THE SMALL PUBLIC LIBRARIES PROJECT - FIRST AID FOR COMMUNITY LIBRARIANS!

The final report of the American Library Association's Small Libraries Project has been released, together with the last three pamphlets in that series. The brain-child of Joseph L. Wheeler, Director Emeritus of Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, this series of sixteen pamphlets, written by experts in each field, can serve as guide, mentor, and invaluable reference aid to the librarian and her trustees.

Designed specifically for librarians and trustees of small public libraries serving less than 10,000 population, it is an aid to developing the best possible policies for good library service. And for librarians who have not had the benefit of professional library training, this series is manna from heaven.

Take a look at the material it covers! Are you weeding your collection and uncertain just where to begin and what to dispose of? Supplement A to Building and Maintaining the Small Library Collection is down-to-earth, practical information on weeding the small library collection. You don't have to work blindly - or spend more time than you can afford out of your already overburdened schedule trying to find the answers to your weeding problems.

The section on reference services is a must! It's a primer on how and where to find the answers to the questions that the busy librarian must somehow find time to take care of - plus a list of suggested reference books.

From adult services to the care and nourishment of juvenile readers, from trustees and their long-range planning to the library building itself, this series of pamphlets should be on your desk at all times as your good right hand, ready to help you silently and efficiently.

The complete series of sixteen has been made available to all librarians in the Clinton-Essex-Franklin System. If somehow you have not received all the pamphlets in this series, ask for them right away. Don't let your library, your board, and your public down by not having this vital information on the specifics of running a good library ready and open for use.

A questionnaire was sent out in August to all member librarians to make sure each had received all sixteen pamphlets. To date, we have had answers from only fourteen libraries. Please send in your completed questionnaire immediately so that you will have the entire series for your library.
ADULT BOOKS AND SERVICES

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This will be a monthly department and will include anything of interest and importance in the area of adult books and services particularly as they apply to the system.

One regular feature will be an annotated list of books selected from the many received each month by the system which are recommended for possible purchase by member libraries. The following is the first such list:

FICTION

Roberts, Dorothy James Kinsmen of the Grail Little, Brown $5.75
A gifted historical novelist tells an unfamiliar version of the story of Gawin and Perceval from the Arthurian legend.

Asimov, Isaac I, Robot Doubleday $3.50
A new edition of a book of short, science fiction stories around the theme of the dominance of robots over man by a top-notch science writer.

NON-FICTION

320.1 Roosevelt, Eleanor Tomorrow is now Harper and Row $3.00
R A great woman's legacy: her last thoughts on the important national and international issues of our time.

331.88 Peterson, Florence American labor unions 2d rev. ed. Harper and Row $5.50
P A new edition of a standard work on American labor unions: What they are and how they work.

338.4 Mitford, Jessica American way of death Simon and Schuster $4.95
M Lively criticism of American funeral customs. Already a best seller which is receiving much comment in the press and other communication media.

574 Frisch, Karl Von Man and the living world Harcourt, Brace and World $7.50
F A well-illustrated, interestingly written survey of biology for the general reader with the emphasis on the relationships of animal life to environment.

615.8 Brecher, Ruth The Consumer's Union report of smoking and the public interest Simon and Schuster $3.50
B The latest on the smoking-cancer problem including the medical evidence, the role of the tobacco and advertising industries and a program for action.

940.53 Ball, Adrian The last days of the old world Doubleday $4.95
B A dramatic, chronological reconstruction of the events that shook Berlin, Paris, London, Warsaw and Rome on September 3, 1939, the day the Second World War was declared.

973 Handlin, Oscar The Americans Little, Brown $6.95
H A readable history tracing the influence of migration on the American scene.
HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

TRUSTEES' WORKSHOP

The Library Trustees' Forum and Workshop, sponsored by Library Extension Division, was held Saturday, September 21, at St. Peter's School, Plattsburgh. Mr. Paul Vogan, Vice-President of the Board of Trustees of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library, introduced the guest speaker, Mr. John Deming, Elizabethtown, New York, a former supervisor of Essex County. Mr. Deming spoke on Securing Public Support. The group discussion which followed the morning session covered planning the library budget and obtaining public support for libraries. Present were Mrs. John C. Colver, Plattsburgh; Mr. William Downes, Keeseville; Mr. Duane H. Dewan, West Chazy; Mrs. Allan Everest, Plattsburgh; Miss Laura Ingalls, Plattsburgh; Mr. Richard I. Lawrence, Jr., Elizabethtown; Mr. Vincent Maher, Au Sable Forks; Mrs. Pearl Maicus, Au Sable Forks; Mrs. Mary L. Mills, Fort Covington; Mrs. R. A. Polson, Ithaca; Miss Margaret I. Richards, Brushton; Mr. Thomas Romeo, Plattsburgh; Dr. Travers Robbins, Plattsburgh; Mr. Anthony Vecchio, Mr. Berry, and Mrs. Rose Waddell from Headquarters. Representing Library Extension Division were Miss I. Marie Gustafson and Mr. Stefan Moses, Senior Library Supervisors.

