

CLINTON-ESSEX COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM
NEWSLETTER

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September is the ideal month in which to inaugurate a program of cooperation with the schools. One approach that is usually successful is a personal call or letter to each teacher, or, if that is not possible, a letter to the principal of the school, explaining the services the public library offers to the school and its students. An invitation to the teachers to bring their classes to the public library by appointment for a "Get-Acquainted" visit is another means of bringing the child and the library together. This is really of primary importance, since experience has shown that unless a child acquires the public library habit, he is unlikely to be library-minded as an adult.

Such a program is never intended to supersede or rival the school library. Each has its own place in the community, and close cooperation between them make all their resources available to a wider clientele than is within reach of either alone. The Headquarters staff will be happy to assist any member librarian in planning a "Know Your Public Library" program.

An exhibit of new children's books is being planned for the October Librarians' Meeting. Approximately fifteen hundred juvenile titles will be on display for the convenience of member librarians. Details will be announced in the next Newsletter.

More than a thousand people visited the Bookmobile during the hours it was on display at the Clinton and Essex County Fairs. Staff members were on duty to greet visitors and answer inquiries.

KEENE VALLEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION held its annual meeting on August 23, 1956, at which time the following officers were elected. President, Charles Twichell; Vice-president, Mrs. Everett Hall; 2nd Vice-president, Hal Burton. Mrs. William Payne was reelected Secretary, and Robert Denniston was reelected Treasurer.

During July and August, the Keene Valley Library has sponsored two community meetings each week. On Monday evenings, slides of local interest are shown. Thursday evenings are given over to guest speakers. Among them have been Wilfred Barrett, of Great Britain and Keene Valley, who spoke on his work in the United Nations, and James Atkinson, whose topic was, "The Rocks of the Adirondacks."

Summer residents of Keene Valley held a concert in the Congregational Church which netted \$500 for the library.

PLATTSBURGH: Sixty-eight children attended the Plattsburgh Public Library's annual Reading For Fun Club party which was held on Saturday afternoon, August 25. The party was planned and supervised by the Misses Joyce Trudeau, June Moran and Nancy Bezio, the library's circulation clerks.

Miss Walter is now planning colorful posters to be placed in each member library. These will explain and publicize the many services the System offers to all residents of Clinton and Essex counties.