

CLINTON ESSEX FRANKLIN LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

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Anthony F. Vecchio, Director

IN MEMORIAM

EMMA M. WALTER 1903-1974

It is with a great sense of personal loss that we announce the recent death of Emma Walter who was the first director of the then Clinton Essex County Library Service System (now C-E-F-L).

Miss Walter was a librarian for over forty years. She became director of Plattsburgh Public Library in 1949 and, upon her appointment, established many new services to the public. Under her direction, in 1952, Plattsburgh Public Library received an honorable mention award in the John Cotton Dana Award for outstanding publicity.

Her major triumph was the establishment of the library system - the first multi-county library system in the State, a project that attracted wide attention from many sectors. She worked long and hard to secure the cooperation of supervisors in each county, librarians and trustees - and in 1954 her vision became a reality. A quotation from the REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION'S COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE 1957, says, "The single most important factor (in building the multi-county system) seems to have been the energy and ability of the director of the Plattsburgh Public Library."

Miss Walter served as director of both the system and the public library from 1954 to 1962, at which time she decided to devote all her time to the rapidly growing Plattsburgh Public Library and so resigned as director of the system. She retired from Plattsburgh Public Library in 1968.

She had been on the New York Library Association's Library Development Committee; the Membership Committee of the Children's Library Association; the Adult Services Section of NYLA; the Clinton County Council of Community Services; the Champlain Valley Business and Professional Women's Organization; the American Cancer Society; the Clinton County Historical Association and the Catholic Library Association.

In cooperation with staff from Buffalo Public Library she worked on a film for libraries called THE IMPRESSIONABLE YEARS. She was also the author of an article in THE BOOKMARK on the library service system.

Emma Walter was an excellent librarian; she was a friend and advisor to many other librarians not only in this three county area but all over the State.

Her contributions to library service were many; her friendship was valued. She will be missed.

Mary G. Leggett, Editor

LIBRARY DIRECTOR TO RETIRE

Anthony F. Vecchio, Director of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library, has announced his retirement at the end of July.

Mr. Vecchio came to the System in 1963 and became Director in 1965.

Looking back over the expansion and diversification of services since 1965, it is clear that through the cooperative efforts of the Director, the staff and trustees, the library system has grown immensely in value to the three counties it serves.

A program of book grants was established for our member libraries to encourage each library to build up its own collection to meet the needs of the individual community.

A Library Services and Construction Act grant was obtained to establish a film library at Headquarters. Prior to that, we borrowed films from the State Library and the Canadian Travel Library. This film grant of \$25,000 annually for the first three years started us on the acquisition of a permanent film library which has reached 344 films thus far - for all ages and interests. And the demand for film services has more than doubled since the film library came into being. We serve nursing homes and hospitals in the three counties, such as: Uihlein Mercy Center, Lake Placid; Mercy Hospital, Tupper Lake; Saranac Lake General Hospital; Horace Nye Home, Elizabethtown; Longview Nursing Home and the Alice Hyde Hospital, both in Malone. Films are also borrowed by many organizations in the three counties, by county homes and infirmaries, by Senior Citizen groups, by the Essex County Jail and the Adirondack Treatment and Evaluation Center in Dannemora.

We have extended other services to many of these same nursing homes: collections of books tailored to suit their needs, with an emphasis on bibliotherapy and a good collection of large-print books especially helpful to those with sight difficulties.

Other new areas of service were developed in an overall plan for giving better and more complete library service. Mrs. Wayne Byrne, one of our trustees, and Mr. Vecchio talked with officials and librarians at Clinton Correctional Institute and the Adirondack Treatment and Evaluation Center, both in Dannemora, to plan ways to improve library service to prisoners. Rotating book collections, again tailored

to meet the needs of these men, are sent to these institutions on a bi-monthly basis. The bookmobile stops at Camp Adirondack, the minimum security facility of the Adirondack Treatment and Evaluation Center, every other week - giving the prisoners an opportunity to select their books and to request special materials in the normal atmosphere of the outside world, a step toward rehabilitation.

Along with this trend toward serving special areas of need, in 1973 Mr. Vecchio met with the sheriffs from the three counties and planned the improvement of libraries in each of the three county jails. Their collections were weeded and set in order, then augmented with gifts of books, paperback books and racks to display them, a collection of reference books and subscriptions to magazines. Visits to these jails are arranged periodically to consult with officials on the maintenance and service aspects of jail libraries.

