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REFERENCE BOOK GRANT GIVEN TO MEMBER LIBRARIES

Member libraries have received the first books given to them by the System reference grant. The twenty-one titles on this list of basic reference books were chosen to strengthen member library reference collections and to supply the essentials for good reference service. The grant is the forerunner for other book grants planned by System for its member libraries.

AUTOMATIC CHARGING NOW ON BOOKMOBILE

The new photocharger has been installed on the bookmobile and was given its first workout on the Essex County run on Tuesday, October 19. Staff of the bookmobile have been quick to point out its many advantages. The machine, in just a few seconds, photographs a complete record of the book, the person borrowing it, and the date it is due - eliminating what was, up to this time, a time-consuming, three-stage, hand-done operation.

Since bookmobile circulation during the past year totaled approximately 166,166 books, this new, improved method of circulation control can effect a decided saving in personnel time - a saving of time that the librarian can give to the patron looking for something good to read.

NEW TELETYPE MACHINE AT HEADQUARTERS

A speedup in interlibrary loan processing has been effected at Headquarters with the installation of a new teletypewriter that transmits messages at the rate of 100 words per minute. Messages can also be prepared in advance and the information stored on punched paper tapes. Requests for books not owned by System or its member libraries are transmitted on teletype daily to major reference libraries, such as the State Library in Albany. Reports on these books are usually received on teletype the next day. With the installation of this modernized teletype equipment, patrons will get even quicker service on books asked for by means of interlibrary loan.

SURVEY REPORT DISTRIBUTED

The report of the survey team headed by Giles Shepherd of the Cornell University Library has been sent out to all member libraries and to the president of each member library board of trustees. The team surveyed system-wide reference services in the Ramapo-Catskill Library System, Southern Adirondack Library System, Finger Lakes Library System and the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library.

LIBRARY EXTENSION DIVISION CONSULTANTS VISIT SYSTEM

Miss Edith Estabrooks and Miss Ruth Boaz of Library Extension Division came to Headquarters October 18 as part of a project that will study public library systems and services in New York State. It is hoped that findings will influence new legislation and regulations concerning library systems. Miss Estabrooks and Miss Boaz also visited Keeseville Free Library; Black Watch Memorial Library, Ticonderoga; Keene Public Library; Saranac Lake Free Library and Plattsburgh Public Library, the Central Library for the System.

DIRECTOR VISITS MEMBER LIBRARY

Mr. Vecchio, System Director, and Mr. Sevigny, Public Library Consultant from Library Extension Division, visited Hammond Library, Crown Point, on October 19th to discuss the library charter with members of the board of trustees.

Mr. Vecchio also boarded the bookmobile at the Witherbee stop on the same day to check the photocharger in use.

THREE R'S MEETINGS HELD

A meeting of the North Country Reference and Research Resources Council was held at St. Lawrence University, Canton, on September 22.

It was announced that Dr. Guy Garrison from the Library Research Center at Illinois has been notified to begin a survey of reference and research resources within the six county area of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence, along with contiguous areas.

His survey is expected to determine the feasibility of establishing a regional reference and research library system in this area and to make recommendations for putting it into operation.

Mr. Vecchio, Mrs. Waddell and Mrs. Leggett attended from Headquarters.

FALL LIBRARIANS' MEETING

The fall librarians' meeting was held at Plattsburgh on October 4. Mrs. Anne Mitchell of the Headquarters Reference Department discussed the uses of the reference books on the grant list to member libraries and the way to use them. She stressed the importance of examining the books carefully so as to become completely familiar with them.

Mrs. Doh, Young Adult and Children's Consultant, talked about and displayed children's books recommended for purchase and Mrs. Leggett spoke briefly on the necessity for complete and accurate bibliographic information in ordering.

Present were: Mrs. Patrick F. Fitzpatrick, Peru Free Library; Mr. and Mrs. David Minnich, Wead Library, Malone; Mrs. Richard Garcia, Keeseville Free Library; Mrs. Leila Wells, Essex Free Library; Mrs. Roland Mason, Paine Memorial Library,

Willsboro; Mrs. David Harrison, Champlain Free Library; Mrs. Arthur Tremblay, Dodge Memorial Library, Rouses Point; Mrs. E. C. Morton, Jr., Black Watch Memorial Library, Ticonderoga; Mrs. Paul Vogan, Mooers Free Library; Mrs. Henry Kurtenbach, Elizabethtown Library Association; Miss Margot Clark, Westport Library Association; Mrs. William Isham, Keene Valley Library; and Mr. Vecchio, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Waddell, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Doh, Mrs. Llewellyn and Mrs. Leggett from Headquarters.

MATERIALS SENT OUT

Posters and bookmarks for Children's Book Week, Oct. 31 - Nov. 6, have been sent out to all member libraries. The calendar for November and December has also been distributed. Please note holiday dates on which Headquarters will be closed.

The annual report has been completed and sent out to all member libraries and trustees as well as to the press media.

NYLA CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

The annual meeting of the New York Library Association is being held October 26-30 at Buffalo. Mr. Vecchio, Mr. Smith, Mr. Crager and Mrs. Waddell will attend from Headquarters.

STAFF CHANGES

Two new pages have joined the Headquarters staff; Richard Young, a senior at State University College at Plattsburgh, and Judy Caron, a 1965 graduate of Saranac Central School.

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

ELLENBURG BRANCH LIBRARY - Susan Wilson and Theresa LaClair who were hired by the library from the Neighborhood Youth Program kept the library open six days a week during the summer under the direction of the librarian. They also took charge of a weekly story hour on Monday afternoons.

KEENE VALLEY LIBRARY - Mrs. Emily Neville has been appointed chairman of the book committee and Mrs. Lucille Washbond was made chairman of the grounds committee. Mrs. Elizabeth Lehman has been named secretary of the board.

KEESEVILLE FREE LIBRARY - Mrs. Garcia reports that a story hour has been scheduled for Wednesday mornings this fall and winter. She is being assisted by Mrs. Doris Thompson.

LAKE PLACID PUBLIC LIBRARY - The Lake Placid-North Elba Historical Society has purchased 50 early Stoddard pictures of Lake Placid. They will be added to the Society's collection in the Lake Placid Public Library where the material is now being protected in fire-proof vaults.

Alice Curtis Desmond, writer of both adult and juvenile books, called at the library and autographed those of her books that the library owned.

New persimmon colored leather cushions have been installed on the window

seats in the reading room. Mrs. Lamb tells us that these windows overlook Mirror Lake and the gardens - affording a view that visitors exclaim over.

PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY - Miss Walter reports that books have been purchased from \$246.25 received to buy children's books in memory of Kimberly Ann Davis, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Davis of Plattsburgh.

WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE - Mr. Minnich tells us that the library used five people from the Youth Corps to do page work this summer and two more who did custodial work.

The library tables are being refinished and given glass tops.

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