Twenty librarians and trustees attended the Librarians' meeting held at the Wadhams Free Library on June 12th. Miss Marion Vedder, Consultant from the Library Extension Division, conducted a workshop on weeding techniques and practices.

Dr. Frances Breen, Librarian at State University Teachers' College, has extended an invitation to all librarians in the Clinton-Essex System to attend a lecture at the College on Tuesday morning, July 23, at 10 o'clock. The speaker will be Mrs. May Hill Arbuthnot, whose topic will be poetry for children. This will be followed by a luncheon at Macdonough Hall at 1 o'clock. Everyone planning to attend the luncheon is asked to notify Miss Walter by July 10th at the latest.

It was with deep regret that the Trustees of the Keeseville Free Library accepted the resignation of Mrs. Velma Robarge from her position as Librarian, because of ill health. Miss Gladys Smart succeeds Mrs. Robarge, with Mrs. Frank Peterson as assistant librarian.

The Keeseville Free Library held its annual fund drive on June 14th and 15th. Twelve boys and girls sold tags which were donated by the Essex County Republican. The drive was most successful.

Posters advertising the System services, designed by Miss Walter, have been printed, and will be distributed at the next Librarians' meeting, in August. Librarians wishing to do so, may pick up their posters at the Headquarters at their convenience.

Miss Norma Darrah, typist at Headquarters, has returned to work after a month's absence, during which she was a patient at the Champlain Valley Hospital.

During the summer, the Bookmobile will visit Champlain Park, Cumberland Head, for the convenience of all residents of Cumberland Head. It will stop there at 9:30 in the morning, on Thursday, July 11th, and alternate Thursdays thereafter.

Two hundred children have registered for the summer Reading for Fun Club at the Plattsburgh Public Library. The club theme this year is, "A Parade of Good Books," and each child will receive an outline picture of a book parade, to be filled in with colored stickers as he reads books from the club list.
John Robinson Beal has done an outstanding piece of work in his biography of John Foster Dulles, President Eisenhower's Secretary of State. This absorbing book tells the story of a man who has realized his long-time ambition. It is no novelty to hear of men who long to be President, but we doubt if as many aim at the position toward which Mr. Dulles directed his efforts and ambition. He has spent most of his life thinking about and working to find a way to world peace.

The book answers such questions as: "Why did Mr. Dulles hesitate when he was offered the position of Secretary of State? how did the "summit conferences" originate? Why does Mr. Dulles travel so much? and why did Eden change his mind about United action in the Far East?, and many others.

So far as we know, "The Short Reign of Pippin the Fourth," is John Steinbeck's first venture into fantasy. This little satire on contemporary French politics and other matters is uproariously funny. It wouldn't be fair to go into detail and spoil the fun, so we'll just say that when a shy, retiring and inconspicuous astronomer is suddenly made King against his will, the results are astonishing.

"100 Hours to Suez," by Robert Henriques, is the first full account of the Sinai Peninsula campaign in 1956. The author, who is a professional soldier and a born story teller, has done a remarkable piece of work in describing the whirlwind campaign which drove the Egyptian Army out of the Peninsula in only five days.

"Headquarters," by Quentin Reynolds, is the story of the New York City Police Department, and specifically the story of Inspector Frank Phillips, New York's most decorated active policeman.

This is a detailed account of every variety of police work, from traffic duty to the apprehension of big time narcotics rings. Also included is the work done by policewomen, who, we think, deserve a great deal of credit.

Like all Mr. Reynolds' books, this is well written and extremely interesting. It is obvious that he spent a lot of time and did a lot of careful research.

"Broadway in an Barn," by Charlotte Harmon and Rosemary Taylor, is a side-splitting account of eleven years in the summer theatre business.

Charlotte and Lewis Harmon thought it would be fun, and not too strenuous to run a summer theatre in a small Connecticut town. It was fun, but the leisurely afternoons on the beach with their small daughter Jill never materialized. There was always work to do, and the owners of the theatre were the logical ones to do it.

This included the delicate task of mediation between temperamental stars and the resident company, between the actors and the townspeople, between the cast and the crew. When all was running along smoothly on this front, something happened to the borrowed props or the plumbing.

Frank Norris's "Tower in the West," is the sixteenth winner of the $10,000.00 Harper Novel Prize, which has been awarded only fifteen times since 1923. We think Mr. Norris well deserved it for his powerful story of George Hanes, an outstanding architect perhaps a trifle too conscious of his older brother's talent and ability.