrafty Adults: Fall Quilting for beginners will be held in October. Participants will learn all they need to know to create a simple quilt using the fusible web applique method. Facilitated by staff member, Jessica Botterbush, this project will hopefully inspire participants to join our monthly quilting group.

-Jane Bouchard, Director

Did You Know?
OverDrive isn’t only for ebooks. There are plenty of digital audiobooks on the system waiting to be checked out with a library card on a computer or mobile device. Take a look at cefls.overdrive.com to see these and more.

Keene Valley Library Association
Summer is busy. We see many friends, their children and grandchildren. It is a whirlwind of hugs and programs, the lecture series, music event, the Summer Benefit and this year we celebrated the launch of our Capitol Campaign. Come fall, once we catch our breaths, we begin planning programs for the quieter times. The planned programs are listed below, but we encourage you to check the website (www.keenevalleylibrary.org) for additional programs as they are developed and date changes.

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White Privilege

Privilege is thinking something is not a problem because it doesn’t affect you personally. Our first two sessions have been active and productive. The third and final meeting is December 5 at 7:00 p.m. Controversial conversations and actions swirl around the topic; we will come together to explore the issue. The next articles can be picked up at the library or found on line at these two sites.

“The Invisible Whiteness of Being” by Derald Wing Sue
https://goo.gl/UJKMDQ (Shortened URL)

“The Matter of Whiteness” by Richard Dyer
https://goo.gl/f2Mko0 (Shortened URL)

Book Launch

Lorraine Duvall has written a second book and celebrated this publishing venture with a book launch party on Monday, November 14 in the library. Her new book is entitled In Praise of Quiet Water.

Library Field Trip

Earlier in the summer, docents from the Nina Winkel Gallery at SUNY Plattsburgh came down to Keene to view the Nina Winkel sculptures in our library, as well as visit some of the sites familiar to Nina Winkel. They participated in a lively remembrance of Nina time in Keene Valley.

This fall, we traveled to the Nina Winkel Gallery at SUNY Plattsburgh and were given a wonderful tour of the Nina Winkel Gallery, the Rockwell Kent Gallery and the Burke Gallery where Nathan Farb’s Russian portraits are.

Handmade Gifts

On Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 p.m. we will feature afternoon of crafts for the whole family. All are invited to join us to make something special, ornaments, pillows, cards, to give as gifts. Special gifts will be made for the people at the Neighborhood House.

Magic the Gathering

A group of Magic enthusiasts meets on Fridays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., following the school calendar. There will be a special instruction meeting on December 10 at noon.

Did You Know?
The link to shop for the 2017 summer reading program is now live! You can view all of the items available in the print catalog here:
http://shopcslp.com/cslp/
The New Year
Beginning in January, we will have family movie nights again. Let us know what you’d like to see. We will also offer programs for students during the February school break on days the library is closed. Look for these and other programs on our website, www.keenevalleylibrary.com.

- Karen Glass, Director

When All This Paper Isn’t Quite Enough
Can’t get enough library news and information? We have you covered! The Pathfinder is Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System’s digital newsletter to keep you up-to-date on the stuff that just can’t wait for the presses. Head over to www.cefls.org and click “Subscribe” to get the latest and greatest sent directly to your email inbox. Miss out on any of the past issues? Don’t worry, you can click or tap your way through previous editions available in PDF.

Pathways to Success
Take a look at our new resource guide available at www.cefls.org for job seekers in our area. This printable guide has listings for all kinds of support services for finding and keeping a job. Print copies can also be found a member libraries in the area or can be requested from the CEFLS office by calling (518) 563-5190.

2016 Top Ten Most Requested Books (Drum roll, please.)

1. Girl on a Train by Paula Hawkins
2. Fool Me Once by Harlan Coben
3. Here’s to Us by Elin Hilderbrand
4. The Black Widow by Daniel Silva
5. 15th Affair by James Patterson
6. The Nest by Cynthia D’Apri Sweeney
7. The Last Mile by David Baldacci
8. Most Wanted by Lisa Scottoline
9. The Boys in the Boat by Daniel Brown
10. The Girl with the Lower Back Tattoo by Amy Schumer
News From Franklin County
Saranac Lake Free Library

Summer 2016 Highlights—On Wednesday, August 17, a dedication for the Natalie Bombard Leduc Collection of 500 books and periodicals on skiing was held in the Adirondack Research Room with 40 attending. With the help of the Saranac Lake Rotary Foundation, a group of Natalie Leduc’s friends created the Ski Book Preservation Project which raised funds to construct cabinets in the Adirondack Room for the books.

