



CLINTON-ESSEX-FRANKLIN LIBRARY

A three county Library System serving 24 member libraries

NEWSLETTER

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STATE AID

We have recently sent you material concerning State legislation to increase state aid to public library systems and their central libraries. A copy of the FACT SHEET is attached hereto.

As we pointed out, the ravages of inflation have brought us to the point of having to consider curtailment of services in 1974 if we do not receive any additional state aid.

May I urge you again to write in support of our need. At this writing, the Assembly Bill - A683 and the Senate Bill - S638 are in committee. First priority in writing to the list of legislative leaders we furnished you should go to the Chairman of the following committees:

Senate Finance Committee, Chairman, Senator John J. Marchi
Assembly Ways and Means Committee, Chairman, Willis H. Stephens
Senate Education Committee, Chairman, Leon E. Giuffreda
Assembly Education Committee, Chairwoman, Constance E. Cook

Please let us know if you need any additional copies of the material that we asked you to distribute to your public.

MEMBER LIBRARIANS MEETING - "RAP SESSION" - April 30, 1973

What have you always wanted to tell us but just never got around to saying? We have been standing up before you for years now at countless meetings talking to you. True, we have always tried with mixed results to encourage participation by welcoming questions and comments from the floor. So we have decided to turn the tables on you and put some of you behind the speaker's table where you can tell us what you think.

Mrs. Dening and Mrs. DesChene of Tupper Lake, Mrs. Metcalfe of Peru and Mr. Minnich of Malone have agreed to form a panel for a "Rap Session" on the system and its services on Monday April 30, 1973 at headquarters. Briefly, the system's services to member libraries are:

1. Help in book selection which includes paid subscriptions to book reviewing periodicals and selective current book lists
2. Payment of cost of cataloging and processing books
3. Interlibrary loan and reference service assuring anyone unable to get a book or information he needs from the local library that he will be able to get it from system resources or from a statewide network of libraries
4. Regularly scheduled loans of book collections

MEMBER LIBRARIANS MEETING CONT.

5. Free loan of films, recordings, framed art reproductions and slides
6. Information and advice on any aspect of library service
7. Annual book grants
8. Annual cash grants of \$300

The panel would like to receive ideas and suggestions from you before the meeting. Please communicate with Mrs. Carol Dening at the Goff-Nelson Memorial Library, 41 Lake Street, Tupper Lake, New York 12986, phone 359-9421.

REVENUE SHARING

Many libraries around the state are becoming vocal in requesting funds from their local political jurisdictions. There is legal precedent for libraries to request these funds, as libraries are listed as a "priority expenditure" for the use of these funds by municipalities (counties, towns, cities, and villages). More libraries should make a determined effort to secure the use of these funds made possible by Federal law 92-512. This is a five-year law, and plans should be made to take advantage of these funds for each of the five years.

Attached is a check sheet reproduced from information supplied through the courtesy of the Southern Tier Library System. We suggest that you make full use of this sheet in planning your requests. Feel free to call us for ideas.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, APRIL 8-14

Posters and bookmarks are now being distributed to all our member libraries. In addition to the use of these posters and bookmarks, we encourage you to plan some special activities to celebrate the week. Possible activities include:

- An evening open house with refreshments
- A new books exhibit
- An art exhibit featuring local artists
- Film festival
- Special story hour for children
- Puppet shows
- Favorite book contest
- Riddle contests centered around books
- Craft exhibits featuring crafts inspired by books
- Topical exhibits, such as gardens, science, etc. sponsored by local organizations and featuring books

As much as possible we should try to involve our local communities. It is when they become involved that the library will become a part of their daily lives.

REGENTS EXTERNAL DEGREE PROGRAM

The Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York has established Regents External Degrees as an alternate route to a college degree. Specifically designed for those individuals who choose to learn on their own, the program is based on the philosophy that what a person knows is more important than how he learned it. Thus, on-campus residence or classroom attendance is not required in order to earn a Regents External Degree.

REGENTS EXTERNAL DEGREE PROGRAM CONT.

The following programs are now open for enrollment:

Associate in Arts
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
Associate in Applied Science in Nursing

A fourth degree program is being developed: the Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree. Candidates for this degree should be able to enroll shortly.

We are sending for a supply of an information pamphlet describing the program, and when we receive them, we will be distributing them to our member libraries.

Further information may be obtained from the Regents External Degree Program, 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12210.

