



CLINTON-ESSEX-FRANKLIN LIBRARY

A three county Library System serving 24 member libraries

NEWSLETTER

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SYSTEM HAS NEW HOME

The big news this month is the move into our new Headquarters Building at 17 Oak Street, Plattsburgh, next door to the Plattsburgh Public Library. Since the beginning of the System in 1954, we have been located in the basement of the Plattsburgh Public Library. As the years went by, it became increasingly apparent that the System needed more efficient space in order to function. With the aid of an LSCA Title II grant and system funds, a new building was made possible. Jeremiah Oosterbaan, Plattsburgh architect, was hired to design us an up-to-date modern building to house all our professional and clerical functions, as well as a garage for the bookmobiles. Construction began in October of 1968, and the building was finally completed in July of this year. The task of moving the catalog cases, furniture and 25,000 volumes took 3-1/2 days. The modern one story brick building is air-conditioned and heated electrically. Wall-to-wall carpeting has been installed in all office areas. The color scheme is gold, tan, dark brown and white. The door and window frames are of mahogany.

Dedication ceremonies will take place in the Fall.

SYSTEM SECURES LSCA FILM SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT GRANT

The System was notified by Department of Library Development that a request for Film Service grant for its new headquarters has been awarded. The System will soon be able to provide a broader service in this area than has been possible in the past. The grant total for the first year is \$25,000 to be spent in the following way: \$15,000 for films, \$10,000 for equipment and the salary of an audio-visual technician. The grant is renewable for a second and third year. \$10,000 may be granted for a fourth and fifth year until the goal of a collection of 300 films is reached. An especially designed room for this service has been built in the new headquarters building.

NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR MOSHIER AND WYNKOOP AWARDS

The New York Library Association is inviting nominations for the annual Moshier and Wynkoop awards which are given to community librarians for outstanding service. Nominations may be made by trustees and friends of the library. In the case of Wynkoop Award, the librarian may apply. Applications and information on the two awards may be obtained by requesting them from System Headquarters or from Miss Rosemarie M. Bertran, Ramapo Catskill Library System, Box 866, Middletown, New York 10940. To be eligible, applications must be postmarked on or before August 20, 1969.

SYSTEM STAFF NEWS

Mrs. Barbara Doh, C-E-F Children's Consultant since 1963, resigned June 30 to become the Children's Librarian of the Southside School located in the Plattsburgh Air Force Base. Mrs. Doh is well known by all the three county libraries for her knowledge of work with children, as well as her talents in story telling. We wish her well in her new position.

Mrs. Rose Waddell, System Cataloger, will become the Children's Consultant as her duties have diminished greatly with System technical processing now being done by the Suffolk Cooperative Library. In the past, Mrs. Waddell has had a great deal of experience in the area of Children's services.

Mr. Edward Bachus, System Reference Coordinator since November 1969 has resigned effective July 31, to take a position as Head of Technical Services of Skidmore College Library in Saratoga Springs, New York. Good Luck, Ed.

NEWS OF MEMBER LIBRARIES

Champlain

The new Champlain Free Library is rapidly nearing completion. Many donations have been received when it was realized that the original donation of \$40,000 given by Mrs. Arthur Atwood of Plattsburgh would not be sufficient to pay for the proposed Library. Mrs. Margaret Dresser heads a Library Committee organized to solicit donations. Among the donors is the Harris-Intertype Corporation, through its local subsidiary, the Sheridan Company in Champlain, who donated \$1,000.

Chazy

Fourteen members of the Friends of the Library met at the home of Mrs. Helen Tanner to elect the 1969-1970 officers. Those elected are: President, Rita Taylor; Vice President, Carolyn Keable; Secretary, Lanny Kirby; and Treasurer, Helen Tanner.

Lake Placid

The theme for the Children's Reading Program is Cool it with books this Summer and every Summer. The new reading program has been initiated by Sharon Steltzer, Lake Placid's Librarian. During the Summer, children will be required to read 25 books of their choice from the library. The program will be climaxed at the end of the Summer by a party on the library lawn when certificates of merit will be awarded.

Malone

The Malone Central School Budget and the Wead Library proposition were overwhelmingly approved by school district voters at the June election. The question of whether \$27,185 would be appropriated for operation of the Wead Library during the coming year received 755 affirmative votes and 197 against.

Saranac Lake

The annual membership campaign for the Saranac Lake Free Library is continuing in its goal of \$5,000. Mr. D. Mott Chapin, President of the Saranac Lake Free Library, urges all residents of the Saranac Lake area to become members of the Library. The Library Community Room has become a very popular meeting place for various groups.

Tupper Lake

A large turn-out of friends and library patrons attended the dedication ceremonies of the Grace O. Simmons Memorial Room. Speakers gave tribute to the work of Mrs. Simmons who for 22 years did all she could to create and maintain a library that all would be proud of. Mrs. Simmons' own deep interest in a better library was credited with sparking the desire of others to help, culminating with the recent bequest of Mrs. Charity Nelson which will make available about \$75,000 for the construction of the new Goff-Nelson Memorial Library, in Tupper Lake.

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