



CLINTON-ESSEX-FRANKLIN LIBRARY

A three county Library System serving 24 member libraries

NEWSLETTER

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LIBRARY SYSTEM FINANCING

As you all know, the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library is supported almost entirely by New York State and county funds. The counties have increased their support of the system over the past few years. This is fortunate because the state has been lagging. Since 1966 when the present formula was adopted, no increase has come from the state. Yet the services which we established with state funds, including bookmobile service, reference service, grants to libraries and our delivery service, cost more with each succeeding year. Fortunately, our counties have helped pick up the slack.

However, we are now in trouble. If we are to continue at even the present level, we must have additional support. Our bookmobiles are aging, yet we do not have adequate reserves for replacing them. Our delivery service is below par and should be improved. New media are constantly appearing; yet we cannot afford to provide them. Eventually even our grants to libraries or payment of processing costs may have to be cut.

We need your help. Bills numbers S317 and A776 have been introduced into the New York State Senate and Assembly to remedy the situation. Additional material has been sent separately outlining the need and listing the legislation. Please pass them on to patrons, urge them to write their representatives, and write yourself.

Like your own Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library, the Reference and Research Resources network (including North Country 3R's) needs your support for bill numbers A4849 and S4271 and the libraries of state institutions need your support for bill numbers A4850 and S7368.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
APRIL 18-24, 1971

National Library Week this year will be April 18-24, 1971. The theme of the week will be "You've got a right to read." A flyer and a supply of bookmarks has been distributed to each library.

FREE REFERENCE MANUALS:

The following free New York State reference books are often available through your state senator or assemblyman:

1. New York Red Book 1970-71
2. New York Secretary of State Manual for the use of the legislature of the State of New York

We suggest that you write and request these.

FREE FURNITURE

Currently up for disposition are several used glass tabletops (three rectangular, two round). Any interested member library may contact Verna Pungitore or Laura Ingalls at Plattsburgh Public Library for additional information.

NOTES FROM C-E-F

A number of our libraries have been using our new and growing film collection for library programs. Have you? Remember, we have a projector which may be borrowed by libraries for library programs. We also have a slide projector which may be borrowed for library programs.

WORKSHOP MEETING

Due to anticipated long absences, our usual workshop schedule will be somewhat abbreviated this year. Instead of the usual April-June-August-October schedule we will have a May-August-October schedule.

The May meeting will be on Monday, May 24. We plan a varied program of short talks on the following topics: fiction, reference books (including those on the grant list), the card catalog, and drug literature. We also are planning time for general questions from the floor and for individual consultation.

We shall begin at 10:00 a.m., and the usual luncheon will follow. Please plan to come.

C-E-F UNION LIST

Just a reminder: we need an author card for each book for our union list. However, it is only the author card which we need; we do not need any title or subject cards.

NEWS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

CHATEAUGAY 25th ANNIVERSARY

The Chateaugay Memorial Library celebrated its 25th anniversary on February 25. The first books were loaned on February 25, 1946 after a group of women led by Rose Almaw and Lillian Banta spent months in laying the groundwork and organizing the library. Mrs. Julia Harrica organized and classified the books.

Shortly after opening, the expanding library moved to larger quarters in the Welfare Office. Then in 1963 the Town Board Room was made available. Since then there have been several other useful additions, one of them being modern metal shelves.

In 1962 the library joined the CEF Library, thus making it possible to provide an expanded service. And in 1965 Mrs. Earl Jarvis, the first full-time employee, was hired. The library now owns 6,582 books.

Congratulations from C-E-F on your 25th anniversary. Keep up the good work.

AUSABLE FORKS

The AuSable Forks Free Library has established a Foundation Fund. This replaces the phased-out building fund, and has a goal of \$10,000. When the goal is reached, interest from the fund will be added to the budget for books and operating funds....Mrs. Jeannette Cameron, founder of the library and faithful board member died January 13, 1971. Her guiding wisdom will be sorely missed....Four children's books illustrated by Mr. Kenneth Longtemps, formerly of AuSable Forks, were donated to the library by the illustrator.

CHAMPLAIN

The display case has been used to display the trophies of local volunteer firemen, and also to display material on the topic of smoking....The library has received a new 16 mm projector and screen for use by organizations.

ESSEX

On Saturday evening January 30, a turkey dinner was held in support of the library. We understand that the dinner was a real success.

KEESEVILLE

The new wall to wall carpeting has been installed....A filmstrip projector and screen has been purchased for showing filmstrips to story hour groups....Annual circulation for 1970 was 22,530, an increase of 1507 over 1969....Additional shelving and a book drop will be installed in the near future.

MALONE

Children's film programs were held on December 29 and 30 in the conference room. The films were supplied by the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library....Graham Kerr, known as the "Gallopig Gourmet," sent an inscribed copy of his book to the people of Malone during the winter carnival. The carnival chairman, Thomas Wilson, gave the book to the library....The library received its official charter December 18, 1970. The Wead Library is now officially the 25th member of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library.

PLATTSBURGH

In observance of National Library Week Plattsburgh Public Library is conducting a "Photograph your Library in Action" contest. Young people from 10 thru 14 years of age are eligible. Prizes of \$10, \$7 and \$5 will be awarded for the three snapshots which best illustrate library activities, and winners will be announced during NLS in April.

With volunteer help the branch library at Bouyea Court housing project has been opened an additional afternoon each week; and a collection of light reading has been placed at Lakeview Towers for use by the residents who are elderly and cannot always make the trip to the main library.

Among recent additions to the library's local history collection is a genealogy of the King family of Lyon Mt. and Chazy Lake. It was compiled and donated to the library by Mrs. Rita Campbell. A copy of "Vive Valcour", written by M. H. Yager at

the request of the Thousand Island Park Commission, was presented to the library by the author. This most interesting document consists of Mr. Yager's memories of the island and his suggestions to the State concerning its recreational development.

ROUSES POINT

The library is in the process of rewiring and putting in new lighting....The display case has a display of antique post cards.

SARANAC LAKE

Members and friends of the Saranac Lake Free Library met February 17 to hear of the library's success during 1970 and to view 150 slides made from original glass plates of the Kollecker collection. It goes without saying that the evening was a great success. A children's art exhibit was also on display at this time for members to enjoy....The Potsdam Library Club was given a tour of the Saranac Lake Public Library in early February. The club also visited the Trudeau, Will Rogers, and high school libraries.

TICONDEROGA

Girl Scout Troop 193 has decorated the library for the holiday season and has also donated time to keep the shelves in order, work on incoming books, etc....Two groups from the Mother Goose School made field trips to the library in January....The Librarian, Mrs. Morton is writing book reviews for the two local weekly newspapers.

TUPPER LAKE

The library has engaged the architectural firm of William H. Prescott of Plattsburgh to design the new Goff-Nelson Memorial Library....A children's film program was held in December with films from the C-E-F library....A new book deposit station has been established at Ivy Terrace, a local residence of senior citizens.

WADHAMS

In spite of nasty weather, the Wadhams Library had a fine attendance at the open house on January 16....The library received a section of poetry including a large collection from the personal library and in the memory of the late Miriam White, who was also a poet and author.

WILLSBORO

Mrs. Marion Mason has retired as librarian of the Paine Memorial Library, a position she has held since the library first opened. Her regular presence will be sorely missed by her many friends. However, she is still in the library on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Mrs. Janice Allen has succeeded Mrs. Mason in the position of librarian. Best wishes to both of you in your new roles.

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