A NEW DIMENSION IN LIBRARY SERVICE

A further expansion of the system's growing list of services to residents of Clinton, Essex, and Franklin counties is now in force with the locating of microfilm readers at four member libraries, libraries selected because of geographic location and the libraries' hours of being open.

Hours and days of opening for these libraries are:

Malone, New York  
Weed Library  
Open 63 hours per week

Monday through Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Plattsburgh, New York  
Plattsburgh Public Library  
Open 45 hours per week

Monday and Friday 12:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; 7:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 12:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saranac Lake, New York  
Saranac Lake Free Library  
Open 45 hours per week

Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Willsboro, New York  
Paine Memorial Library  
Open 30 hours per week

Monday, Wednesday and Saturday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.; 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Catalog cards for all microfilmed periodicals owned by the system are being sent to all member libraries, the Feinberg Memorial Library, State University College at Plattsburgh, and to the library at Paul Smith's College, Paul Smiths, New York. By using the unabridged or abridged Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature or Poole's Index to Periodical Literature, 1802-1906, the reader can locate microfilmed articles on a wide variety of subjects. The system also has the New York Times Index, which provides another way of locating material by utilizing the time sequence.

The microfilm, stored at Plattsburgh Public Library, is available upon request at any of the other three libraries as well as Plattsburgh by means of interlibrary loan. This means that students, adult patrons, and researchers will have access
to much more material than any one library can afford to own. The cost of buying many periodicals is usually beyond the small library's budget, and space to store periodicals is always difficult to find. But on microfilm, an entire year's run of a periodical can be kept on one or two small reels of film and the cost of purchase is part of the Central Aid to Libraries Program. It is apparent that the microfilm program will obviate the problems of both cost and storage of periodicals for the member library - and will give the patron in the three county area reference service on a far larger scale. It will also mean that the librarian will have more material with which to answer requests from students, requests that certainly tax heavily both the member library's resources and the librarian herself.

Over a period of time we intend to build up a large stock of microfilm from periodicals indexed in the Reader's Guide so that even more microfilmed periodicals will be ready for use. The addition of microfilm and microfilm readers is another step toward enlarging the scope of reference material and service for people in Clinton, Essex, and Franklin counties, a vital part of the whole system program.

LIST OF MICROFILM HOLDINGS TO DATE- MORE TITLES ARE ON ORDER

America, 1949-1961
American Economic Review, 1911-1961
American Literature, 1955-1962
Americas, 1962
Antiques, 1962
Architectural Record, 1956-1961
Atlantic Monthly, 1857-1961
Audubon Magazine, 1962
Better Homes and Gardens, 1948-1962
Business Week, 1929-1961
Catholic World, 1961
Christian Century, 1952-1962
Commonweal, 1950 - March 1962
Consumer Bulletin, 1962
Consumer Reports, 1962
Current History, 1962
Department of State Bulletin, 1955-1961
Electronics World, 1962
Flower Grower, 1954-1962
Foreign Affairs, 1922 - July 1962
Fortune, 1930-1961
Harper's, 1850-1960
High Fidelity, 1951-1962
Holiday, 1962
Horizon, Sept 1961 - July 1962
Hornbook, 1962
Life, 1936-1960
Monthly Labor Review, 1962
Musical America, 1949-1961
Nation, 1865-1961
New Republic, 1914-1960
New York Times, 1851-1961
Outdoor Life, 1954-1961
PMLA (Publications of the Modern Language Association), 1884-1961
Plays, 1954 - May, 1962
Poetry, 1912 - March 1962
Popular Mechanics, 1902-1961
Popular Science Monthly, 1940-1961
Reader's Digest, 1922-1961
Recreation, 1962
Saturday Evening Post, 1897-1961
Saturday Review, 1924-1961
School and Society, 1962
School Arts, Sept 1961 - June 1962
School Life, Sept 1961 - July 1962
Science, 1883-1961
Science Newsletter, 1954-1961
Scientific American, 1962
Sky and Telescope, 1949-1961
Theatre Arts, 1952-1961
Time, 1923-1960
U. S. News and World Reports, 1933-June 1962
Vogue, July 1961-June 1962
Yale Review, 1892 - Summer, 1962
ADULT BOOKS AND SERVICES

ANTHONY F. VECCHIO, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

The reference course conducted at Lake Placid by Mr. Robert P. Stewart of the Library Extension Division has proved to be an instructive one for those fortunate enough to have been able to attend.

It is not possible to pass on everything to those of you who were not able to attend for one reason or another. However, Mr. Stewart did touch on one area which is little understood and consequently much neglected, that of government documents.

The United States government is one of the largest publishing houses in the world. A great deal of the material published is suitable and useful for libraries. Some large libraries are designated as depository libraries and receive everything. Other libraries select what they wish from the vast output. Even the smallest libraries will find much that is useful and the relatively low cost will come as a pleasant surprise.

