WHEN I RETIRE I'M GOING TO LIVE NEXT DOOR!

I've heard all my friends’ plans for retirement. They're going to Arizona, to California, to Florida - the golden life, warm weather, tropical sunsets, desert vistas, blue ocean stretching to the horizon. And it sounds expensive and a little dull to spend the rest of your life looking at tropical sunsets in insulated and insular senior citizen surroundings. That's not for me! When I retire (and that's not for many, many years, baby) I'm going to have it made. When I retire, I'm going to live next door to the library!

On what I figure my retirement income to be, I shall be able to afford only small luxuries and those spasmodically. For dessert every other week, I'll lick a stamp. On my birthday I'll flame candles on my ground beef patty. But living next door to the library can still give me the Good Life on a retirement budget.

Where else can I find so many things free? Film programs - the library has so many and such diversified films that I'll certainly find some to appeal to my taste. Group discussions, great books programs - they're made for people like me who need intellectual stimulus so as not to become stagnant. I can take home for my own private enjoyment records and cassettes and listen to music made for my evanescent solitary moods. I'll borrow free art reproductions to hang on my walls, creating an eclectic pattern of decor that can change with my selections.

Best of all - the books! Then I'll have time to read for fun, to provide ammunition for political arguments with my friends, to learn how to do the practical things I should have learned years ago. Books that are new, books to re-read: the vagaries of North Country weather can be ignored with the library close by and my voracious appetite for the printed word slaked daily. I may be the bane of the circulation desk - but who knows, if I live next door to the library, I might even get my books back on time.

M. Leggett

STATE AID FOR LIBRARIES

Effective in July, 1974, a new feature of State Aid for public and association libraries is Local Sponsor Incentive Aid. Under the terms of this program, a library must increase its local support by at least $750 in order to receive up to five cents per capita for the area it is chartered to serve.

This program is restricted to libraries open thirty hours a week and which employ a certified librarian. Unfortunately these provisions eliminate most small rural librarians and we, as a System, feel they should be liberalized.
BOOK PRICES AND THE LIBRARY BUDGET

Right along with the American housewife, the librarian is feeling the pinch of inflation. The overall cost of the average book has increased 54 percent from 1967 to 1972, according to the Publishers Weekly, February 5, 1973. Taken apart statistically in the most popular buying areas for small libraries, the rise is shown as follows:

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Periodical prices have also risen from an average of $8.02 per subscription in 1967 to $13.23 in 1972 – almost a 53 per cent increase.

In view of this increase in book and periodical prices, it is time for librarians and trustees to look carefully at their present budgets when requesting funds for next year. The current paper shortage is driving the cost of paper extremely high and will also undoubtedly result in an even more substantial increase in book prices this year. More than ever before, it's apparent that it takes money to operate a library.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

From the American Library Association Office of Intellectual Freedom come the following guidelines for determining whether or not a work is protected by the first amendment:

First, and of particular significance, the phrase "utterly without redeeming social value" was deleted as one of the three tests, all of which had to be met in order for a work to be banned. The Court ruled instead that material is subject to censorship, if, "taken as a whole", it "lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value".

Second, the Supreme Court established that the phrase "community standards" is not to be interpreted as being standards of the "national community". Rather, the Court declared that each state--and even each local political subdivision--may enact obscenity legislation. This legislation is to be applied through a jury on the local level which will review each work according to the "average person" standard. If the jury, using local standards, decides that the "average person" in its particular community would find the material obscene, it will be censored.

Third, it is no longer necessary for a prosecutor to present evidence in his attempt to convince the jury that a work is obscene and, therefore, illegal. A prosecutor now has only to present the work itself to the jury, and, based on its first-hand review, the jury is entitled to make the determination of obscenity.

Fourth, the concept that a person has the right to possess whatever he desires in the
privacy of his own home (Stanley v. Georgia) has been narrowly restricted. While a person is still entitled to possess whatever he desires in his own home, he may not purchase, acquire or import from any source, material deemed to be obscene.

There will be, inevitably, some confusion as this ruling is interpreted in various communities, particularly since some libraries may serve more than one community. In addition, the question of what is meant by "average persons", what element determines "serious value" and who is to make this judgment further complicates the issues involved. To keep informed of developments in this area, we suggest that all libraries subscribe to the Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom, published bi-monthly by the American Library Association, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. The newsletter costs $5.00 per year.

