

THE CLINTON-ESSEX-FRANKLIN LIBRARY

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BOOK GRANT PROGRAM

From the volume of orders sent in by member librarians for books to be purchased under the System's Book Grant Program, it is apparent that most librarians are delighted to have this opportunity to add good titles to their collections. It is especially noticeable in the field of children's books. Response to the books offered in the *Children's Booklist for Small Public Libraries* was particularly good.

We'd like to remind you that the deadline for books selected from the *Young Adult Booklist for Small Public Libraries* is May 31. Please be sure to have your orders in by that date.

C-E-F BOARD MEETS

New officers of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Board of Trustees were elected at a meeting held April 30. Mr. Edward G. Hoit, Malone, was elected President; Mrs. A. J. Hecht, Plattsburgh, Vice-President; and Mr. Wayne Byrne, Plattsburgh, Treasurer.

Mrs. Lincoln Barnett, Westport, resigned from the Board. Mrs. Barnett has been a trustee of the three county library since 1954.

LIBRARY SYSTEMS CONFERENCE

Mr. Vecchio, Director of C-E-F, attended the annual Library Systems Conference sponsored by Library Extension and held March 31-April 2 at Niagara Falls. Discussion centered on the new bill sent to the State Legislature revising the current State Aid formula for library systems. Among the features of this bill are increased per capita support, increased per capita book reimbursement, increased grants for area covered, increased annual grants per county, and provision for grants to be made to systems to further develop central libraries.

The Nelson Associates Survey on Centralized Processing was also presented for discussion. The report recommends one center for cataloging and acquisitions to meet all public library needs in the State, including New York City. It proposed three centers for physical processing to meet upstate needs. For New York City it is suggested that physical processing not be further centralized for the near future.

The report specifically suggests a union catalog in book form for the six or seven largest libraries in the State - this catalog to be marked to show the holdings of these libraries. Nine regional catalogs in book form were proposed for the one hundred eighty next largest libraries in the state. All these catalogs

would be marked to locate holdings of the twenty largest libraries in the region.

For libraries whose holdings would not be shown in the ten catalogs, it was proposed that catalog cards be produced by the statewide cataloging center for filing in presently maintained card catalogs.

It will take five years to fully implement the report after the decision has been made to go ahead.

LIBRARIANS' MEETINGS

April 4 - About thirty member librarians and trustees attended the first spring librarians' meeting in Plattsburgh. Mr. Vecchio, Mr. Smith and Mrs. Doh talked about the Book Grant lists and procedures for ordering books on these lists.

June 6 - Mr. Warren Ross of Gaylord Bros., Inc., Syracuse, will give a demonstration of book repairing at the next librarians' meeting to be held in Plattsburgh on this date at 10:00 a.m. All librarians and trustees are urged to come to this interesting and worthwhile session.

August 1 - We are happy to announce that the guest speaker for the annual August luncheon meeting is the well-known author, Sloan Wilson. Mr. Wilson's novels have an uncanny way of going straight to the top of the best-seller lists and several have been made into motion pictures as well. Among his books are *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit*, *A Summer Place*, and *Georgie Winthrop*.

The meeting will be held at the Royal Savage Inn, Lake Shore Road, Plattsburgh at 12:00 a.m. Cost of the luncheon will be \$2.25. We ask that all librarians and trustees send in their reservations for this meeting by July 28.

THREE R'S COUNCIL MEETS

Three gifts of money were presented to the North Country Reference and Research Resources Council at a meeting on May 12 at St. Lawrence University. Mr. Holman J. Swinney, director of the Adirondack Museum at Blue Mountain Lake, presented a check for \$1500 from the Adirondack Historical Association. Dr. Roger Greer, president of the Council, announced a pledge of \$300 by the State University College at Potsdam where he is Librarian. Mr. Andrew Peters of St. Lawrence University announced a gift of \$300 from that institution. All gifts are to be used for editing the Union List of Historical Materials being compiled by Mr. Glyndon Cole of the State University College at Plattsburgh library.

Guest speaker at this meeting was Mr. Larry Buckland of Inforonics who recently completed a pilot project on automating cataloging procedures for the Library of Congress. His talk on the use of data processing equipment in libraries was illustrated by slides.

Mr. Vecchio and Mrs. Waddell represented the System at this meeting.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CALENDAR

March 21 - Mr. Vecchio visited the AuSable Forks Library.

- March 22 - Mr. Vecchio attended a combined meeting of education supervisors and librarians at the State University College at Plattsburgh. Officers from various sections of the United Nations discussed the U.N. and its publications.
- March 24 - Mr. Vecchio met with Mrs. Louis Simmons and Mrs. Kenneth Dening, librarians, and Mr. Harold Nichols and Mr. John Stock, trustees, at the Tupper Lake Public Library.
- April 19 - Bird Berdan interviewed Mr. Vecchio on television station W P T Z's program ON THE LOCAL SCENE. The interview centered on the System and its services.
- May 16 - Mr. Vecchio was the guest speaker at a dinner meeting of the Valcour Kiwanis held at the Monopole Restaurant, Plattsburgh.

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

CHATEAUGAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Mrs. Earl Jarvis is the new librarian. The library has received a yearly grant from the school district of \$1500. Hours of opening have been increased to 15 per week. New shelves have been added to the library which has recently been painted and redecorated.

DANNEMORA FREE LIBRARY

The Dannemora Library opened again March 29 after being temporarily closed for expansion and renovation. Mrs. Haley, the librarian, tells us that there is three times the space that they had previously. Attractive bookmarks noting the occasion announced that all fines for overdue books were suspended during the week of opening.

SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

Mrs. Ruth Worthington, librarian, sent us a clipping from the front page of the Adirondack Daily Enterprise. The newspaper had asked for a list of delegates to the last Constitutional Convention held in 1938. The request was sent in to Headquarters and filled within three days by our reference department. The newspaper cited this particular instance as an example of the value of the local library and of the three county system (ours) to which it belongs.

WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

Mr. David Minnich, librarian, spoke at a meeting of the Malone Kiwanis Club held during National Library Week.

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