

THE CLINTON-ESSEX-FRANKLIN LIBRARY

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BOOK GRANT PROGRAM NEARS END

The system's book grant program which makes it possible for member libraries to add more books to their collections has been underway for almost nine months. Through incentive awards based on an average of local book expenditures for the last three years, grants for weeding done in this current year, plus a fixed award of \$500.00 to each library, member librarians had an opportunity to pick many titles for their libraries - titles prechosen for literary quality, authoritative material, and lasting value.

Titles selected for grant books appeared in each 1966 issue of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Current Book Guide and in seven special lists. Each librarian was sent copies of all lists and Current Book Guides. Books ranged from picture books to adult reference titles, so that each library might be able to fill any gaps in its collection.

The last day that member librarians may order 1966 grant books is September 30. No orders will be accepted after that date nor may any funds be carried over to next year. This is necessary in order to give us enough time to place orders and be billed before the end of the year.

LIBRARIANS' MEETINGS

Sloan Wilson, author of the best-selling MAN IN THE GREY FLANNEL SUIT, spoke to librarians and trustees at the annual luncheon held at the Royal Savage Inn, Plattsburgh, on August 1. Mr. Wilson spoke about the need for more good fiction writers and the difficulties that existed for such writers in the publishing field. Talking about the costs of publishing, Mr. Wilson admitted taking a brief fling in the business and explained the breakdown on the profits from a book. Mr. Wilson is currently working on a new novel set in the Florida Keys.

The next librarians' meeting will be on Monday, October 3 in the auditorium of Plattsburgh Public Library. We urge system librarians and trustees to be present at this fall session - the last in the 1966 series of meetings.

DIRECTOR ATTENDS FILM SEMINAR

Mr. Vecchio attended a film seminar, FILM AND THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, in New York presented by the Museum of Modern Art and the Library Extension Division. The conference focused on the integration of the medium into library policies and philosophy and the need to cultivate an awareness of the potentialities of creative film programming.

Several film makers spoke about new developments and showed films, some of which were controversial and advanced both in subject matter and technique.

Marshall McLuhan, one of today's most stimulating figures in the communication world, spoke during the conference. His concepts of the way people perceive the world

through their senses of sight, hearing, taste, smell, feeling - are explained in his book, UNDERSTANDING MEDIA, published by McGraw, 1964, \$7.50, paper \$1.95

CHILDREN'S SERVICES WORKSHOP

Mrs. Doh, system young adult and children's consultant, and Mrs. Arthur Tremblay, librarian at the Dodge Memorial Library, Rouses Point, will attend a workshop on Children's services in Albany, September 22-23. Sponsored by Library Extension Division, the workshop will evaluate materials and techniques in the training of people who wish to present programs for children.

BOOKS IN LARGE TYPE

At least two publishers have recently come out with books in 18 point type reproductions of good titles for libraries. These editions are designed for readers with impaired vision. A sample listing of these titles is:

Harper (Large type edition) 5.11	Watts (Large type edition) 4.95
Gipson - Old Yeller	McLean - Mama's Bank Account
Rosten - Return of Hyman Kaplan	Lane - Let the Hurricane Roar

You may want to consider some of these titles in large print for purchase for your library. Complete lists of titles available will be sent to you upon request.

NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The 1966 conference of the New York Library Association will be held in Syracuse October 5 to 8. We hope many system librarians and trustees plan to attend.

STATE LIBRARY LEGISLATION

On July 6, Governor Rockefeller signed a bill revising state aid to library systems.

These changes will be effective in 1966:

1. Per capita book support increased from 30¢ to 40¢.
2. Increase the amount necessary to be spent on books system-wide from 30¢ to 40¢ per capita in order to qualify to receive a reimbursal of additional funds spent on books. The reimbursal is increased from 20¢ to 30¢ per capita.
3. Grant to the New York Public Library increased from a maximum of \$400,000 to a maximum of \$525,000.
4. New grants made to each system for the further development of its central library of 5¢ per capita, but not less than \$15,000 per system, if the central library meets standards set by regulation of the Commissioner of Education.
5. Central book aid feature to be continued past the now specified ten year limit and after the central library has reached an adult non-fiction collection of 100,000 volumes as follows: continuance of book aid on a 4 to 1 matching basis at an annual rate of not greater than 3,000 volumes.