Large libraries need to subscribe to the Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications for a complete listing. The small library can make intelligent selections from two sources which can be requested free of charge. There is a set of over forty Price Lists of Government Publications which describe books and pamphlets available in various subject fields such as Labor, Insects, Forestry, Maps, Homes, etc. Every two weeks, there is a listing of new Selected United States Government Publications which cuts across all subject fields. In order to receive these, write to:

Superintendent of Documents
Government Printing Office
Washington, D.C.

Request a complete set of Price Lists of Government Publications and ask to be placed on the mailing list for Selected United States Government Publications.

The Price Lists should be kept on file until superceded by new editions. The Selected United States Government Publications need not be kept at all after ordering has been done.

The following is a list of titles useful for all libraries, large and small:

Catalog #c3.134:963 $3.75

Statistical abstract of the United States, 1963
Authoritative summary of statistics on the social, political and economic organization of the United States.

Catalog #c3.134/2 H62/957 $6.00

Historical statistics of the United States, Colonial times to 1957.
Supplements the Statistical Abstract by giving statistics of the country's development throughout its history.
Covers the creation and authority, organization and functions of the
agencies in the legislative, judicial and executive branches of the Federal
Government.

Occupational Outlook Handbook
Information on employment trends and outlook in major occupations for use
in vocational guidance.

U. S. Congress Official Congressional Directory, 1963
Information on organization and members of Congress and related govern-
ment agencies.

Orders must include the catalog numbers and titles and should be prepaid by
check or money order mailed directly to the Superintendent of Documents, Government
Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED FOR PURCHASE

Bushnell, Oswald A. MOLOKAI World $5.95

Dramatic story of a medical experiment on a human being involving leprosy; the
setting: the island of Molokai where Father Damien and a colony of lepers were in
exile.

327.1 Dulles, Allen THE CRAFT OF INTELLIGENCE Harper $4.95
D
The former head of the CIA discusses his speciality expertly.

341.1 Stevenson, Adlai E. LOOKING OUTWARD: YEARS OF CRISIS AT THE UNITED NATIONS
S Harper $4.00
An eloquent spokesman's observations on the whole range of international
problems including the crises which he has had to deal: Cuba, the Congo, nuclear
testing, etc.

370.7 Conant, James Bryant THE EDUCATION OF AMERICAN TEACHERS McGraw $5.00
C
An educator's condemnation of present-day education of American teachers with
concrete recommendations for change.
The author of *Spinster* tells of her 24 years of experience as a teacher and of the method she used in the effort to initiate the Maori children of New Zealand into the complexities of modern civilization.

The first volume of General Eisenhower's political autobiography including the years from the war's end to the decision to run for a second term.

So many books for children are published each year that we find it difficult to choose from among them. There are thousands available and the budget permits our library to buy only a few of them. On what basis can we make our selection?

I think we have two alternatives. The first is to let the children choose. If we follow this policy we're quite sure that the books will be read. Our circulation will probably jump; we'll be thrilled to see so many enthusiastic young readers coming to the library. We may feel very satisfied with ourselves.

However, upon further reflection, will it occur to us that our position is similar to that of a grocery store proprietor who enjoys tremendous sales one day when he allows all of the children to come after school and buy twenty-five cents worth of candy for a nickel? Carried away by enthusiasm, this man has forgotten that few dinners will be eaten that night, as well as the fact that he has lost twenty cents on each purchase.

Yes, if we follow the first alternative we will be shortchanging ourselves as well as the children. We need to be reminded that "children know what books they like, but not all the books they are capable of liking." Our years of searching for understanding must count for something. They have shown us that tastes are developed over a period of time through exposure. If we are not satisfied with the mediocre in art, music or reading, it is because we have been exposed to the best. Someone was responsible for providing us with this best, and helping us to understand the difference between the important and the trivial, the lasting and the instantly appealing, the truly valuable and the showy.

Shall we not then make it possible for the children to share this same appreciation of worth? "If children are going to read worthwhile books, they must be available. Not many families are buying two and three dollar books for children, so the libraries and the schools have to get the better books into the children's hands somehow. This is the first kind of guidance for which we are responsible." Let's choose for the children.

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Ibid, p. 601
HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

SYSTEM TRUSTEE RECEIVES AWARD

At the Fourteenth Annual Conference of the New York-Vermont Interstate Commission held the first week of October, Mr. Richard I. Lawrence, Jr. of Elizabethtown, New York, was presented with the Annual Interstate Commission on Lake Champlain Basin Award. Mr. John H. C. Pell of Fort Ticonderoga, a member of the Joint Legislative Committee on Interstate Cooperation, made the presentation. Mr. Lawrence is a member of the board of trustees of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library.

