of improving our services to you within the limitations of our budget.

I share and will continually emphasize the point of view of our staff and trustees - that service to our member libraries is our primary objective. This service must be based upon two-way communication, so please feel free to contact me at any time about our library services and your needs.

Lastly, since the services we render are limited by our fixed budget, which inflation has considerably reduced over the past several years, we will need your letters, your telephone calls and your telegrams to our state legislators and officials during the forthcoming legislative session.

I am enthusiastic about the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library and look forward to working with all of you so that together we can continue to add to the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library's excellent record of achievement.

Stanley A. Ransom, Director

A PROFILE OF THE NEW SYSTEM DIRECTOR

Coming to the System from his former post as Director of the Huntington (Long Island) Public Library, Stanley A. Ransom brings to his new position a wealth of experience and know-how in the library field.
During his tenure as Director of Huntington, he was active in the formation of the Suffolk Cooperative Library System. Mr. Ransom was President of the New York State Library Association in 1972. He has served as President or officer of the Suffolk County Library Association, the Suffolk County Directors' Association, and the Long Island Library Resources Council. He is a Life Member of the American Library Association.

Mr. Ransom has been active in many community organizations, including the Sons of the American Revolution, the Huntington Rotary Club, the Walt Whitman Birthplace Association and the Old First Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee and the Church Historian. He is also a member of the Huntington Chamber of Commerce and the Huntington Historical Society.

He received the Huntington Township Brotherhood Award in 1971 and is the author of a book published in 1970 entitled "America's First Negro Poet", the story of Jupiter Hammon of Lloyd's Neck. Mr. Ransom is the originator of Black Poetry Day, celebrated nationally since 1971 on October 17th, the birthday of Jupiter Hammon.

His hobbies are varied. He collects old books on deportment and etiquette and likes antiques, particularly country and primitive furniture and fine arts. He is interested in folk music and plays guitar.

Mrs. Ransom is also a librarian. She has been Reference Librarian at the Melville Library in Dix Hills, New York, and was formerly Librarian at the National Industrial Conference Board in New York City. The Ransoms have three children, Sarah, Rebecca and Stanley III. The family moved to Plattsburgh in late August.

Mr. Ransom has plunged into his new duties at Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library with vigor and enthusiasm and we of the System Headquarters are very happy to have the opportunity to work with him.

Mary G. Leggett

Plattsburgh Library Director Verna Fungitore explains macrame to Neil Costerbaan amid creative needlework displays.

System Board of Trustees at September 25th meeting.
HEADQUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER LIBRARIANS' MEETING

The first fall librarians' meeting was held on Wednesday, October 9, at Headquarters. Coffee and doughnuts were served in the lobby from 9:30 until ten. Speakers for the 10:00 meeting were Mrs. Elaine Edmonds, President of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Board of Trustees; Stanley Ransom, Director of the library system; Rose Waddell, Children's Consultant; John Crager, Young Adult Consultant; Richard Ward, Reference Consultant; and Mary Leggett, Adult Services Consultant.

A dutch-treat lunch was served at the Royal Savage Inn. Many trustees and librarians attended this meeting.

THREE R'S MEETING

Staff from Headquarters went to a Three R's meeting at the Holiday Inn in Lake Placid on September 15. Discussion at the meeting centered first on unfilled interlibrary loans which brought in the Ohio College Library Center services available through SUNY library terminals that hook up with OCLC. The aim was to demonstrate to librarians in the Three R's the advantage of using OCLC for cataloging and verification information.

It was announced that there were still 300 copies left of Historical Materials Relating to Northern New York, A Union Catalog. These copies can be bought from Three R's Headquarters in Canton for $10.00 each. A new revised edition of this bibliography is tentatively slated for June 1, 1976.

New legislation needs also came in for discussion. The Three R's Council will be asking for 5.4 million dollars for the Three R's and the NYSILL network.

Richard Sealock, executive director of the Forest Press addressed the group after lunch. The Forest Press publishes the Dewey Decimal Classification. Mr. Sealock talked about the changes in the 18th edition and particularly emphasized the ways the Dewey system is being translated and used abroad. A special showing of Melvil Dewey memorabilia was on exhibit in the Lake Placid Club. Members of the group were delighted to examine closely the first, second and third editions of the Dewey Decimal Classification.

Mr. Ransom, Rose Waddell and Richard Ward attended from Headquarters.

BLACK POETRY WEEK

October 14-20 is nationally known as Black Poetry Week in order to recognize the contributions of black poets to American Life and culture. A display of black poetry will be carried on each bookmobile during that week.

CONSULTANT VISIT TO AKWESASNE LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER

Mr. Ransom, Rose Waddell, Hugh Starke, Richard Ward, John Crager and Mary Leggett visited the Akwesasne Library and Cultural Center on Thursday, September 26. They worked with Mrs. Rourke, the librarian, and with Beatrice Cole, Margaret Jacobs and Mary Lou Phillips on problems of adult services, young adult services, children's and reference services, with some discussion on grants. During the day the group was able to see all the new displays in the library and to visit the museum in the library building. System staff were the guests of the Akwesasne librarians at a lunch in Cornwall, Ontario.

