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ANNE IZARD TO CONDUCT SYSTEM WORKSHOP

Anne Izard, nationally known expert in Children's Services, who has a phenomenal record of creativity and productivity in her field, will be the speaker and workshop leader for an all-day Story-Telling Workshop scheduled for May 28 at the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library. She comes to us through the courtesy of the Westchester Library System and its magnanimous director, Larry Hill.

Anne was graduated, magna cum laude, from Duke University and took her Library Science degree at Simmons College in Boston. She specialized in Children's Services and has worked at New York Public Library, the Greenwich (Conn.) Public Library, the Mount Vernon (New York) Public Library, and has been Children's Services Consultant at the Westchester Library System since 1959.

In addition to her very active professional career, Anne Izard has also found time to write articles and book reviews for many professional journals. She produced a 16mm. movie The Pleasure is Mutual and a handbook titled How to Conduct Effective Picture Book Programs to accompany the film.

Her professional credits are numerous: member of the White House Conference on Children and Youth Forum Committee #7, member of State Commissioner Nyquist's 1971 New York State Task Force, member of the ALA Children's Book Council Committee

and the Newbery-Caldecott Committee. She has also served as President and officer of the Children's and Young Adult Section of the New York Library Association and as Chairman of that association's Publications Committee.

Her energy and her ability are equaled only by her enthusiasm for work for and with children. We can best sum up Anne Izard by quoting from the citation given her when she was presented with the Grolier Award for outstanding achievement in guiding and stimulating reading by children and young people. The citation read in part, "Where there were no tools, she created them...As a librarian writing for non-librarians, she made a unique contribution to the awareness of the best in books and their relation to children...Where there were no storytellers, she trained them... Where there was no training film, she produced one..."

It is with pride and pleasure we are able to bring Anne Izard to you: an unprecedented opportunity for all librarians and trustees to learn the newest techniques in Children's Services from a top specialist in the field.

The Workshop will begin at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 28. Reservation forms have been sent to each librarian and trustee. Be sure to send in your reservation by May 23 to Headquarters. Make your plans now to attend this Story-Telling Workshop.

Mary G. Leggett, Editor

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Legislative activities, which are reported elsewhere, have taken additional time this month. The Trustees and I appreciate the many letters, cards and calls in support of library legislation.

Mrs. Elaine Dwyer, System Trustee, Richard Ward and I attended the April 8-10 annual Systems Conference. Emphasis of the Conference was on getting to know the services offered by the various types of New York State Systems, including Public, Three R's, BOCES, and Bio-medical. Impact of the Conference was that our maturing systems must consider ways of inter-relating and cooperating on a regional basis.

At the Conference, I proposed a regional telephone information network for the North Country Three R's area. This idea is currently being explored by the Plans and Projects Committee of the North Country Reference Research and Resources Council.

Richard Ward and I visited the North Country Library System in Watertown on April 24. We were given a tour of the building and its services by their hospitable System Director, Ronald Roberts. We also discussed ways in which our two systems might cooperate in the future.

Three staff members, Rose Waddell, Richard Ward and Hugh Starke, met with Mrs. Brooks, Librarian of the Sherman Free Library, Port Henry, and Board President, Mrs. Mary Consadine, to review System services for our newest member library. The Port Henry Library is now fully participating in System services and activities and is now receiving collections, art prints, etc.

A gigantic art print exchange was undertaken by Hugh Starke, Administrative Assistant, from April 22 to April 24. Using his Volkswagon bus, Mr. Starke exchanged the art prints of each member library and came out with redistributed art collections, records intact, and with 544 more miles on the Volkswagon. A good job! Now we can look forward to

exchanging and improving the collection on a regular basis.