Natalie Leduc has been an avid skier, ski instructor and collector or ski materials. The collection includes ski instruction, history books, biographies, fiction, children’s stories, journals, and bound articles.

Our Mary MacIntyre Children’s Summer Reading Program ran three Wednesdays in July with over ninety preschool through fourth graders participating. The programs were led by Peggy Orman, Children’s Programs Coordinator, and eight volunteer leaders.

The August Come to the Fair event, featuring the sale of hundreds of books, Adirondack craft items, a Unique Boutique and Bakery Café, raised over $13,000 for the library.

Fall 2016 Programs—Our very popular Library Luncheon Series resumes on Thursday, November 3, with Dr. Nina Schoch, Coordinator of the Biodiversity Research Institute’s Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation, presenting Conservation through the Lives of Adirondack Loons.

The Lunch Programs take place every other Thursday in the Community Room from November to May with featured speakers with interesting topics to relate. They begin at noon and last 50 minutes, followed by a 10-minute question period. Attendees bring a lunch and enjoy homemade desserts and beverages provided by the library’s Hospitality Committee. On Nov. 17, Brian
Mann, Adirondack Bureau Chief for North Country Public Radio, will talk about *The 2016 Presidential Election, from the Rear-View Mirror*.

Preschool Story Time is offered every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

The Fiction Book Group, Science Book Group, Race: The Power of Illusion Study Group, Adult Coloring Group and Great Films Group each meet once a month.

-Ard Wiley, Library Assistant

**Akwesasne Cultural Center Celebrates 45 years: September 1971-2016**

The Akwesasne Cultural Center celebrated 45 years of service to Akwesasne and the surrounding communities. The public was invited to attend an open house at the Cultural Center on Thursday, September 22, 2016 beginning at 11:30 am. Traditional Arts vendors were set up on the front lawn and there was free admission the museum. At the evening reception welcoming remarks were given by the Board of Directors President, Irving Papineau. Glory Cole, Center Director and Sue Herne, Museum Program Coordinator, also shared information about the programs and services available and the importance the Center to the community. Visitors stopped by all day to tour the library and museum and the Sweetgrass Giftshop, which features various handcrafts by local artisans.

The library and museum staff and the board of directors appreciate the opportunity to serve the community and for the continued support provided for the Library and Museum over the past 45 years. Thank you to all of our supporters and especially the CEFLS, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, the Ministry of Ontario and all who have helped make the Akwesasne Library & Cultural Center a community library.

-Charity Lazore

Left to right: Sue Ellen Herne, Museum Program Coordinator, Irving Papineau, Library Board President, and Glory Cole, Director.
On Halloween we had lots of fun, giving away books instead of candy! More than 475 people stopped in, and we gave away over 165 books. Thanks to Mrs. Claus for coming in too. Check out more pictures and more fall updates our Goff-Nelson Memorial Library Facebook page at facebook.com/Goff-Nelson-Memorial-Library-117155678304053.

-Peg Mauer, Director

Wead Library, Malone

We are still recovering from our usual busy summer and it is hard to believe that we are making plans for the holidays. The colorful maple tree in front of the library is reminding us of the passing time. The library held its second Patron Appreciation Day in August, which was a big hit! There were children’s activities, local authors, book giveaways, and local musical talent all afternoon. Even in the 90 degree heat, everyone had a terrific time at this community event.

The library had a facelift this summer with new landscaping in the front yard. A number of old overgrown evergreens were taken out, a new memorial bench was installed, and new shrubs were planted around the flagpole, sign, and along the ramp. It feels like a new place, and patrons have been pleased with the change.

