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## LINCOLN BARNETT TO SPEAK AT AUGUST MEETING

We are very pleased to announce that the speaker for the August 2 luncheon meeting of librarians and trustees will be Lincoln Barnett of Westport, New York, who has been variously author, associate editor and staff writer and war correspondent for LIFE magazine, and former reporter for the New York Herald Tribune. He is a graduate of Princeton University and the Columbia School of Journalism. Mr. Barnett's books include THE UNIVERSE AND DR. EINSTEIN which won the National Book Award Special Citation in 1950 and THE WORLD WE LIVE IN for which he received the Benjamin Franklin Magazine Award and the George Westinghouse Science Award. He received the same awards for his LIFE series, THE EPIC OF MAN. His next book, THE WONDERS OF LIFE ON EARTH, came out in 1960, the same year that he won the Columbia Journalism Award "for distinguished service to journalism."

His latest book is THE TREASURE OF OUR TONGUE, an absorbing account of the origins and gradual evolution of the English language and the influences on it. Rich in understanding of the nuances and diversity of our language, THE TREASURE OF OUR TONGUE is a rare and readable excursion into English as it was, as it is, and as it may be.

All member librarians, their trustees and system trustees are invited to attend. The date is Monday, August 2, at 12:15 p.m. at the Royal Savage Inn, Lake Shore Road, Plattsburgh. Cost of the luncheon including tip is \$2.25. We would like to ask all trustees, librarians and guests to send their reservations to Mrs. Leggett at Headquarters by July 28.

## JUNE LIBRARIANS' MEETING

Anthony F. Vecchio, System Director, and Barbara Doh, Young Adult and Children's Consultant, spoke at the June 7 librarians' meeting in Plattsburgh.

Mr. Vecchio discussed the different ways in which his CURRENT BOOK GUIDE could be used - by the patron as well as the librarian. He also reviewed current books, both fiction and non-fiction, and joined with headquarters staff to present a skit on a hypothetical reference situation.

Mrs. Doh talked about present trends in children's literature and distributed booklists for selection aids.

Present were: Mrs. Paul Maicus, AuSable Forks Free Library; Mrs. Henry Kurtenbach, Elizabethtown Library Association; Mrs. Bruce McGregor, Ellenburg Depot Library; Mrs. Arthur Tremblay, Dodge Memorial Library, Rouses Point; Mrs. Leila Wells, Essex Free Library; Mrs. David Harrison, Champlain Free Library; Mrs. Richard Garcia,

Keeseville Free Library; Mrs. Roland Mason, Paine Memorial Library, Willsboro; Mrs. Raymond Clark and Miss Margot Clark, Westport Library Association; Miss Emma Walter, Plattsburgh Public Library; Mr. and Mrs. David Minnich, Wead Library, Malone; and Mr. Vecchio, Mrs. Waddell, Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. Doh, Mr. Crager and Mrs. Leggett from Headquarters.

#### CENTRAL LIBRARY RENOVATED

There's a new look at Plattsburgh Public Library. Seven and one-half foot high steel shelving with fluorescent overhead lights replaces the familiar waist-high shelves that were inadequate for the rapidly growing collection of non-fiction books at the library.

Under its agreement with the Central Library, the system bought and installed the new shelving and lighting so that readers in the area might have easier access to books.

The Plattsburgh library will reopen for business as usual on Tuesday, July 6.

#### MEETING HELD ON REFERENCE SURVEY

Emma Walter, Director of Plattsburgh Public Library, and Mrs. John Colver, trustee, together with Anthony F. Vecchio, System Director, and Mrs. Anne Mitchell, Reference Librarian, attended a meeting of trustees and directors held at the headquarters of the Southern Adirondack Library System in Saratoga Springs. Representatives of Library Extension Division also were present at this meeting.

The study team headed by Giles Shepherd presented its preliminary findings and recommendations to the group. The team has completed its study of reference services in four New York State library systems, a study that laid particular emphasis on the role of the central library. The area covered included the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library, Finger Lakes Library System, Ramapo-Catskill Library System and Southern Adirondack Library System.

A written report will be distributed in the near future.

#### SYSTEM STAFF ATTENDS THREE R'S MEETING

Mr. Vecchio, Mrs. Waddell and Mrs. Leggett from Headquarters and Miss Emma Walter, Plattsburgh Public Library, attended a meeting of the North Country Reference Research Resources Council held at St. Lawrence University on June 3. Mr. Richard W. Lawrence, Jr., System trustee, also was present at this meeting.

Dr. Guy Garrison, Director of the Library Research Center of the University of Illinois, was the speaker. Dr. Garrison drew upon his extensive experience in the field of library research to advise the group on a projected survey of reference resources in the north country area. The Council, headed by Dr. Roger Greer of the State University College at Potsdam, agreed to undertake negotiations with the Research Center concerning a proposed survey of reference resources in the counties of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence. Members of the Council represent

public, college, university and special libraries in this six county area. Other business included the naming of Glyndon Cole, State University College at Plattsburgh, and Edmund Arnold, State University College at Potsdam, to head preparation of a union list of north country historical materials owned by libraries in this area.

#### INDEX ADDED TO CURRENT BOOK GUIDE

Librarians who have checked their June 15 issue of the CURRENT BOOK GUIDE will find that an index has been added to make it easier to locate books on it by either author or title. Material covered has also been expanded to include a section on children's books by Barbara Doh.

#### SYSTEM TO FEATURE BOOK DISPLAYS AT AREA SHOWS

Headquarters will present a display of books on antiques at two area Antique Shows scheduled for July. The first will be held at St. Joseph's Academy, Malone, on July 6, 7, 8, and the second in the Harrietstown Hall, Saranac Lake, on July 27, 28 and 29.

#### HEADQUARTERS STAFF SPEAKERS AT LIBRARY MEETING

Mrs. Anne Mitchell and Mrs. Leggett reviewed current fiction and non-fiction and discussed system services at the annual meeting of the Ellenburg Depot Library on Monday, June 28.

#### STAFF CHANGES

Headquarters has acquired five new pages for the summer months. Joan Duquette is working at Headquarters as well as four other pages hired under provisions of the Economic Opportunity Act: Jean White, Daria Wakefield, Marlene Lareau and Gerald Gonyea.

#### MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

##### AUSABLE FORKS LIBRARY

Mrs. Maicus, Librarian, charted the progress of this library during the past year for members of the AuSable Forks Rotary Club at a meeting this month. The organization has also donated \$100.00 to the library.

Two window displays have attracted readers in the village. One is titled OUR GOAL BETTER READING and shows young adult and children's books. The other is a collection of books called READING FOR FUN.

The summer reading program at this library started in June.

##### WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

At a meeting on June 24, David Minnich, Librarian, told members of the Malone Rotary Club that librarians were asked to ferret out all kinds of information from how to make a still to how to resilver a mirror. He went on to describe the more serious side of reference work covered at the Malone library.

DODGE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ROUSES POINT

Mrs. Nancy Strong has been elected president of the Board of Trustees of this library.

SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

The "Friends of the Library" are staging a fair July 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the benefit of the Saranac Lake Free Library. The fair will be held at 12 Broadway, Saranac Lake, opposite the Pontiac Theatre. It will feature a book sale, including some Adirondack items, plus foods, flowers, a children's table and a "white elephant" table.

PAINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILLSBORO

Renovation of this library is now going on. New stacks, a book lift, and a second floor over the lower stacks are now being installed.

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