NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
APRIL 21-27, 1968

To all member libraries:

We hope that all librarians and library trustees are busy making plans for National Library Week, April 21-27, 1968. This is our big chance every year to involve the community in our library activities and to strengthen support of the library. Many area libraries had ingenious and lively programs last year and we hope there will be many more this year. For suggestions of help, call on the System. Some suggested activities for all libraries regardless of size are:

- Open House
- Film Programs
- Special Book lists
- School Visits
- Newspaper Articles
- Programs for Local Civic Groups

- Coffee Hours
- Story Hours
- Exhibits
- Radio book talks
- Receptions for Local Authors

...and other ideas.

As in previous years, the System will purchase MLW materials and distribute them. There will be no cost to your library for these materials.
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Normand E. Dumont has been appointed Assistant Director of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library effective February 1, 1968. Mr. Dumont is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a B.A. in Economics and holds a Master's degree in Library Science from SUNY (Albany). He has held library posts in the Brooklyn Public Library where he was an Administrative Assistant and also a Branch Librarian. Prior to coming to Plattsburgh, Mr. Dumont was Administrative Officer for the University of Hawaii Library and also Associate Professor in the University of Hawaii Graduate School of Library Studies, Honolulu, Hawaii.

HAIL AND FAREWELL

Miss Emma M. Walter, Director of the Plattsburgh Public Library, will retire May 15, 1968. In her day-to-day activities over a period of years, she has served her community well as Librarian and Director of the Plattsburgh Public Library. But, above and beyond that, she took a position of leadership in the public library profession in the area through her efforts to organize the first multi-county system in the State when legislation made it possible in 1954.

To quote from the Report of the Commissioner of Education's Committee on Public Library Service, 1957:

"The success of the enterprise was due to the rigorous, intelligent and persistent cooperation of a team of libraries, trustees and a supervisor from Extension Division. The single most important factor seems to have been the energy and ability of the director of the Plattsburgh Public Library."

Miss Emma M. Walter was that Director.

She acted as Director of both the Plattsburgh Public Library and the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library until 1962 when she decided to devote all of her time and energy to the Public Library. She has continued to be active in the
affairs of the System in her capacity as Director of the Central Library of the System.

She will be missed.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT APPOINTED**

Commissioner of Education James E. Allen, Jr. has appointed a 12-member advisory Committee on Library Development. The purpose of the committee is to make recommendations to the Department for next steps for the library program in New York State. It is expected that particular attention of the committee will be focused on:

- The findings of "Emerging Library Systems",
- the 1963-66 Evaluation of the New York Public Library Systems;
- The status and needs of the emerging reference and research library program.

The committee is assisted by staff of the Education Department - John A. Humphry, assistant commissioner for libraries; Jean L. Connor, director of the Division of Library Development, and Frank Stevens, chief of the bureau of School Libraries, plus S. Gilbert Prentiss as consultant to and secretary for the committee.

**AUDIO VISUAL SECTION RENAMED**

The Audio-Visual section at the State Library previously known as Special Services has been renamed Auxiliary Services.

A valuable 35 mm. slide collection entitled "Arts of the United States" is now available for free loan from the Auxiliary Services section of the State Library. We have at System Headquarters a catalog of the collection which describes each slide and reprints each slide in a black and white photograph. You may borrow a collection of specific slides for showings to local organizations. Slides will be loaned for four weeks, the same as all State Library loans. Each slide must be requested individually. So that you or local organizations can decide which slides you would like to see, we will be glad to lend you the catalog to use in making selections. Once selections have been made, we will teletype the request to the State Library for you. Sorry, but since the collection was purchased with Federal funds which prohibit classroom use, no loans of these slides may be made to schools.

**CAUTION**. Please be very sure when returning slides to the State Library, to wrap and pad around the slides carefully as there is breakable glass on each slide.

**NYSILL and FACTS**

For the last year the State Library has provided expanded services to us through two experimental programs in interlibrary cooperation which we have discussed with you previously in the Newsletter.

In the first program, the State Library has referred to other New York State Libraries requests for serious research materials that the State Library did not own. This program has been called NYSILL. (New York State Inter Library Loan)
In the second program short articles needed for serious researches quickly have been sent out by a facsimile transmission network. This program has been abbreviated to FACTS.* (Facsimile Transmission System)

Both programs are financed by Federal grants which terminate March 31, 1968. We expect that at least the NYSILL program will be continued in some form after March 31st. We will have more information after the State evaluates the program in March. You will remember that last year when the program started we asked you to give us information on the time requests were made in your library and whether requests were given to you in person, by telephone, or by other means. This information is no longer necessary as that phase of evaluation of the program is completed.

However, we will continue to need to know the status of your borrowers. The information we need is to know if the borrower is a college or university student or a member of a college or university faculty. We also need to know if they are under or over 18 years of age. Please include this information on ALL title and subject requests so we can evaluate them correctly.

We will assume automatically if the status of the borrower is not given that the request is not serious enough to be referred into the NYSILL network no matter who the borrower is or what the material is needed for.

1967 VELMA K. MOORE AWARD TO RICHARD W. LAWRENCE, JR.

Richard W. Lawrence, Jr., of Elizabethtown, was presented the sixth annual Velma K. Moore Memorial Award on October 11 at the NYLA conference in Rochester. Mr. Lawrence has been working for better library service in New York State for many years. He became the first president of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System in 1954. In 1956 he was invited to serve on the Commission's Committee on Public Library Service. He has served as president and chairman of the board of the Commissioner's Committee on Reference and Research Library Resources. He was a member of the committee which planned the first Governor's Conference on Libraries held in June 1965. Mr. Lawrence has been a trustee of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library, a charter trustee of the North Country Reference and Research Resources Council, and vice president of the Elizabethtown Library Association.

NEWS OF MEMBER LIBRARIES

AuSable Forks has announced that their new library building will be erected in the Spring. The firm of William H. Prescott, Inc. of Plattsburgh has contracted to draw up blueprints and specifications. The site of the new library is on West Church Street. The plans have been approved by the nine-member board of trustees of the library and the specifications have been sent out for bids to several contractors.

Chazy Public Library will have a new green tweed rug laid sometime this Spring. The inside of the library will be painted before the rug is installed. A braided rug for the second floor, has been donated by Miss Catherine Seymour in memory of her sister, Mrs. Benjamin Burton.

Paine Memorial Library has installed library outdoor-indoor carpeting. Mrs. Mason reports that there is less noise and it is comfortable under one's feet.

Saranac Lake's new addition to their library is now open. A large, one-story addition which opens on the former library room provides spacious new quarters, fully carpeted and with a large picture window overlooking Saranac Lake's Main Street. New tables, bookcases and other equipment have been installed.
NOTICE TO MEMBER LIBRARIES

If you wish news of your library to be included in the System Newsletter, will you please detach the portion below and mail to Systems Headquarters, Box 570 Plattsburgh, New York 12901. We will gladly accept any material which you feel will be of interest to other member libraries, and at System Headquarters.

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