

CLINTON-ESSEX COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

NEWSLETTER

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To the Members and Trustees of the Clinton-Essex County Library Service System:

This is the second of a series of newsletters which will be sent to librarians, boards of trustees and others interested in the Clinton-Essex County Library Service System.

On August 25, the Commissioner of Education approved the plan presented by the Trustees of the System. Since this is the first two-county system in New York, library and education circles all over the state are watching developments with much interest.

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Miss Emma M. Walter, Director of the Plattsburgh Public Library, is Director of the System, which will have its headquarters in the basement of the Plattsburgh Public Library. A librarian and a part-time typist have been employed effective November 1, and the bookmobile stock is now being ordered.

Mrs. David Sterns and Wayne Byrne, the Bookmobile committee, have met with a specialist in this field, and plans and specifications for the Bookmobile are now being drawn up. There is no such thing as a ready-made bookmobile; each one is custom built to meet the requirements of the territory it will serve. Therefore, it will be three or four months after the contract is awarded before the Clinton-Essex Bookmobile will be in service. It will be staffed by a librarian and a driver-clerk, and will carry nearly four thousand books.

A subscription to Virginia Kirkus' Bookshop Service has been ordered for each library in the System. This service provides reviews of new books about two months in advance of publication, thus enabling librarians to order books and have them ready for the shelves soon after publication date.

We hope that in the near future it will be possible to hold a meeting at which all librarians in the System will have an opportunity to become familiar with centralized ordering and processing. At this time they will have an opportunity to present their questions concerning the operation of the System.

Very sincerely yours,

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