Churubusco Free Library is just starting, and we wish Mrs. Jane Braun and her committee of the Churubusco Adult Club much success. Rose Waddell, Richard Ward and I visited the library to catalog non-fiction books on Monday, April 28. Steve Warburton and I also delivered about 750 hard cover books which had been donated to the Churubusco Free Library by Mrs. John Terry at the Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital Patient's Library. The Churubusco Free Library occupies one front room in the Churubusco Town Hall. Their hours are Mon., Wed., 1-4; 7:30-9:30p.m.; Tues., Thurs., 10-12 a.m.; Sat. and Sun. 1-3 p.m. On their first day of opening, Saturday, May 3rd, 21 books were circulated!

Stanley A. Ransom, Director

LEGISLATION

With the passage of the Governor's budget, the legislature in Albany has heightened its activity, as the legislators sort out demands for funding under the Supplemental Budget. A delegation visited Albany on Library Legislation Day, April 22, to request support for libraries. Carol Bedore, Richard Ward, Frank Kimball of Lions International, Dorothy Ransom and I called on legislators and did our best to persuade them. Thanks to Senator Stafford's office, we had an appointment to speak to Mr. John Conorton in the Governor's office. We also spoke with Mr. Dan Chill, Counsel to Assembly Speaker Stanley Steingut.

Efforts are being redoubled to support the bill which provides additional State Aid to Library Systems and Central Libraries and incentive aid to more public libraries. I have just learned that the Marchi 3587 A bill has passed in the Senate. The Landes bill, A 4595, is in the Assembly Education Committee, chaired by Dr. Leonard P. Stavisky. If approved there it will go to Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Assemblyman Burton Hecht; then to the entire Assembly.

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**A LOOK AT OUR LIBRARIES — A PART OF
THE CLINTON-ESSEX-FRANKLIN LIBRARY**



Mrs. Paul Vogan, Librarian at Mooers Free Library, checks some reference books.



The Bidwell Library, Mooers Free Library.



Mrs. Lawton Metcalfe, Librarian at Peru Free Library, welcomes visitors at the Library door.



The Baker Library, Peru Free Library.



Librarian Mrs. Jane Braun surveys shelves of books in Churubusco Free Library.



The Churubusco Free Library, located in the Town Hall of that village.

Thank you all for your support which has helped pass the measure in the Senate. We must now concentrate our efforts on the Assembly. Please write Dr. Leonard Stavisky, Assemblyman Hecht, Assembly Speaker Stanley Steingut and Governor Hugh Carey urging support for A 4595. Please act now.

*Stanley A. Ransom
Director*

REGENTS REVISE REGULATIONS

New regulations for Library Directors will become effective May 19:

1. Libraries serving populations of 1-2,499, no qualifications specified.
2. Libraries serving populations of 2,500-4,999, completion of not less than two years of college will be required. No diploma or certificate is needed.
3. Libraries serving populations of 5,000-7,499, a Bachelor's degree, or its equivalent, granted by an approved college or university will be required.
4. Libraries serving populations of 7,500 up shall employ as Director and as professionals only those who hold Public Library Professional Certificates or a Certificate of Qualification. Ordinarily a fifth year or MLS degree is required for obtaining the Certificate.

It is expected that the new regulations will apply only to those persons appointed after May 19. More information will be available on this shortly.

JOBLINE SERVICE

Peter Paulson, President of the New York Library Association, announced the opening of a 24-hour-a-day JOBLINE service. A call to (212) 687-1352, any

time of the day or night, will provide up-to-date information about available library positions. Each Friday, these listings will be up-dated.

In order TO PLACE A POSITION on the NYLA JOBLINE, please call (212) 687-6625. This service is free to both employers and employees, and is fully financed by the New York Library Association.

TRUSTEE NEWS

A meeting of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Board of Trustees will be held at Headquarters on Wednesday, May 28, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., following the Story-Telling Workshop planned for that same day. Mrs. Elaine Edmonds, President of the Board, urges all Trustees to be present for this meeting.

