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## Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System News

*"First Multi-County Library System in New York State"*

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### LAKE PLACID IN '76!

Beautiful Lake Placid will be the setting for the 1976 Conference of the New York Library Association. The NYLA Council, meeting in Albany on March 17, confirmed their decision to hold the 83rd Annual Conference at Lake Placid, October 15 to 18, 1976.

Lake Placid is preparing for the 1980 World Olympics and visitors to the NYLA Conference will enjoy a preview of things to come. New buildings are being constructed; everywhere is a general air of excitement. The Lake Placid Center for Music, Drama and Art, which offers professional theatre shows, an art school, and art exhibitions as well as multi-media workshops, will have completed their new Arts Library building and it will be open for inspection.

Conference goers will have sufficient accommodations and good food at the many motels and hotels, including the famous Lake Placid Club. Shuttle buses are being scheduled to take members easily and quickly to and from Conference Centers. Lake Placid Club, started by Melvil Dewey, contains a special library which houses the first copies of the Dewey Classification System.

The Olympic Arena will be the exhibit hall and will also be the scene of the majority of meetings, large and small.

Lake Placid Library, directed by Mrs. Theresa Dixon, is located on the Main Street and since this library is an excellent example of a good North Country library, both in holdings and in charm of setting and architecture, it is well worth a visit. The library is now planning a special winter sports collection. In addition to this library's many services, it also offers a rocking chair view of quiet Mirror Lake.

In Saranac Lake, approximately ten miles north of Lake Placid, are located Paul Smiths' College and North Country Community College. Nearby is Robert Louis Stevenson's Cottage, with its memorabilia of Stevenson. The Stevenson Collection and the Adirondack Collection at the Saranac Lake Free Library are well worth the attention of any visitor.

Just south of Lake Placid is an historic landmark, the John Brown Farm, which attracts visitors from all parts of America. Readily viewed from Lake Placid is spectacular Whiteface Mountain. Near the summit is the SUNY Environmental Education Laboratory, the Atmospheric Science Research Center, complete with its special library.

Mrs. Joan Wilson of the Lake Placid Club and Mr. Luke Patnode, Convention Manager of the Olympic Arena, will be meeting with Stanley Ransom, Chairman of Local Arrangements Committee, Mrs. Nilah Hausdorf, President of the Northern Adirondack Library

Association, and North Country members of NALA and NYLA to prepare for the conference. The Committee will be working with Mrs. Dadie Perlov, Executive Director, and the officers of NYLA to help make the 83rd Annual NYLA Conference a solid success.

Lake Placid lies on the shores of lakes Mirror and Placid, surrounded by the scenic high peaks area of the Adirondack Mountains. It is a village somehow redolent of both Old World charm and New World sophistication. The visitor may savor the woods, streams, lakes and mountains - all of the natural beauty of the area. Or - he may choose instead to browse in his spare time

through the series of superior shops that line Main Street and are open in the evening. Other excellent shops in the area offer a wide variety of gift items and Adirondack crafts.

Often referred to as the Salzburg of America because of its affinity for the arts, Lake Placid is truly a mecca for devotees of art and culture. No one facet of the arts is neglected in order to give the discriminating visitor every possible choice of things to see, do or hear. Lake Placid, high in the Adirondacks, where natural attractions combine gracefully with man's contributions to an appreciation of his culture, should be the ideal place for the New York Library Association Conference 1976.

### FLASH!

The Library Legislation Day, originally scheduled for April 15, has been changed to Tuesday, April 22 - to allow the legislators time to get back from vacation. If you can drive to Albany and take a group, please call 563-5190 and let us know. If you would like a ride, please call also and tell us. Trustees, Librarians, and Friends: lend us your support! You will be briefed. Visits are important!

### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

*Legislative matters in which I have been involved are reported in a separate column in this issue. Please support especially S 3587 Marchi and A 4595 Landes, which would give the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System some \$54,605 and Plattsburgh Public Library an increase of \$27,000, plus additional Central Book Aid and local sponsor incentive aid.*

*Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library would receive \$13,820 for library service to Blind and Physically Handicapped (S653 Giuffreda, A 3102 Landes).*

*Akwesasne Library and Cultural Center would receive approximately \$30,000 under the S4175 Stafford and A5484 Haley bill.*

*The Three R's Bills, S3884, S3885, A5123, A5124, and Institutional Libraries Bills, S2549, A2421, would also bring important benefits to Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties. The month of April, and possibly May, will be critical, decision-making months for all of these bills. Please give them your support.*

*The System Board met on March 20. Among items of business, the Board officially accepted the request for membership by the Sherman Free Library of Port Henry. The Board also approved a request for a grant of \$5,000 from the State Education Department for the purchase of basic video equipment for the Adult Independent Learner Program. The System Board also approved the application for Central Library Aid for Plattsburgh Public Library.*

*At the invitation of Librarian David*

**1955  
OUR 20th YEAR  
OF SERVICE  
1975**

**Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System  
Highlights Lake Placid  
for 1976 NYLA Conference**



Olympic Arena - The Convention Center.