GRANTS-IN-AID FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Adult Services Section of the New York Library Association is sponsoring grants-in-aid for continuing education. These grants range from \$50 to \$250, and are to be used to attend workshops, conferences, etc., take full semester courses in day or evening school (but not to be applied toward a formal degree), or visit other libraries or appropriate institutions. These activities must be pursued with the idea of improving your ability to serve adults.

For further information, please contact Hugh Starke at CEF Headquarters.

NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The New York Library Association has scholarships available for full-time graduate study in librarianship at an approved library school. They are awards of merit based upon past academic achievement, etc. Application forms, (which must be on file with the Committee by April 26, 1973 along with all references and any necessary transcripts) may be obtained from Hugh Starke at CEF Headquarters. If you are interested, don't delay.

NEWBERY & CALDECOTT AWARD WINNERS, 1972

Newbery Award Winner

George, Jean C. - Julie of the Wolves (Harper)

Newbery Honor Books

Lobel, Arnold - Frog and Toad Together (Harper)
Reiss, Johanna - Upstairs Room (Crowell)
Snyder, Zilpha K. - Witches of Worm (Atheneum)

Caldecott Award Winner

Mosel, Arlene - The Funny Little Woman; illus. by Blair Lent (Dutton)

Caldecott Honor Books

Baylor, Byrd - When Clay Sings; illus. by Tom Bahti (Scribner)
Grimm Bros. - Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs; illus. by Nancy E. Burkert (Farrar)

Caldecott Honor Books Cont.

Baskin, Hosea - Hosie's Alphabet; illus. by Leonard Baskin (Viking)
McDermott, Gerald - Anansi the Spider; illus. by Gerald McDermott (Holt)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES FOUNDATION

We are pleased to announce that John Stock of Tupper Lake, President of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library and Vice-President of the Goff-Nelson Memorial Library in Tupper Lake has been elected a director of the Library Trustees Foundation of New York State. This Foundation is a statewide association of over 200 public library boards interested in promoting good library service throughout the state.

SERVICE TO DANNEMORA CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

For the past year, CEF has been supplying collections of both fiction and non-fiction to the Clinton Correctional Institute and to the Adirondack Treatment and Evaluation Center in Dannemora on a bi-monthly basis.

Collections are selected to meet the needs and interests of inmates. Gift books are also included in these collections. This expansion of services of CEF library is a new plan to make library books and materials available to all people in the area.

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

The Keene Valley Library Association, Keene Valley, New York 12943 has the following books available for sale on a first-come, first-serve basis. We understand that these books are in new condition. Please contact the Keene Valley Library directly.

		List	Sale
HEYER, G.	APRIL LADY	\$6.95	\$3.00
HEYER, G.	SPRIG MUSLIN	\$6.95	\$3.00
SEYTON, A.	GREEN DARKNESS	book club	\$2.00
DU MAURIER D.	RULE BRITANNIA	\$6.95	\$3.00
FRANCIS, D.	SMOKE SCREEN	\$5.95	\$2.00
COOKSON, C.	MALLEN STREAK	\$6.95	\$3.00
WHITNEY, P.	SNOW FIRE	\$6.95	\$3.00
HALLAHAN	DEAD OF WINTER	\$5.95	\$2.00
LAMBERT	RED HOUSE	\$6.95	\$4.00
SYMONS	PLAYERS AND THE GAME	\$5.95	\$2.00
OGILVIE	WEEP AND KNOW WHY		\$3.00
NIZER, L.	IMPLOSION CONSPIRACY	\$10.00	\$5.00
TEICHMANN	GEO. S. KAUFMANN	\$10.00	\$5.00
NOLAN	SURGEON'S WORLD	\$7.95	\$4.00
WAY THINGS WORK			
VOLUME 2		\$9.95	\$5.00
SMITH	GARDENING FOR FOOD	\$7.95	\$4.00

REQUEST FROM OUR MAILING DEPARTMENT

We would appreciate it if you would return to us any surplus book mailers in reusable condition which you may have. These mailers cost money, so any saving in this direction would be appreciated. They may simply be sent back with any regular pick-up of books.

NEWS OF MEMBER LIBRARIES

AUSABLE FORKS

The annual report of President Ethel Manning shows that much was accomplished during 1972, including ceiling lowering in the basement, the building of a new tool shed, landscaping around the outside of the building to divert water flow away from the building, repair of the back yard fences, and numerous other physical improvements. There have also been a number of gratifying "In memoriam" book donations.

LAKE PLACID

Ms. Sharon Steltzer resigned as librarian as of December 31. She left the library after several fruitful years in order to further her college education. We shall all miss her. She has been replaced by Mrs. John (Therese) Dixon, a local resident who is enthusiastic in her new position. We wish both the best of luck.