The Emergency Preparedness Kiosk from CEFLS was in the lobby for two weeks in September and it generated some interest. We especially enjoyed seeing the kids put on the headphones and explore. In conjunction with the kiosk, we held an Emergency Preparedness Workshop on the evening of Tuesday, September 20. Chris Lamica of Franklin County Public Health did a great job presenting emergency information to the group.
We hosted a few local author book readings in August and September. Jim McArdle spoke about his book *A Yank in Libya*, and Bobbie Panek read from her book *Just Another Day*. We have a local writers group that meets regularly at the library, and have recently started a poetry group as well.

Saturday September 17 featured the inaugural meeting of our new LEGO building club. There was a good turnout for our first two meetings, and we are planning to meet once a month. We were able to purchase a few large sets of LEGOs and we received a number of donations from patrons. There were plenty to share, and the kids had a fun time playing together.

Our fall schedule of programs for all ages is settling in. Friday night movie showings have begun, the craft group is going strong, and the book club still meets once a month, and preschool story hours have started for the year. In October, our teen advisory group helped set up our last book sale. We are looking forward to a busy and meaningful holiday season with lots on tap for all ages.

- Sue Wool, Director

![Speak and understand a new language faster!](https://www.cefls.org/database_language.htm)

**Links We Like**

**https://goo.gl/hHCj1U** (Shortened URL)

The link above is one of the presentations that I attended at the Saratoga NYLA Conference in early October. It was billed as *Building Relationships and Connecting With Parents*. However, the presenter focused more on engaging parents who bring their children into the library as well as those in the community who don’t.

The session featured sharable program and resource ideas that are or have been offered in libraries. Most were designed to better prepare parents so that they can support the development and education of their children.

- Karen Batchelder

**www.connectsafely.org**

ConnectSafely is a site focused on protecting yourself and your loved ones online. The website delves into topics like the best practices to create passwords or how to help your kids deal with cyberbullying. It’s a great place to learn more about staying safe on the Internet without placing too much of a stigma on the information age.
Reference Desk Tools and Apps
From Reference Desk Tools and Apps presentation by Kyla Hunt
Below are some links that should make your life a little easier:

Bibliography Help
BibMe—www.bibme.org
Select a citation style and enter your sources for free.
Zotero—www.zotero.org
Collect your citations in one place, any time or place.

Connectivity
Google Drive—drive.google.com
Office suite and file server made for collaboration.
Jing—www.techsmith.com/jing.html
Screenshot and video clip creator and sharer.

Copyright Help
Copyright in the Library—copyright.lib.utexas.edu
Copyright Crash Course to help understand the law.
Copyright Advisory Network—www.librarycopyright.net
Tools to help gauge if a work is protected by copyright.

Formatting and File Conversion
iLovePDF—www.ilovepdf.com
Convert JPEG and Word to PDF and back.
Zamzar—www.zamzar.com
Convert between over 1200 different file types.

Images
Creative Commons—search.creativecommons.org
Search through different types of licensed images.
Piktochart—www.piktochart.com
Create beautiful infographics for the web and print.
Pixabay—www.pixabay.com
Avoid licensed content and search images free to use.

Reader Advisory
Goodreads—www.goodreads.com
Social reader advisory to see what’s popular.
Library Thing—www.librarything.com
A community of 2,000,000 book lovers.

Social Media and Content Curation
Hootsuite—blog.hootsuite.com/beginners-guide-to-content-curation/
A good explanation on how to use social media.
A New Sustainability Initiative for New York Libraries

Is your library board treading water – knowing the potential of the library, but not knowing how to make forward progress? The New York Library Association has a new initiative that could help: the Sustainability Initiative. It encompasses a set of ideas that are focusing and clarifying the role libraries can play in their communities. It can really make a positive difference in how connected and valued the library is in the community, but it doesn’t have to involve a huge change. Small steps toward sustainability can be wins for both the library and its community!