At the Akwesasne Library and Cultural Center in Hogansburg, Mr. Vecchio along with advisors from college and community sources helped with the planning and organizing of this library. Books are loaned to help build up their collection and the services received by all member libraries are also extended to them. The system applied and received two grants for the Indian library, \$5,000 for the first grant and \$25,000 for the second grant, to be used for books, audio-visual equipment and materials, to extend their own bookmobile service and to provide transportation for people on the reservation to and from the Library and Cultural Center.

Mr. Vecchio was instrumental in helping the people of Schroon Lake to set up a Reading Center in 1973. This spring he was asked by the Men's Civic League of Minerva to help them start a library in that village. To that end he organized and planned the library, the arrangement of books, circulation control methods, added them to the list of libraries receiving monthly collections of books and gave them a large quantity of gift books.

Another facet of library service was opened up when the system received a \$10,000 grant for framed art prints which are circulated to all member libraries for their patrons. Both this program and the film program have been received with great enthusiasm.

Two new bookmobiles were planned and designed, one in 1966 and the other in 1973, as replacements for older bookmobiles.

Probably one of the most rigorous jobs undertaken by Mr. Vecchio was the planning and design of the new Headquarters building completed in 1969. The system received an ISCA grant for part of the cost of the new building. The research and planning for space and the many details of a new library were carried out under the Director with the indispensable cooperation of the architect, the staff and the trustees. The move into the new building was certainly heralded by the entire staff, for up to that time we had been housed in the basement of the public library and had worked in most crowded and confined circumstances.

The years with Mr. Vecchio as Director have been busy, productive and pleasant - and we are sorry to see his leave. But we wish him well in his new life in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. And underlying our regret, we think that Mr. Vecchio who has so thoroughly enjoyed hiking, skiing and kayaking in the North Country is going to miss us too.

Mary G. Leggett

HEADQUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

BICENTENNIAL FILMS

The system has added three films relating to the Bicentennial to its collection. The films with annotations are listed on a separate sheet at the end of this newsletter so that you may add it to your copy of the film catalog.

LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY PROJECT

The Library Technology Project is a kind of Consumer Reports for library furniture, equipment and supplies. It gives the results of tests and evaluates products.

If you are considering buying almost anything: catalog cards, cabinets, chairs, tables, photocopiers, film projectors, rugs, ask us to see if there is a report on it. If there is, we will let you know so that you can make an economical and intelligent choice.

CHANGES IN SYSTEM TRUSTEES

Three new trustees have been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the C-E-F Library.

Mrs. Albert Gonyea of Saranac Lake has been appointed to replace Mrs. Jacques DeMattos. Mrs. DeMattos was a trustee for many years and a conscientious worker for the system.

Mrs. Donald Smith of Elizabethtown is replacing Lloyd Currey of that village.

C. Randall Beach of Altona replaces James Hutchinson of Peru. Mr. Hutchinson is now on the Clinton County Board of Legislators.

MEMBER LIBRARIANS' MEETINGS

Two system librarians' meetings were held in May. Mrs. Ruth Smith, librarian at the Champlain Memorial Library, was hostess at the first meeting held for librarians from the northern section of the three county area at that library on Monday, May 6. The second meeting for librarians from the southern part of the area was held at the Keene Valley Library with Miss Zaidee Trumbull, the librarian, welcoming the group.

Anthony Vecchio, System Director, spoke about the physical arrangement of libraries, the best use of space, of shelving and equipment, and the design and location of new libraries for maximum use and convenience for patrons and staff.

Other speakers were: Rose Waddell, Children's Consultant; John Crager, Young Adult Consultant; Richard Ward, Reference Consultant; and Mary Leggett, Adult Services Consultant. Each reviewed books relative to their fields and led discussion on them.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

STUDY GRANT ANNOUNCED

The Adult Services Section of the New York Library Association announces the Margaret E. Martignoni Study Grant which may be awarded to any staff member whose primary concern is service to adults.

Applications for these grants ranging from \$50 to \$250 will be reviewed by the Executive Board of the NYLA Adult Services Section who will select those which promise the best potential to further library service to Adults in New York State.

Request and complete application form; attach as much information as possible; secure signature of director.

Mail to:

Kathlyn C. Adams
Outreach Consultant
Monroe County Library System
115 South Avenue
Rochester, New York 14604

These grants may be awarded to any staff member for participation in adult-related:

- 1) Workshops, institutes, and seminars of limited duration.
- 2) Full semester courses - credit may not be applied toward the completion of any formal degree.
- 3) Visits for practical observation or training in either libraries in public or private institutions; agencies; businesses or other organizations.
- 4) Pre-conference not conference - attendance: ALA; NYLA
- 5) Other Adult-service related conferences.