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Pamela Vogan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Paul E. Vogan of Mooers, has been named to the dean's list for the past two semesters at St. Lawrence University in Canton. She is a junior, majoring in fine arts and geology. Mr. Vogan is a Vice-President of the Clinton Essex-Franklin Board of Trustees and Mrs. Vogan is the Librarian at the Mooers Free Library. Congratulations, Pam!

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Mrs. Elaine Dwyer, System Trustee and member of the New York State Library Trustees Foundation, sent in an interesting clipping from a letter published in a downstate newspaper. The letter was written by Marion L.S. Hall, President of the Board of Trustees of the Onondaga Library System. We would like to quote, in part, from this excellent letter.

....."An interesting phenomenon accompanying today's inflation-recession is a great upsurge in the people's use of their public libraries.....Murray L. Bob, vice-president and president-elect of the New York Library Association, sees a parallel of conditions now and during the Great Depression, when public libraries attained circulations such as they had never before achieved. He concludes that now - as then - while the gross

figures are impressive, the whole story includes the kinds of things people are asking for in greater numbers than before: Civil Service Examination test books; armed forces test books; books on how to prepare job resumes and how to prepare for job interviews; books on how to start your own business; books on how to get grants of every kind and on how to handle financial problems.

.....Local libraries also see an increase in demand for "how-to" publications that will help them to save money: home canning and preserving, auto repair, home repair and remodeling, home sewing, and increased reference inquiries for consumer product evaluation reports.

.....All this focuses attention on budgets and state funding. During the Depression, in spite of sharply rising usage, book budgets and personnel were slashed and libraries could not provide all that was asked of them. At the moment, the New York State Legislature has in committee four bills that would aid public library systems keep abreast of the steadily increasing demands for their services. Institutions of formal education are experiencing sharp declines, at least in full-time enrollment. At the same time the library, the original "free school", is experiencing growth in use. But the library may be caught in a squeeze - it will take money to continue the service the public is demanding. With it, the free school will continue to serve; without it, services can only decline."

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HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

Mrs. Rose Waddell, System Children's Consultant, was elected vice-chairman of the diocesan unit of the Catholic Library Association at a meeting of that organization at St. Joseph's School in Massena on April 26.

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Mary Leggett, Adult Services Consultant, was in Tucson, Arizona, in April. While there, she observed the great suc-

cess the Tucson Public Library was having with collections of paperback books displayed for loan in shopping malls. Bright posters and portable stands were used by the librarians to bring books to places where people congregate. They are also planning a books-by-mail service to supplement their three bookmobiles.

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A new film at Headquarters, On Guard-Bunco, 27 minutes, color, should be of interest to many community groups. It is a dramatized exposé of schemes used to defraud the public.

It's estimated that at least four billion dollars goes into the pockets of gypsters each year. The film alerts and informs the audience about these subtle criminals who prey upon the unwary through fraudulent schemes. One of the most common schemes is the one in which a fake bank official calls and tells the victim that someone in the bank is mishandling funds. He then persuades the victim to withdraw all his funds and give them to an FBI man, an imposter who is in league with the con man and who is well away with the money before the victim realizes he has been had. The pocketbook drop and the roofing cons are also pictured in the film which may be borrowed by any organization in the three counties by calling Marie Chauvin of Film Services at Headquarters.

To go with the film, we can suggest a book by Nora Stirling titled, Your Money or Your life. It is published by Bobbs at \$7.95.

The book is a survey of common crimes and advice on prevention and handling (before and after). Stirling lists some 22 common con games, from the familiar "pigeon" and "Murphy" to elaborate marriage swindles. Pickpocketing and shoplifting are described, along with counsel on carrying handbags and wallets. Covers also mugging and burglary; rape and child-molesting. The tips on safeguarding are good - so is the book, with the additional warning not to let your concerns become hysteria.

The System has three new staff members hired under the federally funded Comprehensive Educational Training Act. Kathleen McCorry has been hired as a typist and Marilyn Blanchard as page. Nancy Clegg has been hired under CETA as Librarian and is acting as a general assistant in several different sections of the library. Nancy received her library science degree from Syracuse School of Library Science.