MALONE

Mr. Richard H. Kimball, Director of the North Country 3-R Council was the guest of Librarian David Minnich and speaker at a recent local Kiwanis Club meeting...Among other services provided by the library is the lending of books to the local jail for circulation to the inmates...Recent additions include microfilm editions of LIFE magazine, 1936-1958 and the ADIRONDACK NEWS, 1887-1933.

SARANAC LAKE

A large framed picture of Saranac Lake in 1895 was given to the library by the local Fire Department. The Fire Department also gave a financial ledger dating back to 1911 and also several old pictures of fire fighting companies in the early 1900's...Mr. D. Mott Chapin has been reelected as President of the Saranac Lake Free Library...The Library asked for \$9,562 from the Town's share of revenue sharing funds. The Library would use these funds to make microfilm copies of the Adirondack Enterprise and catalog the Adirondack Collection at the Library.

WADHAMS

Mrs. Heidi Vaughan is the new librarian at the Wadhams Free Library. She recently replaced Mrs. Ruth Peters, who served the library faithfully since the death of Mrs. Sayres until the doctor finally told her that she would have to cut back a bit. We will all miss Mrs. Peters at the library and wish Mrs. Vaughan the best of luck in her new position.

*Anthony F. Vecchio, Director
Hugh R. Starke, Editor*

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Facts About Revenue Sharing

(State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, Public Law 92-512)

- 1.) Libraries are listed as a "priority expenditure" for municipalities (counties, towns, cities, and villages). Please note - no school districts receive funds.
- 2.) The act is effective for 5 years so it is worth the effort to keep trying at the local level as the allocation is local where libraries have best contacts.
- 3.) The funds may be expended for construction, operation and maintenance of a library.
- 4.) Make a point of the fact that it was not the intent of Congress to have the funds used to reduce local taxes.

Budgeting For Revenue Sharing

I. Public Safety

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| 1. | Fire extinguishers on all floors
(Portable soda type as well as pressurized water tanks) | \$ _____ |
| 2. | Interior and exterior lighting of all stairs | \$ _____ |
| 3. | Public liability insurance | \$ _____ |
| 4. | Stair railings and step repairs | \$ _____ |
| 5. | Floor Repair | \$ _____ |
| 6. | Fire insurance | \$ _____ |
| 7. | Other | \$ _____ |

Sub Total \$ _____

II. Building Repairs (General)

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| 1. | New roof (or repairs to) | \$ _____ |
| 2. | New gutters and downspouts
(basement water? damage to books from dampness) | \$ _____ |
| 3. | Dehumidifying equipment | \$ _____ |
| 4. | Sump pump | \$ _____ |
| 5. | Waterproofing basement walls
(some of these paints are vey good) | \$ _____ |
| 6. | Furnace overhaul (replacement) | \$ _____ |
| 7. | Water heater. Larger capacity needed? | \$ _____ |
| 8. | Ventilating fans | \$ _____ |
| 9. | Painting (exterior, interior) | \$ _____ |
| 10. | Insulation and weatherstripping, storm doors and windows | \$ _____ |
| 11. | Plumbing | \$ _____ |
| 12. | Fluorescent lighting (parallel the book stacks with the tubes) | \$ _____ |

- 13. Foundation repairs, tuck pointing outside walls \$ _____
- 14. Does dirt around foundations slope down away from building? \$ _____
- 15. Siding need repair or replacement \$ _____
- 16. Screens, repair or replacement \$ _____
- 17. Broken storm sash or doors \$ _____
- 18. Door locks and latches and window fastenings in working order \$ _____
- 19. Basement, possible remodelling for use \$ _____
- 20. Walls, Ceilings and Floors: loose, water stained plaster \$ _____
- 21. Attic, reconsider that insulating job. It really pays in heat loss prevention \$ _____
- 22. Other \$ _____

Sub Total \$ _____

III. Electrical

- a. Fully grounded (3 wire) system under study to replace 2 wire system \$ _____
- b. Sufficient circuits and outlets - do lights dim or flicker \$ _____
- c. Use of extension cords is minimal with no frayed or damaged insulation \$ _____
- d. Adequate lighting \$ _____
- e. No exposed wiring except as provided by National Electrical Code \$ _____
- f. Safe wiring in damp locations \$ _____
- g. Main electric shut off breaker at fuse or breaker panel \$ _____

