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NYLA CONFERENCE AT SYRACUSE, OCTOBER 5-8, 1966

The 73rd annual NYLA Conference was marked by many general meetings to discuss topics of interest to all librarians regardless of type of library. Among the subjects explored were: Libraries: A Means to Excellence in Education; Current State-Wide Library Developments; New Trends in Education; Machines, Materials and Mergers; Vanishing Boundaries in Librarianship. Meetings devoted to specific topics of special interest were also held. A Legislative Workshop was held at which legislative achievements and the legislative process as it affects libraries were discussed. The meeting was under the chairmanship of Joseph Eisner. The Honorable Tarky Lombardi, Jr., Senator, 52nd District, and Eileen Cooke, Assistant Director, ALA Washington office, were guest speakers. The System Directors organized an informal group to meet periodically to discuss matters of material interest.

Among other guest speakers at various programs were Sam Levenson and Louis Untermeyer.

One of the highlights of the conference was the presentation of an Honorary Life Membership to the Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller for his outstanding contributions to the development of library service in New York State.

MEMBER LIBRARIANS' MEETING ON OCTOBER 3, 1966

The fall meeting of member librarians was held on Monday, October 3, 1966, with 23 librarians attending. The main topic of discussion was the use of the Current Book Guide as a book selection tool. The list is compiled by our staff each month for adult books and bimonthly for juvenile and young adult books. It is a classified, annotated list with citations to reviews in periodicals available to member librarians. It is designed to help them make decisions on books to buy for their collections. The pitfalls involved in arriving at decisions on the basis of single reviews and publicity about books other than reviews were emphasized.

STAFF CHANGES

Mrs. Ruth Taylor, a graduate of the University of Toronto School of Library Science has joined the staff as a junior librarian as of November 10, 1966. Mr. Richard W. Ward, a graduate of Rutgers University Graduate School of Library Service with two years of experience in the West Hartford Public Library in Connecticut will join the staff as Senior Librarian I in January, 1967.

Arthur McGibbon who has been a bookmobile clerk-driver since July, 1963, has resigned to take a position driving the old bookmobile which we sold to the Malone Central School District. Alan H. Hutchins has been provisionally appointed to take his place as bookmobile clerk-driver.

Mrs. Carolyn Trivilino, typist, resigned as of November 10, 1966, and has been replaced by Sharon Steltzer.

CONSULTANT WORK

With new staff to lighten the load somewhat, we have already begun to reach out to our member libraries by resuming consultant work. Mrs. Doh, our children's consultant, is being helped by Carolyn Comeau, our new librarian trainee. As a result Mrs. Doh has been able to visit libraries at Crown Point, Ticonderoga, Essex, Willsboro, Wadhams and Westport.

Mr. Vecchio attended a meeting of the trustees of the Wead Library in Malone on October 17, 1966. Allen Sevigny of the Library Development Division also came to the meeting.

Mr. Vecchio met with Mr. Thomas Cantwell and Mr. Mott Chapin, President and Vice President of the Board of Trustees of the Saranac Lake Free Library, on Monday, November 21, to discuss some of the library's problems.

CENTRALIZED PROCESSING

The second meeting of the advisory committee on centralized processing met in Albany on September 28, 1966, at which time the committee discussed the organization pattern of a new agency, the Association of New York Libraries for Technical Services, that would implement the Nelson Associates' study Centralized Processing for the Public Libraries of New York State. After considerable debate which revolved around the composition and voting rights of a Board of Trustees, the committee resolved to ask that each system which adopted the resolution of agreement send an elected delegate to a meeting in Albany on Monday, November 14, 1966, to make final determination of the organizational characteristics of the new association.

Mr. Vecchio attended that meeting as the system delegate. The major decisions of the meeting were:

1. The Association of New York Libraries for Technical Services is to be governed by the membership which will include the twenty-two library systems and the State Library.
2. The membership will elect, with each system having one vote, a Board of Trustees consisting of 9 members to be chosen from the following areas.

1. New York
2. Brooklyn
3. Queens
4. Nassau and Suffolk "
5. Buffalo-Erie, Chautauqua-Cattaraugus, Nioga
6. Pioneer, Chemung, Finger Lakes
7. Onondaga, North Country, Clinton-Essex-Franklin, Mid York
8. Southern Adirondack, Mohawk Valley, Upper Hudson, Four County
9. Mid-Hudson, Ramapo-Catskill, Westchester

Mr. John Humphrey, Director of the Brooklyn Public Library, was chosen as temporary chairman. He is to select a By-Law Committee, a Nominating Committee and a Finance Committee.