TRUSTEE APPOINTED TO ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

John W. Stock of Tupper Lake has been appointed by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller to a newly-created seat on the Adirondack Park Agency's nine member governing board for a three year term. Mr. Stock is superintendent for Litchfield Park Corporation which owns some 28,000 acres of timberland in the Tupper Lake area. He is past president of the New York State Forest Owners Association and is serving his second two-year term on the U.S. Department of Agriculture national advisory committee. He was the 1972 winner of the Heiberg award of the New York State College of Forestry for "outstanding contributions in forestry and conservation". He has been a trustee of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library since 1964 and is currently president of the Board of Trustees.

THREE R'S MEETING HELD

A meeting of the North Country Reference and Research Resources Council was held September 20th at the Valcour Educational Center of the State University of New York on Lake Champlain south of Plattsburgh. Peter McNally of the Graduate School of Library Science faculty, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, spoke on Canadian federal and provincial documents. Anthony Vecchio, Hugh Starke, John Crager, Rose Waddell, Richard Ward and Mary Leggett attended from Headquarters.

CONFERENCE COMING UP - October 23 - 27

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Library Federation Conference will be held October 23-27 at Atlantic City, New Jersey. Theme of the conference is "Are You Ready for the Next Twenty-Five Years"? Librarians from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. will be at this meeting. All librarians and trustees are urged to attend. For information about the conference, call Hugh Starke at Headquarters.

LIBRARIANS' MEETING - NOVEMBER

The fall librarians' meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 5, at 10:00 a.m. at Headquarters. The program has been planned by four of our member librarians: Jane Metcalf, Peru Free Library; David Minnich, Wead Library, Malone; Carol Dening and Chalice Deschene, both of Goff-Nelson Memorial Library, Tupper Lake. They propose three forty-five minute "buzz groups" on book selection policy, Friends of the Library programs, and periodicals. Groups will be divided so that librarians can participate in all three discussion sessions.
LIBRARIANS' MEETING - NOVEMBER CONT.

As decided by consensus at last spring's meeting, librarians will bring their lunch to this meeting. Coffee and tea will be available. We hope for a large turnout.

LIBRARY PERSONNEL LISTED IN WHO'S WHO'S

Verna L. Pungitore, director of Plattsburgh Public Library, and Mary G. Leggett of the system staff are listed in the eighth edition of Who's Who of American Women, 1974-75. Miss Pungitore was formerly with the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library and the Youngstown (Ohio) Public Library and has been director of Plattsburgh Public Library since 1968. Mary G. Leggett was associated with the Schenectady County Public Library, the Champlain Valley School of Nursing Library and has been with the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library since 1959.

COUNTY JAILS TO GET LIBRARY SERVICE

The System will receive a grant for $1,000 for services to the three county jails. An initial visit has been made to the Clinton County jail. Essex County jail and Franklin County jail have also been contacted. Among the services which may be offered are loan collections of books, magazine subscriptions, reference and interlibrary loans, film privileges, purchase of library furniture and equipment.

NEW BOOKMOBILE ON DISPLAY

The three county library's new $31,265 bookmobile was on display at three county fairs in August - at the Clinton County Fair in Morrisonville, the Essex County Fair in Westport, and the Franklin County Fair in Malone. People came on board at each fair to inspect the new vehicle which holds approximately 3,500 books. The exterior is a bright red with white trim and a new multicolored emblem on each side. The custom designed interior with light birch shelving, formica counters and overhead translucent panels emphasizes convenience, maximum use of space and easy accessibility for patrons. It joins the other C-E-F Library bookmobile in serving people at 68 stops in the three county area.

CHANGES IN STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

John Crager will now be working half-time with Mary Leggett in the Adult Services Department. John now wears several hats, since he is still in charge of bookmobile services and of the Young Adult Department. Mary Leggett has been assigned half-time to the Public Relations Department and the C-E-F Library Newsletter with the remainder of her time still in Adult Services. Please send any news of member libraries to M. Leggett so they can be included in the newsletter.

NEWS FROM LIBRARIES - SUMMER REPRISE AND FALL ROUNDUP

AKWESASNE LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER

Arrangements have been made to have the school bus pick up high school students and any other people who would like this service in order to bring them to the library on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

A story hour for preschoolers is scheduled for Friday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30.
AUSABLE FORKS FREE LIBRARY

Janice Miller, the librarian, reports a most successful summer reading program has been completed. Over 71 children attended this year.