Sub Total \$ _____

IV. Library Services

- 1. Expansion of film services \$ _____
- 2. Services to new publics as:
 - a. the elderly
 - b. the pre-schooler
 - c. the young adult
 - d. the disadvantaged \$ _____
- 3. After school services require 2 persons because _____

Minimum wage under federal law

- a. \$1.85 per hour x _____ hours = \$ _____
- b. Benefits, ie social security, etc. \$ _____

Sub Total \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

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FACT SHEET

LEGISLATION TO INCREASE STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS AND CENTRAL LIBRARIES

Senate Bill #⁶⁸³683 - sponsor, Senator John J. Marchi
Assembly Bill #⁶³⁸638 - sponsor, Assemblywoman Constance E. Cook

(Note - Numbers are similar - don't switch them)

PEN POWER...

It's mightier than the sword and it's in your hands. Use it to let your Albany legislator know your views about the inadequate support the State affords its mandated service -- the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System.

WRITE NOW...

In these days, a letter may seem a pale and timid means of letting your public officials know how you feel. Don't you believe it. Letters may not make headlines but they can make a difference in legislative halls.

SPEAK OUT...

Elected officials can only reflect the public interest when you the public speak up loud and clear. Thus, think what your library means to you and your community, then speak out loud and clear via letters, telegrams, phone calls, and personal visits.

PROVISIONS OF BILL COMPARED TO PRESENT:

	<u>BILL</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>
70¢ instead of 40¢ for each person in 3 counties - 151,496 people	\$106,147	\$ 60,598
\$75 for each sq. mi. instead of \$16 - 4556 sq. mi.	\$341,700	\$ 72,896
\$25,000 for each county instead of \$20,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 60,000
We will continue to be reimbursed for book purchases up to 30¢ per capita after qualifying by spending 40¢ per capita	\$ 45,449	\$ 45,449
TOTAL	<u>\$568,296</u>	<u>\$238,943</u>
Central library, Plattsburgh Public Library, will get \$50,000 instead of \$15,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 15,000
3500 non-fiction titles per year for central library instead of 3000		

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATION...

- The State Aid formula has not changed since 1966
- Inflation has eroded the buying power of 1966 dollars by at least 30%
- Book costs have risen 32.6%

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATION CONT...

- Periodical costs are up 47.9%
- Workload of System is up due to heavy use of services by local community residents
- System funds are depleted and must rely on borrowing and deficit funding

WHEN YOU WRITE YOUR LEGISLATOR...

Letters must be personal, friendly, but forceful. Handwritten letters get more attention. Don't ramble, be concise.

Form letters and petitions carry little clout. They are noted by the pound. Nothing about them reveals the resentment their signers feel about curtailed library services.

Your vote is your legislator's concern. Let him know that a vote against adequate library funding would deprive you, and your children of intellectual growth and recreation, your community of a learning center, your senior citizens of many sources of leisure.

Emphasize what the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System does for your library or how it serves you directly through the bookmobile.

Be sure your letters include:

- a. Bill number and sponsor - Assembly Bill A-683 (Cook)
Senate Bill S-638 (Marchi)

(Note: numbers are similar - don't switch them)

- b. Your own name and address.

During the legislative session, address your legislators thus:

Senate: The Honorable _____
Senate Chambers
The Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

Assembly: The Honorable _____
Assembly Chambers
The Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Mr. _____

REMEMBER...

A bill must be reported out of the committee to which it has been assigned before it can be voted on in either house. It is, therefore, essential that letters and telegrams go to the Chairman of these committees and the Clinton-Essex-Franklin County Legislators who are members. Request release of the bill (by number and sponsor) and recommend their supporting vote when it comes to the floor of their house (Senate or Assembly). See attached list.

House leaders are among - if not the - most influential men in Albany. Write them also, even though you are not their constituent. As leaders they must take a broad view of the whole state (see attached list).

When the bill passes both Houses, write to Governor Rockefeller immediately requesting him to sign it.

New York State Legislative Leaders

Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller

Lieut. Governor & President of Senate Malcolm Wilson

Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea, Jr.

Assembly Majority Leader John E. Kingston

Assembly Minority Leader Stanley Steingut

Senate Majority Leader Warren M. Anderson

Senate Minority Leader Joseph Zaretzki

Assembly Ways & Means Committee Chairman Willis H. Stephens

Assembly Education Committee Chairman Constance E. Cook

Senate Finance Committee Chairman John J. Marchi

Senate Education Committee Chairman Leon E. Giuffreda

Senator Ronald B. Stafford

Assemblyman Andrew W. Ryan

Assemblyman Glenn H. Harris

All may be written to at the

State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

