

# THE CLINTON-ESSEX-FRANKLIN LIBRARY

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## MORE BOOK GRANTS TO MEMBER LIBRARIES IN '66

The system is going to make an intensive effort in 1966 to stimulate better library service throughout the area by strengthening the book collection of member libraries through book grants.

QUALIFICATION - To qualify for book grants, a member library must equal during the current year the average expenditure for books over the previous three years.

(This provision is waived for 1966 only since member libraries did not have adequate time to prepare to qualify. In effect, this means that all member libraries will receive book grants during 1966. However, all book grants in future years will be contingent upon qualification.)

FIXED GRANT FOR 1966 - Each member library will receive up to \$500.00 in book grants during 1966. The books will be chosen by the member library from lists provided by the system.

INCENTIVE GRANT - Each member library whose book expenditure for 1965 exceeded that of the average of the previous three years 1962, 1963 and 1964 will receive \$2.00 in books X the excess amount. For example, if library X spent

\$ 500 in 1962  
600 in 1963  
700 in 1964

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The average would be

\$ 600

If the library spent \$800 in 1965, the difference between

\$ 800

and 600

would be

\$ 200

Library X would receive  $\$2 \times \$200 = \$400.00$  in books from lists provided by the system.

WEEDING GRANT - Each member library will receive 50¢ in book grants for each book weeded from its collection up to a maximum of \$500. Titles weeded are to be entered on card forms provided by the system.

Book grants will probably be given in future years. They will vary depending on budgetary considerations. The fixed grant is likely to be dropped after the first year and the emphasis placed on the incentive type.

### CHANGES IN CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

A recent amendment to the Commissioner's Regulations by the New York State Board of Regents eliminates the written examination which was necessary up to this time for the issuance of the Professional Librarian's Certificate and for initial employment under Civil Service as Junior Librarian, Senior Librarian I, Library Director I, and Assistant Librarian - State Service.

All applicants who hold a fifth year library degree from an American Library Association accredited school or from a registered New York State school will be candidates for certification without examination. If the candidate has less than two years professional experience after graduation, the Provisional Certificate will be issued. If he has two full years of professional experience, the permanent Professional Certificate will be issued.

Persons who meet the minimum five year educational pre-requisite but whose library training was at the undergraduate level or at a non-accredited school outside New York State will still be accepted for certification. They will be issued the Provisional Certificate upon submission of application and transcripts. To become eligible for the Professional Certificate these persons would have to submit evidence of completing two years of satisfactory professional experience and achieve a passing score in the written certification examination.

Another change in regulations makes it possible for persons who earned an undergraduate library degree to receive recognition of professional experience before completion of the fifth year degree. Principal conditions are that the undergraduate library program be acceptable to the Commissioner of Education as equivalent library training and the experience presented for evaluation be in a position classified as professional. However completion of a fifth year degree will still be required before either a provisional or a permanent public librarian's certificate can be issued.

### LIBRARY EXTENSION DIVISION CONFERENCES SCHEDULED

Plans have been announced by L E D for the following conferences:

1. Conference for new professional members of system and central library staff, December 6-7.
2. Conference on library planning and participation in anti-poverty programs, February 7-8, 1966.
3. Conference for new trustees, February 25-26, 1966.
4. System conference, March 31 - April 2, 1966.
5. Building institute - time and place to be announced later.
6. Audio-visual workshop - time and place yet to be announced.

### VISITORS AT HEADQUARTERS DURING NOVEMBER

Dr. Guy Garrison of the Library Research Center of the University of Illinois visited system headquarters on Friday, November 12, in connection with the survey of reference and resource materials in North Country libraries that he

is now conducting for the North Country Reference and Research Resources Council.

Mr. Allen Sevigny, Public Library Consultant, and Mrs. Jacqueline H. Enequist, Library Building Consultant, stopped at headquarters on November 23. They also visited the Plattsburgh Public Library, Keene Valley Library, and the Saranac Lake Free Library.

#### CHARTER GRANTED FOR THREE R'S COUNCIL

Dr. Roger Greer, president of the North Country Reference and Research Resources Council, announced that the New York State Board of Regents had granted full approval of a charter for the organization - the third in the State to be granted for such groups. Representatives of public, system, special, college and university libraries heard the announcement at a meeting held at St. Lawrence University, Canton, on Wednesday, November 10.

At this same meeting, Dr. Guy Garrison of the Library Research Center of the University of Illinois outlined his plans for surveying reference and resource materials and operations in the libraries within the six county area of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence. He had already visited some of the libraries and more visits were scheduled.

Mrs. Waddell, Mr. Smith and Mrs. Leggett attended from Headquarters. The next meeting will be held on December 15, at which officers will be elected for the coming year.

#### PLEASE NOTE

Our new TWX number is 510-251-6704.

#### BOARD MEETING HELD

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library was held Saturday, November 20, at Plattsburgh. Present were Paul Vogan, Mooers; Mrs. Lincoln Barnett, Westport; Wayne Byrne, Plattsburgh; Claude R. Clark, Bloomington; Mrs. Allan Everest, Plattsburgh; William A. Harvey, Saranac Lake; Mrs. A. J. Hecht, Plattsburgh; Mr. Edward G. Hoit, Malone; W. Hustace Hubbard, Elizabethtown; Richard W. Lawrence, Jr., Elizabethtown; Mrs. Daniel T. Manning, Sr., AuSable Forks; Mrs. James F. Mills, Fort Covington, and Mr. Vecchio, System Director.

#### NEW BOOKMOBILE HERE

The new bookmobile has arrived ahead of schedule. It is now awaiting installation of a generator and some minor adjustments. As soon as these are completed, new bookmobile schedules will be announced.

The old bookmobile will be up for sale to the highest bidder. Notice of bid will be sent out; sealed bids to be submitted by January 24, 1966. This bookmobile, purchased in 1955, is equipped with book shelving for about 4000 books and with two desks. Mechanically it is in good condition with a Ford engine in the rear, good tires, a bottle-gas heater and 5000 watt generator.

BOOKMOBILE VISITED DURING CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Children from the kindergarten class of Monty Street School, Plattsburgh, visited the bookmobile November 5. John Crager, bookmobile librarian, talked to the children about the way the bookmobile was used and pointed out its arrangement, particularly the children's section.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS AT HEADQUARTERS

Headquarters will be closed on December 24 and 31 in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays.

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Seniors from the Chateaugay High School, accompanied by Mrs. Fred Thumhart and Mrs. Lynn McGill, librarian, visited this library on December 9. Miss Ingalls, Administrative Assistant, showed film strips on reference service, how to use the card catalog and on the Dewey Decimal system of classifying books.

DODGE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ROUSES POINT

Mrs. Arthur Tremblay, librarian, tells us that the children from the third and fourth grades at St. Patrick's School visited the library during Children's Book Week. They were shown the different sections of the library and were told how to use the card catalog. Many of the children made out applications for library cards during the visit.

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