LIBRARIANS’ MEETING

The fall meeting of member librarians was held Monday, October 8, in the auditorium of Plattsburgh Public Library. Mrs. Barbara Doh, Headquarters’ Children’s Consultant, moderated a panel discussion on children's services. Panelists were Dr. M. Frances Breen, Librarian at Feinberg Memorial Library, State University College at Plattsburgh; Mrs. Paul Vogan, Librarian at Mooers Free Library; and Mrs. David Minnich, Librarian at Harrison Junior High School, Malone. Displays of books and aids to story hours and book talks were a feature of the meeting. Present were Mrs. Daniel Gregory, Lyon Mountain Branch Library; Mrs. Blanche Isham, Keene Valley Library Association; Mrs. Courtnay K. Morton, Black Watch Memorial Library, Ticonderoga; Mrs. Anita Washburn, Keene Public Library; Mrs. Marion Mason, Paine Memorial Library, Willsboro; Miss Madella Buck, Wells Memorial Library, Upper Jay; Mrs. David Harrison, Champlain Free Library; Mrs. Arthur Tremblay, Dodge Memorial Library, Rouses Point; Mrs. Frank Peterson, Keeseville Free Library; Miss Margot Clark and Mrs. Raymond Clark, Westport Library Association; Mr. David Minnich, Wead Library, Malone; and Mrs. Waddell, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. Leggett, Mr. Vecchio and Mr. McDonald from Headquarters.

CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK

Children's Book Week will be celebrated November 10-16 this year. The theme "Three cheers for books" has been carried out in attractive posters and bookmarks which have been distributed to all member libraries for use during this week.

NYLA MEETING

Mr. Vecchio, Mrs. Doh and Mrs. Waddell attended the annual meeting of the New York Library Association held in Rochester, October 9-12.

BOOKMOBILE NEWS

The bookmobile is no longer housed at the Clinton County Garage because of lack of space for county highway equipment.

Mrs. Mitchell, Headquarters' Reference Consultant, and Mr. Vecchio, Assistant Director, made trips on the bookmobile this month to survey adult services at first hand. Mrs. Mitchell went on the Wilmington run and Mr. Vecchio accompanied the librarian on the run to Bloomingdale and Onchiota.
FALL REFERENCE COURSE

The last session in the fall reference course taught by Mr. Robert P. Stewart, Reference Consultant, Library Extension Division, was held at Lake Placid, Monday, October 28. Those taking this course were: Mrs. Florence Lamb, Lake Placid Public Library; Mrs. Martha Russell, Northwood School, Lake Placid; Mr. David Minnich, Wead Library, Malone; Mrs. David Minnich, Harrison Junior High School, Malone; Mrs. Roger Blake, Dodge Library, West Chazy; Mrs. Margaret Harrison, Champlain Free Library; Mrs. Paul Vogan, Mooers Free Library; Mrs. Pearl Maicus, Au Sable Forks Library; Mrs. Anita Washburn, Keene Public Library; Mrs. Blanche Isham, and Mrs. Bessie Clifford, Keene Valley Library Association; Mrs. Frank Peterson and Mrs. Doris Thompson, Keeseville Free Library; Mrs. Marion Mason, Paine Memorial Library, Willsboro; Mrs. Courtney K. Morton, Black Watch Memorial Library, Ticonderoga; Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Chauvin, Mr. Vecchio and Mrs. Leggett from Headquarters.

NEW FILMS LISTED

Lists of new films distributed by Library Extension Division and the Canadian Travel Film Library which can be borrowed from the system for use in communities in the three county area have been mailed to all member libraries.

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

AU SABLE FORKS LIBRARY

An October display of books titled "What's Cooking" featured cookbooks of all descriptions.

During Children's Book Week, Mrs. Maicus, Mrs. Mitchell of Headquarters, and Elsie Robinson, School Librarian, will discuss the roles of the public library, the system library, and the school library at a Parent-Teacher meeting in Au Sable Forks, scheduled for November 12.

ELLENBURG DEPOT LIBRARY

Mrs. Mary Jane Chilton attended the Rochester meeting of the New York Library Association.

KEESEVILLE FREE LIBRARY

Mr. Carl Banker has given a collection of pictures and a map of "Old Keeseville" to be added to the local history collection.

The library received $225.00 from the staff and campers of the North Country Camps as part of the annual fund drive.

Kathy Burns, Senior Girl Scout, is assisting at the library.
MOOERS FREE LIBRARY

The library is now conducting its annual membership drive. Mrs. Vogan reported that since the formation of the three county library system, Mooers Library circulation has more than tripled itself.

PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

As part of its October projects, the library has featured an attractive United Nations exhibit, with books, posters, pamphlets, and miniature U.N. flags to carry out the theme.

A story hour has been scheduled for the winter season, to be held every Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 for pre-schoolers. Mrs. William Benson will be in charge.

For Children's Book Week, Miss Walter has a display of books, posters and a mobile on the theme "Three cheers for books". Arrangements have been made for school groups and girl scout troops to visit the Plattsburgh Library.

PAINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILLSBORO

Mr. Berry visited the library on October 24.

R. Edwin Berry, Director

Mary G. Leggett, Editor