ASA WYNKOOP AWARD, 1974

The New York Library Association will award the Asa Wynkoop Award in 1974 to a librarian without formal professional training who has rendered outstanding library service to a community of 7,500 or less population. The award carries an honorarium of \$200, part of which may be used to attend the NYLA conference. Part or all may be used for attendance at a special library institute, workshop or course in a library related subject, or for making a planned trip of equivalent time to visit outstanding libraries.

Application forms include space for a proposal describing the specific course or workshop to be attended or the itinerary planned. Specific information such as name of sponsor and inclusive dates is required. Travel, books and related expenses may be attached.

Librarians may apply themselves or be nominated by the trustees or members of their local library. System headquarters staff may assist in developing proposals. One or more trustees must send supporting statements, including approval of the candidate's plan for use of the award.

Applications should be submitted on forms available from public library system offices or from the Chairman of the NYLA Awards Committee. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than August 15, 1974 and mailed to:

Miss Katherine L. O'Brien, Chairman
NYLA Awards Committee
Mid-Manhattan Library
8 East 40th Street
New York, New York 10016

L. MARION NOSHIER AWARD

Trustees, friends and staff of Public Library Systems are invited to nominate librarians for the 1974 L. Marion Noshier Award for Distinguished Librarianship. This annual award is given to honor a community librarian in New York State who has given distinguished library service in a small community of 7,500 or less. Nominees will be judged on such merits as quality of service, length of service, variety of programs initiated and extension of service to the unserved.

The Award carries a certificate of merit and an honorarium of \$100 to facilitate attendance at the NYLA conference where the award will be presented.

Nominations and qualifying statements should be submitted on application forms available from public library system offices or the NYLA Awards Committee Chairman. Completed forms should be mailed on or before August 1, 1974 to:

Miss Katherine L. O'Brien, Chairman
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MINIMUM WAGE LAW

An April 1974 vote by the U.S. Congress set minimum wages for libraries. This new law affects Public as well as Association Libraries. According to the 1974 amendments two rate schedules were established that affect non-supervisory library employees. The schedules are:

ASSOCIATION LIBRARIES

May 1, 1974 \$2.00 per hour
Jan. 1, 1975 \$2.10 per hour
Jan. 1, 1976 \$2.30 per hour

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

May 1, 1974 \$1.90 per hour
Jan. 1, 1975 \$2.00 per hour
Jan. 1, 1976 \$2.20 per hour
Jan. 1, 1977 \$2.30 per hour

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, public libraries do not qualify as "retail or service establishments." Therefore they may not employ students at subminimum rates.

Libraries not adjusted to this change are strongly urged to make retroactive adjustments to avoid difficulties under the U.S. Fair Labor Standards as enforced by the New York State Department of Labor.

MINERVA LIBRARY OPENS

The Minerva Men's Civic League held an Open House on Saturday, June 29, to celebrate the opening of its new library in that village. Approximately fifty people visited the new library for Open House. Gloria Murdie was in charge of refreshments for the occasion.

The League, which is the sponsoring organization, has been consulting with the System Director on the planning for the library, arrangement of space and books, and on circulation controls. The library is housed in a mobile home and opened formally for business on July 1. The hours are from 6-9 in the evening on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 1-4 on Saturday afternoons. It will be staffed by volunteers.

Chairman of the library committee is Andy Halloran. Other members are Larry Cummings, Robert Savarie, Jack Mullane, and Bill Jugon.

Larry Cummings, Donna Morrison and Joyce Mangine were in charge of the cataloging and shelving of books. The collection consists of many gift books from residents of the Minerva area and from Headquarters. The system also provided the first in a regular monthly collection of adult and juvenile fiction and non-fiction loaned to start the library.

Our warmest congratulations to the Minerva Men's Civic League for their initiative in starting this new library.

A REMINDER FROM THE SYSTEM PROCESSING DEPARTMENT

We will be glad to supply member libraries with the following: blank catalog cards, charge cards, gummed book pockets, order forms, labels, book jackets (roll or cut to size), attaching tape, Magic Mend.

However, since postage costs are high and mailing these out becomes quite expensive, we ask that you anticipate your needs in advance of your monthly delivery and get your requests in for these materials in time to be sent to you on your delivery day.