The Lake Placid Club.



The Lake Placid Library.



Waiting for you in the library - rockers with a view of Mirror Lake.



Under construction, the new Arts Library for the Lake Placid Center for Music, Drama and Art.



The art exhibition area of the Lake Placid Center for Music, Drama and Art.

Minnich of Wead Library, I spoke before the Malone Kiwanis Club on March 18 about library service and the services which Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library provides to back up the many services of Wead Library.

Stanley A. Ransom,  
Director

#### LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Legislative matters have been stressed this past month. On March 10, Peter Paulson, President of the New York Library Association, and I visited legislative offices of the Lieutenant Governor and other legislative leaders. We discussed the legislation proposed by NYLA and how important this legislation was to all our libraries.

On the morning of March 17, the Legislative Committee of NYLA met to review our proposals and the afternoon was spent in discussing these proposals with legislative staff.

Mrs. Carol Bedore, Mrs. Barbara Doh, Ms. Anne Romans and I visited legislative offices on behalf of the Northern Adirondack Library Association and NYLA on March 25. We were interested to learn of a proposed omnibus bill which may be in the offing which would give less support than requested but which would cover several library areas.

My series of 8 Legislative Reports on our statewide proposals and North country progress in promoting these bills has been released, primarily to our Trustees and Legislative Committee members. Please ask, if you would like copies of these Reports.

Now is the time to write in support of these proposals. Please take time to write a short note expressing your support on one or another of these Bills. Letters should be sent to:

Governor Hugh L. Carey  
Executive Chambers  
The Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

Senator Warren Anderson  
Majority Leader  
Senate Chambers  
The Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

Hon. Stanley Steingut  
Speaker of the Assembly  
Assembly Chambers  
The Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

For Senate Bills now in the Education Committee: 518 (School Library), 653 (Blind) and 2269 (Blind), 4175 (Indians), 2549 (Institutions), 3587 (System and Central Library), 3884 and 3885 (Three R's) and 4040 (School District Budget Approval Meetings), write to Senator Leon Giuffreda, Chairman, Education Committee, Senate Chambers, the Capitol, Albany, New York 12224.

For Bills now in the Assembly Education Committee: 2421 (Institutions), 2426 (System and Central Library), 3102 and 4403 (Blind), 4129 (School District Library Meetings) and 5195 (School District Budget Approval Meetings), write to Dr. Leonard Stavisky, Chairman, Education Committee, Assembly Chambers, The Capitol, Albany, New York 12224.

For 5484 (Indians), and Systems and Central Library Bill (4595) write to the Honorable Burton Hecht, Chairman, Ways and Means Committee, Assembly Chambers, The Capitol, Albany, New York 12224.

For Three R's Bills in the Assembly (5123 and 5124), write to the Honorable Irwin J. Landes, Chairman, Higher Education Committee, Assembly Chambers, The Capitol, Albany, New York 12224.

Stanley A. Ransom

#### HEADQUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

##### STORY TELLING WORKSHOP

Be sure to set aside time in May to attend a Story Telling Workshop at Headquarters. Scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, the Workshop features Miss Anne IZARD, Children's Consultant, Westchester Library System.

Miss IZARD is a national authority on

work with children. Her accomplishments in this field are numerous. She has been Chairman of the Children's Book Council Committee for the American Library Association, a member of the Doubleday Books for Young Readers Advisory Committee - in fact, her background in the field of Children's Work is most impressive. She is also on the Legislative Committee of the New York Library Association.

During the day-long workshop, Miss Izard will cover picture book programs, story telling techniques, summer reading programs, with ample time allowed for discussion.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served in the Headquarters lobby from 9:30 until 10:00. The meeting itself will start promptly at 10:00, with a break for lunch at 12:00. Please bring a bag lunch and we will provide coffee and tea. We urge all librarians and trustees to attend this meeting - it will be well worth your effort. Miss Izard is a vigorous, enthusiastic speaker and we are sure that all of you will leave this Workshop with new ideas and renewed eagerness to apply these ideas to children's programs in your own library.

We will be sending out reservation forms shortly after the first of May. Be sure to plan ahead.

#### FIRST BICENTENNIAL BOOKLIST NEAR COMPLETION

Mrs. Rose Waddell, Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Children's Consultant, has completed an annotated list of both fiction and non-fiction children's books relating to Revolutionary times. It is the first of our projected series of booklists being prepared for the Bicentennial. The list has gone to the printers and will soon be ready for distribution.