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NORTHERN ADIRONDACK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
TO MEET

The second meeting of the Northern Adirondack Library Association is scheduled for Tuesday evening, May 27, at seven-thirty, at the Feinberg Library, State University at Plattsburgh. The program, planned by Elizabeth Lane, Assistant Librarian at Feinberg, includes a business meeting, then a tour of the library with a look at the Ohio College Library Center terminal hookup, which provides quick information on verification, cataloging and interlibrary loan. Members will also be able to view the microfiche collection and the microfiche readers.

The Northern Adirondack Library Association recently elected the following slate of officers: President, Nilah Hausdorf, Librarian of the Campus School, Plattsburgh; Vice-President, Stanley A. Ransom, Director of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library, Plattsburgh; Recording Secretary, Anne Romans, Reference Librarian at Plattsburgh Public Library; Corresponding Secretary, Joy Setschinsky, Librarian at Ayerst Laboratories, Rouses Point; Treasurer, Candy Baxter, Assistant Librarian at Clinton Community College, Plattsburgh.

Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library staff members serving on committees are: Legislative Committee - Stanley Ransom, Chairman, and Carol Bedore; Publicity Committee - Mary Leggett, Chairman.

The purpose of this new organization is to sponsor, aid and promote library service and interlibrary cooperation among all kinds of libraries in Clinton,

Essex, and Franklin counties and adjacent areas. Membership is open to all past or present librarians, library employees, library Trustees, and members of Friends of the Library organizations. Dues are \$3.00 annually.

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A book titled Problem Pets was returned to Headquarters recently. The corners were well nibbled by somebody's dog who apparently took umbrage at the title. He really knew where to attack!

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MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

CHAZY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library met May 5 for election of officers and to plan a membership drive.

The two first grades from Chazy Central School came on a visit to the new Ralph McCuen's Children's Room during National Library Week. Mrs. Kathleen Laramie made a beautiful large crewel work picture of a puppet show and gave it to the children's room. The monthly story hour for children is being held May 10.

DANNEMORA FREE LIBRARY

The Dannemora Free Library is having its annual drive for funds May 7 to 14, in a house-to-house canvass of the community. The volunteers are asking for extra donations to pay for additional shelving.

ELLENBURG DEPOT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The following slate of officers were recently elected at this library: President, Mrs. Eloise McGregor; Vice President, Mrs. Mary Hebert; Secretary, Mrs. Marjorie Wiley; Treasurer, Mrs. Irene Rowe. Mrs. Mary Jane Chilton is the librarian. Both officers and librarian meet twice a year and handle the business affairs of the library.

A children's story hour is held once a month on Saturdays. The Ellenburg Kiwanis

Club contributes money each year to assist in the financial needs and to buy childrens books.

KEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mrs. Washburn, the librarian, tells us that construction has been started on the new addition to this library.

KEENE VALLEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

During National Library Week, grades 1-6 visited the library. Two showings of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow were enjoyed by the students. The sixth graders were given tests by their teacher on the use of the card catalog.

Miss Trumbull, the librarian, had a special display of books on conservation for Earth Day.

KEESEVILLE FREE LIBRARY

This library had a small but successful Easter program with a display of two dozen hand decorated eggs, done by a patron, on an egg tree. Parents as well as children enjoyed the gay decorations. At story hour, the children saw a film-strip and received candy-filled Easter eggs.

Ann Garcia, the librarian, reports that the library installed a new children's bookcase partly funded with a donation from the Jaycees.

The library has been experimenting for some months now with background FM music. Mrs. Garcia has received many favorable comments and tells us that several people have enjoyed it while lounging in the easy chairs reading magazines.

WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

We'll quote from an editorial in the Malone Evening Telegram by Managing Editor Harold F. Brown on the Wead Library budget vote.