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

AUSABLE FORKS FREE LIBRARY

The summer reading program at this library began on July first.

CHAZY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Library will hold a combined tea and book sale in July to raise money for the library's projected new children's room.

KEENE VALLEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

A magnificent display of sculpture by Nina Winkel, nationally known artist whose works have been shown at major museums all over the country, is now being held at this library.

The program of summer activities at this library which boasts of twenty years of Monday evening lectures offered free to the public opened July 8th. From slides of the Adirondacks, mountain climbing, a film festival, to reports on Nepal and Malawi, the program covers a wide range of subjects and interests.

There will also be a library Book Fair, July 30 to August 3.

KEESEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The summer reading club started July 1. Mrs. Camelo tells us that quite a few children have already signed up for this.

LAKE PLACID PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mrs. Dixon reports that the budget was passed for this library.

The Lake Placid News carried a feature article on Lilian Casey who has been a librarian for over 30 years with the Lake Placid Public Library. Her friendly smile and her knowledge of the book collection and of her public's tastes have earned her a firm place in her community.

The newest acquisition for this library will be a microfilm reader.

WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

Dave Minnich reports an unusual gift to the library - a large palm tree presented to them by Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Jones.

MOOERS FREE LIBRARY

Mrs. Vogan, the librarian, tells us the welcome news that the Mooers Library received its permanent charter this spring.

PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Verna Pungitore, the director, announces the appointment of two new staff members this spring: Anne Romans, Reference and Young Adult Librarian; and Peggy Shepard, Children's Librarian.

This library is holding a weekly Summer Film Festival at 7:30 in the evening in the library auditorium. The program varies from international cartoons, oldies like THE GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY, to adventure, variety and social comment. Full-length films are featured in most of this program.

GOFF-NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, TUPPER LAKE

There will be an exhibit of works by regional artists here from July 12-21.

A special exhibit of the work of Vincent Lepardo, x-ray and photography instructor at North Country Community College, was shown at this library in May. It was comprised of portraits, landscapes and other varied subjects.

A gift of money for this library came in a curious and interesting way. Back in 1947, the Mt. Morris Chapter of Eastern Star began a teen-age club called the "Open Door." This was disbanded in 1950 and the money from the sale of equipment was placed in a special bank account, earning interest over the years. Now in 1974, this money, over \$800, was given to the Goff-Nelson Memorial Library to buy one hundred chairs and tables to be used in the library basement when North Country Community College holds its classes there.

WELLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY, UPPER JAY

Mrs. Helen Coolidge, for many years a trustee of this library, died recently. Money for books in memory of the late Mrs. Coolidge, John Gow and George Keogh has been donated to the library.

Mrs. Rose Terrance has been appointed to the board of trustees.

PAINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILLSBORO

Janice Allen, the librarian, reports that during this past school year she has been working one day each week with each fifth grade in Willsboro teaching library usage.

The pre-school story hour, now in its second year, ended on June 14 with a picnic for all the children.

The librarian is also working with the Head Start Program this summer.

Anthony F. Vecchio, Director

Mary G. Leggett, Editor

FOR YOUR FILM CATALOG

1776

54 min. Color

Chronicles the events leading up to the Declaration of Independence. Filmed at Lexington and Concord, Boston, Philadelphia and Williamsburg as well as England and France. Narrates and interprets the roles of leading figures including Franklin, Adams, Jefferson, Hamilton, Madison, Washington, etc. Uses artifacts, works of art and limited dramatization to recreate the period with authenticity. One of the Saga of Western Man series.

MAKING A REVOLUTION

52 min. Color

Segment of the Alistair Cooke - BBC - America series. Explores the causes of the Revolution, how it developed and how it led to the Declaration of Independence. Shows the roles played by Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, George Washington and others. Interesting and intelligent commentary by Alistair Cooke breathe life and meaning into history.

INVENTING A NATION

52 min. Color

Another segment of the Cooke - BBC - America series. Describes the beginnings of constitutional government with abundant historic materials and richly-detailed accounts of the man and events of that era. Highlights Madison's mediating role in the debate on central power and the sovereignty of the states; the role of the Supreme Court as a stabilizing influence. In an extensive sequence in Jefferson's Monticello retreat, Cooke reveals the many talents and interests of that idealistic statesman. Brief dramatization and familiar folk songs effectively illustrate a final segment explaining the first movement West. Punctuated by insightful references to modern times. Cooke's commentary again offers a fresh and lively perspective on U.S. History.