The initiative has produced some useful tools libraries can use to increase their sustainability. The committee of library leaders envisioned three aspects of sustainability that libraries can work toward and also help their communities embody:

- **Sustainable**: the capacity to endure
- **Resilient**: to bounce back after disruption
- **Regenerative**: to bring new, energetic life

In addition, decisions a library board makes can be viewed with the concept of “the triple bottom line:”

Here are just a few examples of what NY libraries have done already:

- Installed solar panels to be, such as Peru Free Library
- Hold farmers’ markets, which support local growers, including Dodge Memorial Library
- During destructive storms, acted as places for people to charge phones, check email and more
- Supporting alternatives to driving, promoting walking, biking and public transportation – even having a bicycle fix-it station

All of these initiatives have brought both positive press and positive results in communities!

The initiative has an app, *NYLA Sustainability Road Map App*, to explore concepts and make plans for the library to consider. For more, check out [http://bit.ly/1QxU38K](http://bit.ly/1QxU38K).
They Do That Too?
We tend to keep busy here at the System. But we do more than just take care of van deliveries. Here are ten things that CEFLS does that you might not know about.

1. **Manual requests and email alerts in ICICILL**
   Can’t get it from a member library? We handle requests from libraries outside the area to fill as many requests as possible. You’d be surprised what we can find.

2. **Email notices in Horizon**
   Would a patron prefer to get an email instead of a phone call when a hold comes in? We can set that up.

3. **Return shipping for interlibrary loan materials**
   Shipping can be expensive! Thankfully, we take care of that in many situations thanks to Empire Delivery.

4. **Special patron and collection reports**
   Want to know how your titles are circulating or where they’re going? We can run customized reports through Horizon to get a better look at how patron’s wants and needs are being fulfilled.

5. **Help for patrons and library staff with ebooks and e-audiobooks**
   See the tutorials on any page at [www.cefls.org](http://www.cefls.org) for walkthroughs or give us a call at (518) 563-5190 to get help.

6. **CD and DVD cleaning and polishing**
   A scratch isn’t the end! We have a specialized machine that can buff out most scratches to make discs playable again.

7. **READ posters and summer reading support**
   A slew of promotional material can be sent out to any library at a moment’s notice when you want to get the word out.

8. **GrantStation access**
   Find funds without having to pay for a subscription to [www.grantstation.com](http://www.grantstation.com) by coming in to our main office and doing a search.

9. **Changing circulation rules in Horizon**
   Want to tweak how long items get checked out for or make sure certain types of items stay at your library instead of heading outside? We can change how the program sees certain titles.

10. **Promotion of member library events on social media platforms**
    Check out [www.facebook.com/CEFLS](http://www.facebook.com/CEFLS) to see all the events and news that we share. Send dfuller@cefls.org an email to have your info shared on social media.
Another 10 List:
Alzheimer’s Association

Did you know that approximately one in six individuals over the age of 65 will develop Alzheimer’s Disease, and one in two over age 85 will develop this disease? It is estimated that 5.4 million Americans are living with Alzheimer’s Disease. Unless effective treatment and ideally a cure is found, the number is expected to triple in the next decade because baby boomers are aging rapidly. While these statistics are startling, local libraries can play a key role in providing information on detection, causes and risk factors, and treatment.

The local chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association covers Clinton, Essex, Franklin and 14 other counties in Northeastern New York. Chapter staff have reached out to CEFLS and area libraries as key partners in their education efforts. To date, three community libraries have stepped up to help spread the word. On Thursday, December 8, the Schroon Lake Library hosted a session on The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Plattsburgh Public Library will host a session that covers this topic on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., followed by Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters on Tuesday, January 24 at 11:00 a.m. On Tuesday, January 19 at 11:00 a.m., Wead Library Malone will offer the Know the 10 Signs session.

For more information about these free sessions, please contact Tonya Garmley at (518) 867-4999 ext. 200.

And now for that list of “10 Early Signs and Symptoms of Alzheimer’s” from the www.alz.org web site:

1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life
2. Challenges in planning or solving problems
3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, at work or at leisure
4. Confusion with time or place
5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships
6. New problems with words in speaking or writing
7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps
8. Decreased or poor judgement
9. Withdrawal from work or social activities
10. Changes in Mood and personality
Or current resident