These changes will be effective in 1967:

1. Increase the square mile grant -
1 county or less, \$8.00; 2 full counties, \$12.00; 3 full counties,
\$16.00; 4 full counties, \$20.00; 5 full counties, \$24.00.
2. Increase the annual grant per county -
less than one county, \$10,000; one entire county, \$15,000; each county
in a multicounty system, \$20,000.

MATERIALS FOR DISTRIBUTION

The September-October system calendar listing delivery and meeting dates is being distributed to all member librarians. Also being sent out is a reminder by the Personnel Administration Committee of the New York Library Association about forms for "Positions Available" that member libraries may use to advertise vacancies.

BUILDING PROGRAM AIDS

We have extra copies of two books at Headquarters: The Design of the Small Public Library, by Rolf Myller, and Criteria and Guidelines in Planning for Young Adult Services in Public Library Building Programs, by a Committee of the Children's and Young Adult Section of the New York Library Association.

These books may be borrowed by member librarians and trustees for guidance in planning a building program.

REVISED CRITERIA FOR L.S.C.A. CONSTRUCTION GRANTS

With the prospect of increased Federal Aid, it will be possible to liberalize grants to public libraries and public library systems during the current Federal fiscal year. The proposed changes will:

1. Increase the Federal grant to 35% of cost for all applicants.
2. Increase the maximum grant for a single project from \$200,000 to \$350,000.
3. Make it possible for some smaller libraries which do not presently circulate 30,000 volumes a year to qualify for a grant.

Under these plans, 35% of the cost of a building project may be paid by a grant from Federal Aid. This is to be matched by 65% from local funds, with the limitation that no one grant will be made for an amount in excess of \$350,00. An exception will be made in the case of a combined central library and systems headquarters building where a grant of 35% of the total cost, not to exceed \$700,000 will be made. In the case of projects where \$350,000 does not constitute as much as 35% of the total cost, the balance must be provided locally. Where the federal portion of the project would be less than \$5,000, the project will be deemed too small for participation in the program.

Small libraries under 10,000 population must have an annual circulation of at least 30,000 volumes in the prior year.

Libraries serving communities under 10,000 population, and which are members of public library systems and meet all requirements except an annual circulation of at least 30,000 volumes will be eligible for grants under the following conditions:

1. They serve communities which official population projections for the next 20 years indicate are stable or growing.
2. They will house a collection of at least 10,000 volumes.
3. They are open to the public at least 30 hours a week.
4. They have at least one full-time paid employee (or part-time equivalent).
5. The proposed building will provide a minimum of 3,000 square feet of floor space, with at least 2,500 square feet on the main floor.

It is recommended that libraries that cannot meet the above requirements explore the possibility of legal consolidation with other libraries in the same or adjoining taxing jurisdictions in order to secure a base for adequate library service. In the event of such a consolidation, such libraries will have first priority in this category.

Although these proposals have not yet been approved by the Regents and the U.S. Commissioner of Education and the level of funding at the present time is the same as it was last year, we anticipate that such approval will be forthcoming. All project applications received for review under the July 1, 1966 deadline will be eligible for grants under the revised formula.

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

One hundred children registered for the Happy Dragon Reading Club held at this library, as a summer reading program. Each book read by a child from a pre-selected reading list counted as a scale on his dragon poster. A party was given by the library on Thursday, August 25, for the participating children and supervised by Miss Nancy McFadden.

DODGE LIBRARY, WEST CHAZY

Trustees of this library have embarked on a renovation project. The stone has been pointed, the outside painted, and a new porch and steps added. A new hot air furnace will replace the old stove inside. When the project is completed, the interior will be painted, floors refinished, and new curtains added. Work is also being carried on revising the card catalog.

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