FALL REFERENCE COURSE

The first session of the fall community librarians' training course was held in Lake Placid on September 16. Mr. Robert P. Stewart, Reference Consultant, Library Extension Division, is teaching this year's course in reference service. Present were Mrs. Martha Russell, Northwood School, Lake Placid; Mrs. Florence Lamb, Lake Placid Public Library; Mr. David Minnich, Head Library, Malone; Mrs. David Minnich, Harrison Junior High School, Malone; Mrs. Roger Blake, Dodge Library, West Chazy; Mrs. Paul Vogan, Mooers Free Library; Mrs. Pearl Maicus, Au Sable Forks Library; Mrs. Anita Washburn, Keene Public Library; Mrs. Blanchie Isham and Mrs. Bessie Clifford, Keene Valley Library Association; Mrs. Helga Peterson and Mrs. Doris Thompson, Keeseville Free Library; Mrs. Marion Mason, Paine Memorial Library, Willsgboro; Mrs. Courtman Morton, Black Watch Memorial Library, Ticonderoga; Mrs. Ruth Tepedino, Ticonderoga; Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Marie Chauvin, Mr. Vecchio and Mrs. Leggett from Headquarters.

NEW LISTS OF RECOMMENDED BOOKS

In response to requests for such material, Mr. Vecchio has prepared two recommended buying lists of plays and essays for use by high school students. These lists are included with the current newsletter.

DIRECTOR ATTENDS MEETING

Mr. Berry attended a meeting of the Regents' Certification Committee in Syracuse, September 26 and 27.
NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The NYLA conference to be held October 9-12 in Rochester promises several meetings that should be of interest to trustees and librarians in the three county area. In the Adult Services Section, a panel discussion Into the Community with Information, is planned for Thursday at 10:00 a.m. The Library Trustees Foundation has scheduled a full day of meetings and discussions for Friday. A Model Library Board Meeting is on the agenda for Friday at 10:00 a.m., with a luncheon following at 12:30. We hope that many trustees and librarians from Clinton, Essex, and Franklin counties will be able to attend this conference.

SCHROON LAKE BRANCH LIBRARY CLOSED

The Schroon Lake branch library closed for the season on August 31. Mrs. John Caramia, Acting Librarian, has resigned her position. She has moved to Plattsburgh where her husband has accepted a position on the faculty of State University College of Education at Plattsburgh.

FALL LIBRARIANS' MEETING

The fall meeting of member librarians will be held Monday, October 7, in the auditorium of Plattsburgh Public Library. Mrs. Barbara Doh, Headquarters Children's Consultant, will lead a panel discussion on children's services. Appearing on the panel will be Dr. M. Frances Breen, Librarian at the Feinberg Memorial Library, State University College of Education at Plattsburgh; Mrs. Paul Vogan, Librarian, Mooers Free Library; and Mrs. David Minnich, Librarian at Harrison Junior High School, Malone.

BOOK REVIEW MEETING

A book review meeting was held September 9 at the Chateaugay Memorial Library. Mrs. Anne Mitchell, Mr. Anthony Vecchio and Mr. Berry reviewed current adult books and reference materials. Present were Mrs. Paul Vogan, Mrs. Smith B. Hammond, Mrs. Peter Curtin, Mrs. John Lyons, Mrs. Robert Franklin, Mrs. Joseph Pezzulo, and Mrs. Bruce McGregor.

LIBRARIAN ADDRESSES TEACHERS' MEETING

A meeting of teachers in the supervisory district of Dr. John W. Harrold was held September 6 at Champlain Central School. Mrs. Barbara Doh, Headquarters Children's Consultant, spoke to fifth and sixth grade teachers on the importance of fiction in juvenile literature.

LAKE PLACID CLUB

Miss Lora Crouch, Librarian at the Forest Library, Lake Placid Club, has resigned to accept a position in Rochester, Minnesota. During her stay in Lake Placid, Miss Crouch extended the services of her library to area librarians and was also present at the training courses for community librarians held twice yearly at the club.
NEW BOOK ON AREA HISTORY

Headquarters has received a copy of Fort Covington and Her Neighbors, by Dr. Herbert D. Donovan. Subtitled A History of Three Towns, it covers Fort Covington, Westville and Bombay. Residents of Franklin County should have particular interest in this new book about their area.

STAFF NEWS

Bill Day, graduate student at State University College of Education at Plattsburgh, has joined the staff as page.

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

CHAZY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mrs. Loretta Hubbell has resigned as librarian. Replacing her will be Mrs. Richard Barker.

KEENE VALLEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The new addition to this library was officially opened on Sunday, September 1, with an open house. Dedication service was conducted by the Reverend Frederica Mitchell of Keene Valley.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, Mrs. A. N. Spanel was named as a new trustee.

Mr. Vecchio visited this library on September 24 to consult with Mrs. Isham on weeding the adult collection.

KEESEVILLE FREE LIBRARY

Mr. Robert P. Stewart, Reference Consultant, Library Extension Division, and Mr. Berry visited the library on August 21. Mr. Stewart was interested in seeing local history and reference collections in area libraries before the beginning of the fall reference course.

LAKE PLACID PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mr. Berry attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees of this library on September 9.

WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

The Wead Library has resumed its winter schedule.
MOOERS FREE LIBRARY

Mr. Stewart and Mr. Berry also visited this library on August 21 while looking at reference collections in area libraries.

DODGE LIBRARY, WEST CHAZY

Mr. Vecchio, Adult Services Specialist, has been assisting in the reactivation of this library, working with Mrs. Roger Blake, Librarian, and the Board of Trustees in planning library service.

ADDENDA

A quotation taken from a telegram sent by President Kennedy to the International Federation for Modern Languages and Literature Congress in August of this year seems particularly pertinent to librarians:

"There can be few more significant responsibilities than the preservation of this [literary and linguistic] heritage in all its integrity and variety; for language and literature are the means by which men reason, nations communicate, and civilizations endure."

R. Edwin Berry, Director

Mary G. Leggett, Editor
ESSAYS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The following titles are recommended to fill requests for collections of essays by high school students.

The starred items are anthologies of essays by more than one author which you may want to consider for first purchase.

Addison, Joseph
Bacon, Francis
Benchley, Robert
Carlyle, Thomas

Huxley, Aldous L.
*Jameson, Robert V.
De Kruif, Paul
Emerson, Ralph W.

Fadiman, Clifton
Fadiman, Clifton
Higeth, Gilbert
Krutch, Joseph W.

Lamb, Charles

*Lester, John A., ed.

*Parker, Elinor, ed.

Perelman, S. J.

Van Doren, Mark
White, E. B.
White, E. B.
White, E. B.

SIR ROGER DE COVERLEY PAPERS FROM THE SPECTATOR Houghton $2.28
COMPLETE ESSAYS Houghton $2.00
CHIPS OFF THE OLD BENCHLEY Harper $5.00
ON HEROES, HERO-WORSHIP AND THE HEROIC IN HISTORY Oxford $2.25
COLLECTED ESSAYS Harper $5.50
ESSAYS OLD AND NEW Harcourt $2.24
MICROBE HUNTERS Harcourt $2.60
ESSAYS FIRST AND SECOND SERIES Houghton $5.00
ANY NUMBER CAN PLAY World $5.00
ENTER CONVERSING World $5.00
PEOPLE, PLACES AND BOOKS Oxford $3.50
TWELVE SEASONS, A PERPETUAL CALENDAR FOR THE COUNTRY Sloan $3.00
THE ESSAYS OF ELIA AND THE LAST ESSAYS OF ELIA Oxford $2.25
ESSAYS OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY Harcourt $2.28
I WAS JUST THINKING - A BOOK OF ESSAYS Crowell $2.95
BEST OF S. J. PERELMAN Modern Library $1.95
THE HAPPY CRITIC, AND OTHER ESSAYS Hill $3.50
ONE MAN'S MEAT Harper $1.40
THE POINTS OF MY COMPASS Harper $4.00
THE SECOND TREE FROM THE CORNER Harper $1.40
PLAYS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The following titles are recommended to fill requests for plays by high school students.

The checked items are musical plays.

✓ Bernstein, Leonard A.
Besier, Rudolf
Chase, Mary
Connelly, Marc
Drinkwater, John
Goodrich, Frances
Hansberry, Lorraine
Kaufman, George & Hart, Moss
✓ Lerner, Alan J.
Levin, Ira

Lindsay, Howard &
Crouse, Russel
✓ Lindsay, Howard
Miller, Arthur
Patrick, John

✓ Rama, Rau S.
✓ Rodgers, Richard

Schary, Dore
Shaw, Bernard

Sherwood, Robert E.
Van Druten, John
Wilder, Thornton
✓ Wilson, Meredith
Wouk, Herman

WEST SIDE STORY Random $3.95
BARRETT'S OF WIMPOLE STREET Little $3.75
MRS. MC THING Oxford $4.00
THE GREEN PASTURES Rinehart $3.00
ABRAHAM LINCOLN Houghton $2.04
DIARY OF ANNE FRANK (drama) Random $3.95
RAISIN IN THE SUN Random $3.95
SIX PLAYS Modern Library $1.95
MY FAIR LADY Coward $3.50
NO TIME FOR SERGEANTS (Drama) Random $3.95
LIFE WITH FATHER; LIFE WITH MOTHER
Knopf $5.00
THE SOUND OF MUSIC Random $3.95
DEATH OF A SALESMAN Viking $3.00
TEAHOUSE OF THE AUGUST MOON! A PLAY
Putnam $3.00
A PASSAGE TO INDIA Harcourt $3.50
SIX PLAYS BY RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN
Modern Library $1.95
SUNRISE AT CAMPBELLO Random $3.95
SAINT JOAN; MAJOR BARBARA; ANDROCLES AND
THE LION Modern Library $1.95
ABE LINCOLN IN ILLINOIS Scribner $3.50
I REMEMBER MAMA Harcourt $3.75
THREE PLAYS (OUR TOWN, THE SKIN OF OUR
TEETH, THE WATCHMAKER) Harper $1.40
THE MUSIC MAN Putnam $2.95
CAINE MUTINY COURT MARTIAL Doubleday
$2.75