"Good news for Malone is the whopping victory for the Malone Central School District (Wead) Library budget - 327 votes for, 37 votes against.

As we have mentioned before, the library is a terrific bargain and you get a lot for a little outlay. It would be regrettable if the Malone School District should lose the services of the library.

But we think the budget vote means more than that.

We think it is a vote of confidence for the board of trustees of the library and for its energetic president, Robert Hanna.

But above all, we think it is a vote of appreciation and confidence to Librarian David Minnich and his assistant, Una Stewart. These two fine people make going to the library even more of a pleasure.

The majority vote speaks for itself."

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Wead Library held another in its series of children's film programs on April 26 at three in the afternoon. The films shown were The Chairmaker and the Boys; Chicken and The Paris of Francois.

A new service was inaugurated at this library as part of National Library Week - starting a collection of about 200 paperback books. Patrons borrowing these may have the option of returning the one they borrowed or bringing back another of equal value. Both fiction and non-fiction are included in this new collection.

PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

In observance of Senior Citizens' Month, the library has set up a display of books of interest to older Americans. The library has also provided an exhibit of craft books for the Senior Citizens' Forum scheduled at the PSUC Campus School on May 10.

Dates for the next two programs in the library's information lecture series are May 15, when Herbert Fowler will discuss UFO's and June 5, featuring Mrs. Carol Ladd giving a Yoga demonstration. Along with each lecture, the library displays books on the topic and provides selected reading lists.

The Children's Department is current-

ly mapping out plans for an especially busy summer. The Story Time for children ages 3-6 will differ from regular pre-school story hours since these programs will consist entirely of films. The summer reading club is being divided into three sections. The theme for grades 1-3 is Bookworms; for grades 4 and 5, the theme is Gone Fishin'. Grades 6 through 8 will be able to join a Newbery Circle and will concentrate on reading Newbery Award books. Each club will meet weekly with the children's librarian to hear stories read aloud (in the Bookworms club) or to discuss the books they have read, if they are in the older age groups.

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In connection with a mini-course on Career Opportunities in the local area being offered by the Plattsburgh Middle School, several junior high students will be spending an afternoon at the library in mid-June to observe and participate in the library's operation. The course is being taught by Richard Trombly, whose daughter Shelly is employed as a page in the processing department.

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A library-owned portrait of Sally Morgan Walbridge attributed to Ammi Philips was included in an exhibit of North Country portraiture held at the Myers Fine Arts Gallery at PSUC in April. The painting dates back to the 1820's and is a fine example of the work of an American itinerant primitive artist. It was donated to the library a number of years ago by a descendant of Mrs. Walbridge.

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A display of historical maps of the Champlain Valley was set up in the library by members of the City Bicentennial Committee. The maps are reproductions provided by John Ross of Rouses Point. Mr. Ross also lent the library four handsome medallions commemorating the Battle of Plattsburgh.

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In an effort to get citizen help in

lobbying for library legislation, a table was set up in the reading room, stationery and envelopes were provided and information made available detailing the needs of the library and urging support for NYLA's public library bills. Patrons were urged to write their letters right in the library.

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The library now has a full-time custodian employed under the federally funded CETA program. Carl Dragoon joined the staff on May 5 in that capacity. The position will free several thousand dollars previously earmarked in the budget for janitorial service to be used in other ways.

SHERMAN FREE LIBRARY, PORT HENRY

Over one hundred third grade students of Moriah Central School were invited to visit the Sherman Free Library in Port Henry during National Library Week. The children were bussed, one section at a time at half hour intervals, early in the afternoon and spent time learning the history of the library, the use of the card catalog, the proper care of books and how to find books in the library. Mrs. Kathleen Brooks, Librarian, supervised the program.

SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

Mrs. Ralph Meagher, library director, has arranged a selection of the art work of early Adirondack artists in the display case at the library. These include pen and ink sketches, wood and steel engravings, lithographs, and watercolors, and are from the William Chapman White Memorial Adirondack Room collection of the library.