The next meeting will be held on February 17, 1967.

NORTH COUNTRY REFERENCE AND RESEARCH RESOURCES COUNCIL

There were two monthly meetings of the Council on October 13 and November 10. Miss Jean Connor, Director of the Library Development Division, attended the first to listen to the members discuss whether or not the Council should affiliate with Syracuse or Albany in order to qualify for a grant of \$25,000 to carry out its activities. The original standards proposed included a population figure and a resources qualification which could not be met. She listened to many reasons why we should remain organized on our present geographical basis which she promised to carry back to the group setting up final standards.

The standards have since been changed in such a way as to enable the council to qualify for the grant.

At the November 10 meeting, Mr. Lawrence, C-E-F trustee, and Mr. Vecchio were elected trustees of the Council. Mr. Vecchio was also elected vice-president of the organization.

The course and objectives of the Council are to be considered at a December 15 meeting of Chief Librarians of the member institutions.

CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Mrs. Doh and Miss Comeau attended a Conference on Children's Services in Albany September 22-23. Participants discussed the use and evaluation of films in storytelling programs, reading aloud, telling a story, creative dramatics and the training of people who would use these approaches to broadening the field of children's services.

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

ESSEX FREE LIBRARY

Fifty children attended a film showing at this library and viewed a display of children's books.

KEESEVILLE FREE LIBRARY

Mrs. Garcia, the librarian, has a new assistant, Mrs. Olga Patnode. She replaces the former assistant, Mrs. Thomson, who has moved to Long Island.

The trim on this library building has been freshly repainted.

KEENE VALLEY LIBRARY

At the annual meeting of the Keene Valley Library Association, the following officers were elected: Dr. Landon Rockwell, President; Mrs. Elmore Edmonds, First

Vice-President; Mr. J. Everett Hall, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Elizabeth Lehmann, Secretary; Mr. Robert Denniston, Treasurer; Mrs. Nina Winkel, Mr. Charles Twichell, and Mr. Edward Whitmore, trustees.

LAKE PLACID PUBLIC LIBRARY

The interior and exterior of the library has been repainted and the flower boxes replanted by the Garden Club of this village.

The library received a gift of ten books on big game fish and game fishing from the collection of the late Ted Collins, Kate Smith's manager.

Two enterprising youngsters launched a private fund-raising campaign for the local library. Barbara Belmore and Michelle Conley staged a benefit carnival and presented the net profit to Mrs. Florence Lamb, the librarian at the Lake Placid Library.

WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

An unreturned library book made it possible for a 'bus passenger to find her suitcase. The Greyhound Bus agent at Canton told David Minnich, librarian at Wead, that a suitcase had been left at the station - with no identification except for an unreturned book from Wead Library. Checking his records, Mr. Minnich found the patron's name in his files, notified the agent who was then able to forward the suitcase to the woman at her new home downstate. Yes, the book was returned to Wead.

Last year's sixth grade class at Lambertson School presented a copy of Fifty Favorite Fairy Tales to the library. The library was also presented with an autographed copy of Jean Bothwell's newest book, The Dancing Princess, by the E. M. Hale Publishing Company.

Approximately twenty-five classes from the local schools visited Wead during Children's Book Week.

BLACK WATCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY, TICONDEROGA

The library has a new front door. The ladies of the Home Bureau Demonstration Group are giving the library a thorough cleaning.

WESTPORT LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Westport Library Association announces the election of Raymond C. Clark to the Board of Trustees to replace the late Mrs. Philip Stockton who had been a trustee for many years.

Dr. Onslow A. Gordon III has been appointed to the book selection committee.

It is now almost the end of the year - and we look back with satisfaction and pleasure at 1966: a good year for the System and a good year for our member libraries. Substantial book grants have enabled most of you to build up your collections.

The scope and diversity of reference work has greatly increased. Librarians' meetings have been well attended. Circulation of books both on the bookmobiles and to member libraries is high. It has been a good year - and we hope to make the new one even better. A very Merry Christmas to you all from the staff at the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library.

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