Henry Greer Rogers, a long-time resident of Ausable Forks and a trustee of the library for many years, died in August. Memorial books and donations to the Foundation Trust Fund of the library have been made in his memory.

CHAMPLAIN FREE LIBRARY

As part of the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of the village, the library had a two day centennial display of old photographs of people and places in Champlain. Over 350 people attended.

A new typewriter was purchased for the library with part of the funds raised by the centennial display.

There will be a house-to-house canvass to raise funds for the library beginning November 7.

CHAZY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library held a "Festival of Needlework" this summer and earned $1,000 for the library. They are also conducting a fund drive for the library; they now have $7,000 and expect to reach a $10,000 goal very shortly. This Friends of the Library group has been active since 1952 and has been most instrumental in adding improvements to both the interior and exterior of the building.

The town has deeded land next to the library for the purpose of building an addition. This addition will be the "Ralph McCuen Children's Room" in honor of the late Mr. McCuen who was a trustee for many years. A bequest of $5,000 was made to the library by the late Mrs. McCuen who died very recently.

A story hour will be held every Saturday starting October 6. Volunteers from women in the village will take charge of this program.

DANNEMORA FREE LIBRARY

Mrs. Haley, the librarian, reports that the library received its permanent charter from the Regents of the State of New York this summer.

Memorial books have been given to the library in honor of the late Barbara S. Wheeler who was a well-known artist and a resident of Dannemora.

Sixty-nine children completed the library's summer reading program.

ELLENBURG LIBRARY

The Ellenburg Kiwanis Club gave $50 to the library for children's books as a part of its program for boys and girls.

Crystal Porter, a student at the Northern Adirondack Central School, is employed at the library through the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The town board has installed a new cushioned linoleum floor at the library.

KEENE VALLEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

New officers were elected at the annual meeting of the board: Dr. John Nason, president;
Mrs. Elmore Edmonds, first vice-president; Everett Hall, second vice-president; Mrs. Baird Edmonds, secretary; Robert Denniston, treasurer. The board also elected a teenager, Stephen Hall, Jr., as a trustee.

Old photos of scenes of Keene Valley and St. Huberts were on display at the library. These photos were taken by Israel Miner, Jr. during 1884-1890 and are a part of the historical collection at the library.

The summer program at the library was very successful and included films, travelogues and lectures on a variety of subjects.

Zaidee Trumbull, the librarian, reports that the library has an outstanding collection of art books donated by Hal Burton. Mr. Burton is a reviewer for Newsday and a summer resident of Keene Valley.

KEESEVILLE FREE LIBRARY

The library just completed a fund drive for money for books and equipment. Helen Camelo, the librarian, says that results of this drive topped those of any preceding year.

Mrs. Vivian Yasment has been appointed assistant librarian.

Beginning the first Wednesday in October, the library will hold a weekly story time for preschoolers. This is the tenth successive year such a program has been held at the library.

LAKE PLACID PUBLIC LIBRARY

Carpeting for the stairs, the children's room and the reference room has been installed as the result of a bequest made to the library from the late Mr. F.B. Guild, a long-time resident of Lake Placid.

WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

The board of trustees voted to make the library a combination public and Malone Extension North Country Community College Library. Under this plan the college can use the library conference room as a study area. The college will provide the library with subscriptions to periodicals that the library does not now have.

Robert Hanna was reelected president of the library board and is now entering his fourth one year term. Other officers are: Mrs. Leon Passino, vice-president; Mother Margaret Mary McMullen, secretary; Edward Cohen, treasurer.

David Minnich, the librarian, gave a library orientation lecture to the students of the Malone Extension Division of the North Country Community College on September 6.

MOOERS FREE LIBRARY

Librarian Betty Vogan assisted Mooers Mayor Erwin Higgins and two Youth Corps girls in cleaning the library this summer. They plan to do some painting in the library this fall.

A continuing sale of donated books, chiefly paperbacks, has brought in money for new books.
Evelyn Matthews was reelected to a five year term as trustee at the annual meeting of the library board.

PERU FREE LIBRARY

The board of trustees has purchased a projector and screen for the library. A film program for children ages four up will be held on Saturday afternoons each week beginning in November.

The board has also given approval for the formation of a Friends of the Library group to help this library.

PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

A Friends of the Library group has been formed to help raise funds for the children's section of the library. Money was also raised for the children's room by other organizations. The Plattsburgh Teachers Association held a tag day for this purpose, netting $1,160. A donation of $75 was made by the Plattsburgh Mothers' Club and the local chapter of the New York Association for Brain Injured Children gave $100.

The new addition to the library is nearing completion and should be ready for use in three or four weeks. The library now has $1,200 in the equipment trust fund from book sales and small donations.

The Board of Trustees gave a luncheon for the mayor and the city aldermen on September 25. A tour of the new addition to the building followed the luncheon.


DODGE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ROUSES POINT

The village board increased its yearly allotment to the library in order to have the building redecorated.

SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

A detailed record covering 63 years has been turned over to the library by the Village Improvement Society and will have a permanent place in the Adirondack Collection.

A glass-enclosed exhibit case contributed in the memory of the late William G. Distin, Sr. by his friends and relatives has been given to the library and will be used for rotating exhibits of special interest to this community.

An exhibit and sale of photographs by John F. Carter was held at the library. Proceeds from the sale were donated to the library and to the Food and Agricultural Organization of the U.N. for Relief of the Sahal (West Africa). Mr. Carter's work has been exhibited at the Milton (Mass.) Public Library, the Arnold Arboretum, the Milton Academy and as a cover photo in the "New England Guide".

A screened projection of postcards showing the history of the Adirondacks and dating from the 1800's was shown and described by John Duquette, historian, who also told the audience at the library anecdotes about people and places in the Adirondacks. The showing was a fund raising event for a new record player and tape player for the library to
be used in part for their Senior Citizen activities.

A white elephant and book sale run by the Friends of the Library raised $1,400.

SCHROON LAKE LIBRARY

The Schroon Lake Library was officially opened this summer with a ribbon-cutting ceremony held at the Geland Center. Mrs. John Martin is the librarian, assisted by Leonore Johnsdrow and Laura Martin. Both Mr. and Mrs. John Martin spent a great deal of their time cataloging the collection and getting the library ready for the public. Mrs. Martin and her staff expressed their thanks to all the people who donated books, money, time and effort to this new library.

BLACK WATCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY, TICONDEROGA

A donation to buy books for the children's room was received from the Jo-Lee Beauty Salon in conjunction with the Business and Professional Women's Club community service project.

The College Club raised money for two new low bookcases for the children's room.

James Feehan of the Highland Community School has volunteered his services one hour a week at the library.

The Neighborhood Youth Corps has assigned a young man to assist with the library maintenance.

Courtney Morton, the librarian, is training Mrs. Hartig as an extra substitute for vacation periods. Mrs. Pearson is the regular substitute when the librarian is away.

COFF-NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, TUPPER LAKE

Eighty-nine entries, including paintings, sculpture, woodcarving, collage and two portfolios, were on display at the library this summer for the first annual Tupper Lake Art Festival.

The library appears on a newly printed postcard. The descriptive sentence on the back reads, "The Coff-Nelson Memorial Library on Lake Street was dedicated on May 29, 1972." Carol Dening, the librarian, tells us that this sentence represents her first published work.

One hundred children have registered for the Magic Carpet story hour for preschoolers that starts October 2 and is scheduled for two days each week.

WESTPORT LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

We regret to announce the death of Margot Clark, a trustee of this library for many years. Although she had been ill, Miss Clark had come to many meetings over the years at C-E-F and will be missed by her friends here at Headquarters.

PAINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILLSBORO

Local Girl Scouts have had several displays in the library of art work and of children's books.

The library bought a movie projector to add to their audiovisual equipment for story hours.
The local Historical Society now holds its monthly meetings in the library and has had a display of artifacts and pictures of old Willsboro.

The Board of Trustees of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library were invited to hold their September meeting at the Paine Library. Janice Allen and Mrs. Marion Mason were hostesses at a luncheon served to board members.

A moveable book shelf for the children's room was given to the library in memory of Jennifer Manning, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Manning, by her family. Friends and relatives also donated to this memorial funds for preschool educational books and toys. Judge and Mrs. Daniel Manning, Sr., of AuSable Forks, gave a filmstrip machine to the library in memory of their granddaughter.

Anthony F. Vecchio, Director

Mary G. Leggett, Editor