The Saranac Lake Free Library presented a drawing-on-film workshop, conducted by Kenneth Truse, for children between the ages of 6 and 10. The children learned the basic principles of animation films made without a camera. The shapes each had drawn were projected on a screen so each child could observe his work.

The circulation at the library for 1974 was 80,275 book and non book materials. Since libraries do not serve with just books, this includes the circulation of

periodicals, art prints, slide sheets, films, newspapers, pamphlets, as well as books.

The talking book service at the library, made available through material received from the New York State Library for the Blind, is enjoyed by area residents. The large print books are especially popular.

The monthly film programs and weekly story hours have been well attended.

Mrs. Meagher is very grateful to the Friends of the Library for their donation of \$700.00 for the purchase of childrens books.

BLACK WATCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY, TICONDEROGA

Thanks to a CETA grant, the library is being cleaned, repaired, painted, landscaped and having the brick wall cleaned and morticed. In other words, everything that needs doing is to be done. Mrs. Morton, the librarian, reports that the cellar turned out to be a treasure trove yielding some books and pictures that will be the basis of their Bicentennial exhibit.

GOFF-NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, TUPPER LAKE

Carol Dening, the librarian, and her staff put out a flyer on what people can find at the library as a part of National Library Week. Very well done, it lists not only books, records, art prints, inter-library loan, slides and films, it also emphasizes the use of the library as a community center.

And Take Me By the Hand, the New York State Bicentennial Commission's new thirty minute color film was shown at the library on April 18.

A display of antique inkwells from the collection of Marcel Richer is currently on view in the library's museum case.

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AIR BASE LIBRARY CELEBRATES NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

We are always interested in what other libraries do to celebrate this annual event. Trudy Shorey, assistant at the Plattsburgh Air Force Base Library, stopped in to tell us what they had been doing - and it was pretty impressive!

On Sunday, April 13, they held an Open House at the Base Library. The Base Gospel Choir entertained with black spirituals sung a cappella. A strolling minstrel, Lieutenant Mike Pergiovanni, delighted visitors, who included both Base and Wing Commanders, with his accordion-playing. All art work for the week was done by volunteers Kathy and Jerry McMurray. Punch was served from the Fairchild trophy bowl won by the PAFB bombing crew. During the Open House, Trudy discussed the library and all it could offer to base personnel, both active and retired, and civilian personnel.

Monday of that week, the library hosted the NOW group. B.J. Truax, Lola Adams, Ginger Seeley and Nancy Fortin discussed the purpose and scope of the organization.

Tuesday evening was given over to a karate demonstration and on Wednesday, the librarians showed the film 1776 to a full house.

On Thursday, Mr. Frank McNicholas of Clinton County Cooperative Extension talked about gardening. It was a busy week - and one guaranteed to focus attention on the Base Library.

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We end this TRAILBLAZER by again quoting....this time from a speech given by Governor Hugh Carey in October 1974:

..."I think government has a vital role to play in the maintenance and development of our library services. Local governments have of course always been principal supporters of our public libraries. In New York, the state has provided some impor-

tant aid for resource sharing programs. As a Congressman, I have been a strong supporter of such legislation as the Library Services and Construction Act, which has helped improve library service around the country. As governor, I would continue to support development of library facilities.

Libraries, lacking a highly vocal political constituency, have unfortunately been an all-to-easy target for budget cutters at all levels of government. We cannot afford to let our libraries suffer any further losses.

And we must do more. The state must take the lead in expanding and improving library programs in our public institutions...programs that are now almost totally inadequate...I am proud to have been a participant in efforts to preserve the important place of the library in the life of our people. I pledge my continued support to those efforts."

GOVERNOR CAREY, WHERE ARE YOU?

Stanley A. Ransom, Director
Mary Gordon Leggett, Editor