TRAINING SESSIONS FOR ADULT INDEPENDENT LEARNER PROGRAM

Richard Ward and Mary Leggett of System Headquarters and Anne Romans and Annette Kovic of Plattsburgh Public Library went to an all-day workshop held at the Schenectady County Public Library on Tuesday, September 24. This first in a projected series of four workshops is designed to strengthen public library services to adult independent learners. The training sessions are planned and sponsored by Jose Orlando Toro, Director of the Office of Library Independent Study and Guidance Projects, College Examination
Board.

The Tuesday workshop was led by H.B. Gelatt on decision making and educational planning. The next session will be held on October 18.

DELIVERY SERVICE CHANGES

The November 8th delivery to member libraries is moved to November 15 - and all other deliveries moved ahead one week of what would have been their normal delivery date. Watch your November-December calendar for the changes.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

November 11-17 is Children's Book Week. We will be sending kits to all member libraries and service outlets for this annual reminder of the importance of books to all children.

Kits will consist of a brightly illustrated poster, a mini-frieze by Joan Anglund, three streamers, a short play and attractive bookmarks.

Headquarters has also ordered copies of the following to be distributed to each library: Growing Up With Books 1974; Growing Up With Science Books 1974; and Growing Up With Paperbacks 1973.

LDD CONSULTANT VISITS SYSTEM

John McAvan of Library Development Division in Albany visited System Headquarters on Friday, September 27, to meet with Mr. Ransom and talk over the relationship between the System and the State Education Department. They discussed the progress in getting State Aid and other grants for libraries and will be exploring the use of revenue-sharing funds as a source for libraries.

SYSTEM DIRECTOR TELLS LIBRARIES' ROLE IN BICENTENNIAL

Stanley Ransom, System Director, was one of the speakers at the Plattsburgh Rotary Club lunch on Wednesday, September 18 - a lunch meeting primarily geared to explaining the entire community part in celebrating the Bicentennial.

He explained briefly the role libraries can and will play both as a resource and as services in celebrating the Bicentennial and outlined the plans being made for this national celebration.

AREA LIBRARIAN CITED IN "ADIRONDACK LIFE"

Marcia Smith, the librarian at the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake, received high praise in the fall issue of Adirondack Life for her extraordinary help to harried researchers and editors. Her most recent task involved searching out and preparing for microfilm 22 of the early newspapers published in the Adirondacks, a herculean job compounded by the short life of many early publications. As a result of this labor, she has been appointed to a statewide committee preparing guidelines for similar microfilming projects throughout the State. Our heartiest congratulations, Marcia!

NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONVENTION IN NOVEMBER

"New Times - New Directions" is the theme of the New York Library Association Annual Conference to be held at the Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake, New York, November 6-9. Staff from Headquarters will be attending this conference and we urge as many member librarians as possible to make arrangements to go to NYLA.

TRUSTEES IN THE NEWS

Mrs. Elaine Dwyer of North Bangor, New York, has been elected a Director of the Library Trustees Foundation of New York State and attended the fall meeting of the 15 member board of the Foundation at the New York Public Library in New York City on September 7.

The Library Trustees Foundation is a statewide association of over 2,000 library trustees interested in promoting good library service in all communities. It has been instrumental in building regional cooperation among smaller libraries and giving network assistance to large libraries such as those in New York City and Buffalo. The Foundation was chartered by the Board of Regents in 1949 to give representation for Library Board and Trustees in New York State.
Mrs. Dwyer is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library and a strong supporter of good library service in the area.

Mrs. Peg Byrne, a trustee of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library, who has a deep and abiding interest in the history of this area, spoke on "The Career of Samuel de Champlain outside the Champlain Valley" at a meeting of the Clinton County Historical Association on September 9 at the Royal Savage Inn.

Mrs. Byrne has made a long study of Champlain. She is also the author of numerous articles in a variety of journals, including "Adirondack Life", where she has published a great deal on North Country life.

John W. Stock of Tupper Lake, an Adirondack Park Agency member, is observing forest land-use planning in Switzerland and Austria this fall. His tour is sponsored by the Colorado Section of the Society of American Foresters. Mr. Stock is the superintendent of large commercial forest holdings of the Litchfield Park Corporation and a recognized authority on forestry and ecology. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library.

MRS. WALLACE HALY, THE LIBRARIAN

Mrs. Wallace Haley, the librarian, was assisted in the program by Kathy Downs, Cindy Layhee and Judy Wheeler.

BELDEN-NOBLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ESSEX

At the Essex Town Board meeting in August, the Board officially accepted the gift of the Greystone Cottage Library to the Town of Essex. It is now known as the Belden-Noble Memorial Library, a gift from Mrs. Fernine Baird Baker in memory of Cornelia Hand Baird. The property was a part of the former Justice Harlan holdings. It will continue to be operated by the Library Association.

Mr. David Wilson has been appointed trustee to fill the vacancy left by the Reverend Robert Bishop.

The children's room at the library has been painted a bright sunny yellow and the main room is done in a soft green. A new desk, chair, and typewriter table were given to the library through the generosity of the Hobby House Craft Shop.

