ANTHONY F. VECCHIO NAMED SYSTEM DIRECTOR

Trustees of the System approved the appointment of Anthony F. Vecchio as Director of the three-county library at a meeting held on Saturday, May 8.

Mr. Vecchio received his B.A. from the College of the City of New York and his Master's Degree in Library Science from the Columbia University School of Library Service, Columbia University. For thirteen years he was associated with the Brooklyn Public Library (Brooklyn, New York). He became Assistant Director of the three county library in August, 1963, and for the past three months has been Acting Director of the System.

At the same meeting, Mrs. Lincoln Barnett was elected second vice-president of the board. Those present were: Mr. Paul Vogan, Mooers; Mr. Claude Clark, Bloomingdale; Mr. William A. Harvey, Saranac Lake; Mr. Edward G. Hoit, Malone; Mr. W. Hustace Hubbard and Mr. Richard W. Lawrence, Jr., Elizabethtown; Mrs. James F. Mills, Fort Covington; Miss Margaret Richards, Brushton; and Mrs. Allan Everest and Mr. Frank Carpenter, Plattsburgh.

Date of the next board meeting will be announced.

DIRECTOR ATTENDS ALBANY MEETING

Mr. Vecchio represented the System library at the May 14th meeting of officials from public and non-public schools held in the Chancellor's Hall of the Education Building, Albany. Purpose of the meeting was to acquaint administrators with the provisions of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Certain provisions will involve libraries.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM HELD FOR TRUSTEES

Mrs. Allan Everest and Mr. Paul Vogan attended an Orientation Program for System Trustees in Albany on May 21 and 22. Outlining the organizational structure of the Education Department, the program also explained the legal background affecting libraries and systems as well as clarifying the existing relationships between libraries, systems and Library Extension Division.

JUNE LIBRARIANS' MEETING

The next librarians' meeting will be held in Plattsburgh on Monday, June 7, at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Barbara Doh will talk on modern trends in children's books and Mr. Vecchio will discuss current adults books. We urge all librarians and trustees to
attend this meeting.

May we remind you to save the date of Monday, August 2, for the annual luncheon meeting of librarians and trustees to be held at the Royal Savage Inn, Plattsburgh? Program for this meeting will be announced at a later date.

THREE R'S MEETINGS SCHEDULED

A meeting of the North Country Reference Research Resources Council was held May 11 at St. Lawrence University, Canton. Topics under discussion were the proposed survey of area reference resources as well as projects suggested by council members. These projects included a union list of North Country history, a union list of serials, a directory of libraries, and a list of existing cooperative efforts between libraries.

Members were requested to bring an annual report or other statistics such as student body, degree granted, future projections, etc., with them to the next meeting on June 3 at St. Lawrence University. Mr. Vecchio, Mrs. Waddell and Mrs. Leggett will attend this meeting. Dr. Guy Garrison from the Library Research Center at Illinois will be present to talk to the group at St. Lawrence University.

SUMMER BOOK STATION TO OPEN SOON

The Schroon Lake Book Station will be open during July and August for the use of residents and summer visitors. The station will be open from 10:00 to 1:00 on Monday and Thursday of each week, beginning with Thursday, July 1. It will be staffed by Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson and Mrs. Shirley Schoenstadt of Schroon Lake and will have a collection of books supplied by the System.

The bookmobile will stop at Severance instead of Schroon Lake during July and August. Time for the stop is Tuesday evening from 7:45 to 9:00, beginning with Tuesday, July 13.

STAFF CHANGES

Mr. John Crager of Headquarters has been placed in charge of bookmobile operations. A graduate of the School of Library Science, State University of New York at Albany, Mr. Crager has been with the System since June, 1964.

Because of the steadily increasing volume of reference and request work, Mrs. Anne Mitchell, formerly the System bookmobile librarian, has taken over full direction of the Headquarters Reference Department. Mrs. Mitchell is a graduate of the Columbia University School of Library Service.

CHILDREN'S CONSULTANT SPEAKER AT AREA MEETING

Mrs. Barbara Doh, Young Adult and Children's Consultant at Headquarters, spoke to a group of elementary teachers belonging to the Language Arts Group of the Plattsburgh School System at a meeting on Monday, May 24. Mrs. Doh stressed the fact that we teach children to develop taste and discrimination in reading by exposing them to the best in literature during their formative years. She deplored the recent
emphasis on books containing facts - facts - facts and reiterated the need for the child to experience imaginative and creative literature, both prose and poetry. Mrs. Doh told the teachers that poetry should be a part of the child’s daily life and should be used with experiences that are meaningful to them. In conclusion Mrs. Doh reminded her audience that attitudes were important - and might make the difference between making readers or non-readers out of children.

PROJECT HEAD START

Mrs. Doh reports that the System library will be helping in Project Head Start, sponsored by the Economic Opportunity Act. 25 copies of titles particularly chosen to enrich reading for children in this program have been purchased by the System and will be made available through the System bookmobiles and member libraries.

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION GIVEN

Mrs. Doris Thompson, Keeseville, and Mrs. Mary Leggett, Headquarters, have received certificates of completion from Library Extension Division for completing the Community Librarians Training Courses in Adult Services, Young Adult Services, Children's Services, and Reference Service.

SUMMER WORKSHOP AT COLLEGE

A workshop on Children's and Adolescent's Literature will be held July 12-23 at the State University College at Plattsburgh. Dr. M. Frances Breen will direct the workshop which is planned for the classroom teacher. Mrs. Barbara Doh, System consultant, will be associate director.

SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAMS OFFERED

Programs on library techniques are being offered in the neighboring states of Vermont and New Hampshire this summer.

The State of Vermont plans a series of five-day institutes sponsored by the Library School of the University of New York at Albany. These institutes are designed for community librarians from Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and New York.

The University of New Hampshire Extension Service is cooperating with the New Hampshire State Library in presenting courses for community librarians.

Although no formal credit is given for these courses, certificates of achievement will be given to those students completing the prescribed number of courses. Complete information of dates, places, and fees can be obtained from Headquarters.

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

ESSEX FREE LIBRARY

A food sale was held for the benefit of the library on May 28.
Mrs. Florence Lamb, Librarian, received an unusual "thank-you" letter from a first grade class that made a trip to the library during National Library Week. Done on poster paper and illustrated with drawings by the children of the things or books that most interested them in the library, it contained letters of appreciation dictated by the children to the teacher.

Anthony F. Vecchio, Director

Mary G. Leggett, Editor