#### LIBRARY SYSTEMS CONFERENCE

The first joint conference of public library systems and reference and research library systems will be held at the Albany Hyatt House, April 8-10. School library and regional medical li-

brary representatives are being invited to join system personnel in the conference in order to make possible program presentations and discussions that will cut across all type-of-library lines.

Subjects to be discussed will be: Completing the Statewide Network; Nonprint Media Collections: Access and Reciprocal Use; and Regional Coordination: Two points of view.

After the conference there will be tours of the New York State Library and the New York State Regional Library for the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

Miss Verna Pungitore, Director of Plattsburgh Public Library; Mrs. Elaine Dwyer, Trustee of ALTA and Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library; Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Director Stanley Ransom and Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Reference Consultant Richard Ward will attend this conference.

#### MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

##### ELLENBURG DEPOT BRANCH LIBRARY

Storytime is held in this library every other Saturday from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. The number of children attending this program has increased from eight to about twenty-five. Cindy Patnode, the Youth Corps worker for the library, reads stories, shows film strips, supervises quiet games and checks out books. Mrs. Veronica Rowe has organized the mothers who take turns assisting Cindy with the children.

##### KEENE VALLEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The library has been given a much needed two drawer vertical file by one of their most faithful volunteers, Mrs. Allan Heely.

The Bicentennial Committee has been very active in collecting material for the Historical Room and the summer program. The Board of Trustees met on March 21.

Miss Trumbull, the librarian, reports that the library had a record day for circulation recently: 203 books circulated in five hours. Another day they put out 155

books in three hours.

#### LAKE PLACID PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mr. Lee Bqla, the assistant postmaster of this village, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Library to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Edward Brandt. Mr. Brandt has moved to Cape Hatteras.

#### WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

A collection of 22 paintings by LeRoy A. Madison was on display at Wead Library during March. LeRoy Madison came to the North Country in 1967 as the head of graphic operations at the Educational Communications Center, SUNY, Potsdam. He is a member of the American Institute of Graphic Arts, the Art Students League of the University and College Designers Association and the Arts and Humanities Council of the St. Lawrence Valley. Madison has exhibited widely, won numerous awards and is represented in several public, commercial and private collections.

David Minnich, Director of this library, was in charge of the March 18 meeting of the Malone Kiwanis Club. He introduced Stanley Ransom, Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Director, who was guest speaker. After his talk about the System and its services and the services of Wead Library, Mr. Ransom spoke about the need for local support for Wead Library. Mr. Ransom was presented with a certificate of appreciation and thanked by Dave Schonsberg.

Guests at this meeting included Robert Hanna, President of Wead Library Board, and Edward Hoyt, Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Trustee.

Circulation at this library jumped to 45,519 this past year and over 1,000 reference questions were answered.

On Saturday, March 22, Wead presented another in its series of children's film programs. Films showed were: Cat-erpillar and Other Wild Animals, Cheetah, Grizzly Bear and Zebra.

#### PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library is currently featuring two new displays. In observance of Youth Art Month, art teachers Ann Grosskopf and Jean Eveleth have set up an exhibit of student art in the library children's room. The sampling of both two and three dimensional art is from four Plattsburgh elementary schools.

The City Bicentennial Committee has provided a display of historical maps of Champlain Valley. The maps are on exhibit in the Young Adult Room at the library.

The Demonstration/Lecture Series of programs are proving a success. Recent programs have featured the stock market and extra-sensory perception. On April 17, Jack Bilow will discuss "Tracing Your Ancestors" and Richard Close will present a May 1 lecture on "Transcendental Meditation." UFO's will be discussed on May 15. The series is held bi-weekly at 7:30 p.m. in the library auditorium. In conjunction with each program, the library provides a display of books and a reading list on the topic. Reference/Young Adult librarian Anne Romans is coordinating the lecture series.

The library is preparing several quiz sheets for handout during National Library Week. One quiz tests your knowledge of women authors and their works; another asks you to guess the full names of authors from a list of clues provided. We have found puzzles, crosswords and quiz sheets to be very popular with our patrons, young and old.

CLEAR is sponsoring an aluminum recycling campaign, the proceeds of which will be donated towards the completion of the library children's room. Complete details concerning drop-off locations have not yet been worked out; however, people will be asked to bring aluminum cans, foil, tv dinner trays, etc., to CLEAR for recycling.

Stanley A. Ransom, Director  
Mary Gordon Leggett, Editor

We send this Trailblazer out, although  
We've had twenty inches of April snow.  
Despite vicissitudes of weather,  
We've held our staff and news together,  
Let's hope that winter's had its fling  
And that by June we will have spring.

M. Leggett

