September is an excellent time for the public librarian to set up a program of cooperation with the schools in her community. If there is a school librarian, the logical first step is an interview with her, and an invitation to visit your library, if she is not already familiar with it. Then, plans can be formulated for invitations to faculty and students to visit the public library. It may be possible for teachers to bring their classes to the public library for "get-acquainted" trips.

If the school does not have a librarian, overtures can be made directly to the teachers through letters, the telephone or personal calls.

From Mrs. Manwell: Please do not return the check-lists sent to member libraries with each rotating collection. As the books are returned, check each one off from the list where it appears, and save the lists as a record of the books you still have. When all books from a given list have been checked off as returned to the System, tear up the list and throw it away. We keep duplicate lists at the System headquarters, which we also check off as the books are returned.

Keene Valley: Charles P. Twichell has been re-elected president of the Keene Valley Library Association. Other officers are: Mrs. J. Everett Hall and Harold Burton, vice-presidents, Mrs. Edmond L. Cherbonnier secretary, and Robert Denniston, treasurer.

Upper Jay: Mrs. Homer Lockwood, Librarian of the Lake Placid Public Library, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Garden Club of Jay and Wilmington villages held on Wednesday evening, August 28, at the Wells Memorial Library in Upper Jay. Mrs. Lockwood topic was "Historic landmarks."

Plattsburgh: Approximately fifty children attended the party which marked the close of the summer Reading-for-Fun Club at the Plattsburgh Public Library. Each child received a membership certificate, and a membership card containing his reading record.

Mrs. Donald Llewellyn of the Headquarters staff has been promoted to Senior Library Clerk. Effective September 1, she will travel with the Bookmobile.

Miss Marie Chauvin of Redford will replace Mrs. Llewellyn as clerk at the Headquarters.

Swap Column: Mrs. Manwell is anxious to obtain the titles listed below for the Book Pool, and will trade duplicates for them. Caffee, Adventures of Hiram Holiday; Linderman, Indian why stories; Cursler, Boy Scout story; Reynolda, Courtroom; Shaughnessy, Skating and trapshooting; Stewart, Names on the land; Van de Water, Lake Champlain and Lake George; Van Paassen, Days of our years; Warnfield, Cotton in my ears; Writers' program, Here's New England.

The Plattsburgh Public Library offers the following. Cather, Sapphira and the slave girl; O'Brien, Will Rogers; Cursler, Greatest story ever told; Sackville-West, Pepita; Tilsley, Champion road. What do you have to swap?
"Silver Platter," by Ellin Berlin is a book that's too good to miss. It is a biography of Louise Mackay, who, from the time she was a tiny girl in New York, delivering her mother's fine sewing and embroidery to wealthy homes, dreamed of the time when she would be grown up and part of fashionable society. This was a rather unreasonable dream, as her father was a very nice man who had very little knack for supporting his family, and who was bitten by the gold bug while his daughter was very young. The mining town in the Sierras where he settled was a far cry from New York, and it looked as if Louise was destined to stay there. After several disastrous years, Louise married wealthy John Mackay and continued to dream. Many of her dreams came true, as she became the virtual queen of international society, a position not easy to hold.

Leonard Wibberley's talent for writing sheer nonsense so logically that it seems entirely believable is unsurpassed. "Take Me to Your President," his new novel, is the story of a farmer from the Yorkshire village of Pars, who, through a series of coincidences that seem quite plausible when Mr. Wibberley relates them, managed to gain entrance to, and set off, Great Britain's first inter-continental rocket. This set off a chain reaction of bizarre events that caused great consternation in Washington, London and Moscow.

"We Adopted a Daughter," is written with a somewhat lighter touch than one usually finds in books on this subject. Although Harry Bell, the author, discusses many of the problems that plague adoptive parents from a common sense point of view, he does so in a witty manner that makes his little book a delight to read. It's easy to see that Mr. and Mrs. Bell and their daughter Barbara, are very much a family.

Henry W. Simon's "The Festival of Opera," is a treasury of stories of the best known and loved operas, from 1594 up to 1955. Written in an engaging, conversational style, this charming book will appeal equally to the expert and the neophyte, we think. Mr. Simon is a noted opera authority, and a former chairman of the Music Critics Circle of New York. Fritz Kreidel, the illustrator, is considered one of the foremost artists in his field.

Pamphlets can be an important and inexpensive part of the library collection, if carefully selected and kept up to date. There are so many good ones published now, that we spent some time recently looking them over. In all of the fields covered, many pamphlets in addition to the title reviewed here are available.

"You and Your Family's Life Insurance," published by the Institute of Life Insurance, explains in detail the various types of insurance available, and suggests ways of taking advantage of the protection made possible through wise insurance investment.

"A Discussion of Family Money," also published by this Institute, is very easy and interesting to read, and contains a lot of practical information about household budgeting that can be helpful to almost anyone who has budget trouble.

"How to Take Care of Furniture," is another valuable little brochure that explains the many varieties of polish and wax on the market, and the recommended uses of each. It also has a handy little question and answer section that covers many problems the homemaker frequently encounters.

"The Eight Hour Day for Women," by Betty Bissell, Director of the Bissell Home Service Institute, is a gay little booklet full of ideas for making housework easier and more exciting. We feel it is hardly necessary to say more.