KEENE VALLEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

This library had an exhibit of black and white photographs - many of them scenes of the high peaks surrounding Keene Valley, views from the mountains plus other shots of flowers and houses. They are the work of Karen Fraser of Chester, New Jersey. Mrs. Fraser is an accomplished photographer and has long been a summer resident in Keene Valley.

WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

Robert Henna was reelected president of the Malone Central School District Library for a fifth term. Vice-president is Mrs. Theresa Gagnon. Sister Margaret was elected secretary and Edward Cohen became treasurer.

PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Several months ago the library displayed a loose-leaf notebook, requesting that patrons jot down their suggestions, comments, criticisms of the library, which are then answered by the librarian. The "write-in" idea has been quite successful and comments range from the mildly critical
to the very lauditory. Lack of rest room facilities has occasioned the most comment, along with complaints by children that there are not enough mystery stories in the collection.

In conjunction with Cooperative Extension of Clinton County, the Plattsburgh Public Library is offering a new service for individual learning. The library now houses the "carramate", a piece of A-V equipment which shows slides synchronized with a cassette tape so the viewer can watch the slides on a TV-like screen and listen to the taped narration at the same time.

Presently ten slide sets are available on do-it-yourself basics such as home gardening, fishing, lawn care, and nutrition. The library is evaluating the public response to the "carramate" to determine the value of adding more slide sets on a broader range of topics.

Heavy rains in mid-September caused serious flooding of the library's basement which houses overflow books, periodicals and supplies. Most of the water was caused by sewer back-ups and a number of periodicals were water damaged, along with some $80.00 worth of paper towels, cups and tissue which had to be discarded due to the possible health hazard.

The library recently began servicing the Therapy Unit of the Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital Medical Center with a book collection. Titles are of a general popular nature and are changed periodically. The library also began maintaining a paperback collection of some 200 titles at John Collins Park, a low income housing project. Including the branch library which is open for two afternoons each week, the library now runs five book stations in various parts of the city.

The preschool story hours and Saturday children's film programs have begun again at the library. This fall they will also be running their drama club for upper elementary grades. Anne Romans, young adult librarian, is planning a mimeographed "magazine" of writings by junior and senior high school students. Patterned after Toronto Public Library's Opinion, the magazine will include book reviews, creative writing, comments and opinions.

For the last month the library has been holding a used book sale from 10-4 daily in the unfinished lower level. The books are all donated items and proceeds are going into the equipment fund. Approximately $300 has been raised as of September 27.

A stunning and unusual display of crafts done by the North Country Yarn Crafters is now a feature at this library. Weaving, crocheting, knitting, applique, macrame, rug hooking and embroidery are some of the crafts exhibited.

The North Country Yarn Crafters meet monthly. Applications are available at Plattsburgh Public Library. One of their special activities underway is the Bicentennial Quilt which will depict Clinton County heritage in 30 different squares.

DODGE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ROUSES POINT AND CHAMPLAIN FREE LIBRARY

The land use maps for the town of Champlain and the villages of Champlain and Rouses Point were on display at both these libraries so that residents could stop in and see these maps which are part of a comprehensive land use plan.

GOFF-NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, TUPPER LAKE

An exhibition of fifty photographs from Northern New York State, entitled "North Country Essay" was on view at the Goff-Nelson Memorial Library. The photographs are the work of Stephen Summer, an associate professor of art and photography at the State University College, Potsdam.

WADHAMS FREE LIBRARY

A food sale was held in August for the benefit of this library and a rummage sale will be held October 19.

The library was given a thorough cleaning be a team of devoted volunteer workers.

AKWESASNE LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER

A number of people from the Akwesasne Library and Cultural center attended the
American Library Association convention in New York City in July. They were: Anna Rourke, Beatrice Cole, Margaret Jacobs, and Mary Lou Phillips, Librarians; Harry Cook, museum director; Minerva White, educational director; and Beverly Pyke, Right to Read director.

College extension courses from the North Country Community College are being held at this library and are very well attended.

A story hour for children is scheduled for each Friday morning.

Starting September 28, the hours of opening at the library now include Saturdays from 1 to 4.

Each month the library displays work of native artists. This month a group of composite art by Francine Mitchell is on display. Another currently being shown is an exhibit of charcoal by Eileen Sawatis. A plaque of a painting done by the Seneca painter Ernie Smith was donated to the library by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

A grant of $2700 was given to the library by the Mater Dei College in Ogdensburg for reference books. The library also received an LSCA grant for materials.

Harry Pyke, chairman of the Akwesasne Cultural Center, announced that the Center received a $5,000 Alcoa Foundation Grant. This grant is to be used to finish the tribal museum and to provide materials for the Library Cultural Center. Mr. and Mrs. John Barrett of Staten Island, New York, have donated a handsome, large oil painting of an Indian chief painted by W. Knust in 1917 to the museum.

A group of YMCA Guides from Albany will visit the library soon to bring gifts of books on Indian culture, with special emphasis on the Iroquois.

A film company from West Germany working on a 90 minute television special on Indians of the United States filmed a portion of the program here.

Stanley A. Ransom, Director
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