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AREA CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION LEADERS URGE LIBRARY SUPPORT

While help for library legislation is still urgently needed, area Civil Service Employees Association leaders urge support of Bill A 4595. Mrs. Frances Bessette, President of the Clinton County CSEA, has stated that library resources are most important to employees' job development. Joseph McDermott, President of Albany Region IV, CSEA, also recommends support of Bill A 4595, saying that libraries are a most important information source for all CSEA members.

Both leaders strongly recommend membership support of Bill A 4595 and urge people to write Assembly Speaker Steingut and Assemblyman Hecht encouraging them to vote favorably upon this bill.

The bill, sponsored by Assemblyman Irwin J. Landes, has been reported out of the Assembly Education Committee and is now in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

In these times of both high inflation and high unemployment, libraries are being hard pressed to provide the materials and services people need, particularly since library budgets need strengthening now more than ever.

More people are looking to their libraries to provide career information, job improvement help, guidance in independent study projects, information on how-to-do-it-yourself projects, information on consumer education - in short, libraries are a necessary adjunct to survival in these chaotic times.

The difficulty lies in telling our legislators where their priorities lie: in people-oriented programs. And surely the library is a consistently people-oriented program and it is up to the people to let legislators know exactly how they feel.

Letters for support for Bill A 4595 should be sent immediately to Assembly Speaker Steingut and Assemblyman Burton Hecht. Under this bill, Library Systems and Central Libraries will receive badly needed additional State Aid as well as incentive aid to more public libraries.

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

Honorable Burton Hecht
Chairman, Ways and Means Committee

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Mary G. Leggett, Editor

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The night of May 9 found the five members of the Ransom family, dressed in colonial costume, wandering around the candle-lit and largely deserted walls of Fort Ticonderoga. Then a sally forth to taste some ox-roast stew, peppery and delicious, and back to experience the tingling atmosphere of this moonlit and historic spot. At midnight came bus loads of sightseers, then a long wait in the chilly night. At 4:50 a.m., "First light", Ethan Allen's descendant and his troops recreated the famous attack on Fort Ticonderoga, demanding the surrender of the Fort "in the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress." Following this triumph, the Fort's present owner, Mr. John H.G. Pell, gave a short but stirring speech. The sun came up, and bands of costumed Continentals and Royalists vied for the crowd's attention with fifes, drums and musket fire. The Bicentennial was well met there!

Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library's Richard Ward and the Ransom family escorted the Plattsburgh Bicentennial Float in costume for the Memorial Day parade. The Float captured first prize.

The May 28 Story Hour Workshop presented by Miss Anne Izard was a decided success, and we are now building on the groundwork. Let us know if we can help further with your Story Hour and Summer Reading Programs. Remember that the films on story hours are available for you to borrow. Thanks to all who helped make it a success.

On May 23, I was part of a group of librarians and educators who assisted the National Indian Education Association staff to evaluate the Akwesasne Library and Cultural Center. It was a pleasure to attest to the value of this fine library. It was also a pleasure to talk

with the new Director, Mrs. Margaret Jacobs, and Mrs. Beatrice Cole and Miss Corinne White of her staff, as well as to meet the new Board President, Mrs. Peters and the NIEA Director, Charles Townley.

Other visits were made on June 5 to Keene Library to see the plans and progress of their new Children's Room addition and to visit the Lake Placid and Tupper Lake Libraries.

Mr. Starke and I attended a "hands on" video workshop at the Campus School on May 30. I am now working on the specifications for our portable video equipment to be used in conjunction with the Adult Independent Learner.

On June 11, Richard Ward, Annette Kovic and I attended a workshop in Albany on advances in Blind and Visually Handicapped library services. Bill no. S 653 A Giuffreda is before the legislature. The bill will make it possible for Systems to reach many more handicapped persons and help them obtain improved library service.

Thank you for your help and letters on legislation. I know they are read and considered by our legislators. Please keep up the good work.

On June 12, I had the pleasure of speaking before the AuSable Forks Rotary Club as the guest of Daniel Manning, Sr. Mrs. Ethel Manning, Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Trustee, made the introduction and the Rotary Club was reminded of the many services provided by the AuSable Forks Library, backed up by Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library. A slide program showing the member libraries served by the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library followed the talk.

From June 22 to July 13, I will be journeying to the West Coast to attend the Annual Conference of the American Library Association, with some vacation coming and going. A later issue of The Trailblazer will include highlights of the Conference.

Stanley A. Ransom

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CLINTON-ESSEX-FRANKLIN LIBRARY
STORY-TELLING WORKSHOP,
ANNE IZARD, SPEAKER, MAY 28



Anne Izard pauses to answer questions from librarians.



Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library poster illustrates the workshop theme.



Lunch break finds Anne busily answering questions.



Anne demonstrates the lively art of storytelling.



Carol Bedore and Bunny Bell serve coffee to Trudy Shorey, Air Force Base Library.



Left to right, Mrs. Vogan of Mooers Library, Mary Leggett, Bunny Bell, Carol Bedore, Jane Llewellyn registering for Workshop.

HEADQUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

STORY-TELLING WORKSHOP SUCCESSFUL

Anne Izard, internationally known expert in Children's Services, was the speaker and workshop leader at an all-day Story-Telling Workshop at the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library on Wednesday, May 28. Miss Izard is Children's Consultant at Westchester Library System.

Using her own film, The Pleasure is Mutual, as an opener, Anne talked about the logistics of planning picture book programs, training librarians and volunteers to work effectively with children and with books. Miss Izard also covered story-telling, telling of some of her own experiences in this field and giving a vivid demonstration of the art of the story-teller.

Having just returned from conducting workshops in Japan and Hawaii, Miss Izard told the audience of the pleasures and vicissitudes of meeting with audiences abroad. She stressed the fact that the link between books and children is universal and that librarians can, with enthusiasm and knowledge of children's stories, make that link even stronger.

Armed with her insight and practical pointers for children's programs, librarians in the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System are planning full summer schedules for both picture book and story-telling programs for children.

Librarians who were unable to attend this workshop may borrow cassette tapes of Miss Izard's talk from Headquarters. Two films are also available: The Pleasure is Mutual and There's Something About a Story. Please call Marie Chauvin of Audio-Visual Services for placing reserves of either film. Extra copies of Miss Izard's handbook on How to Conduct Effective Picture Book Programs may be ordered by contacting Carol Bedore, Technical Services Department, at Headquarters. The price is \$2.95, prepaid.

There were four door prizes awarded at a drawing after lunch. Mrs. Paul

Vogan won ten dollar's worth of paperback books for the Mooers Free Library. Mrs. Joyce Meagher won ten dollar's worth of pens imprinted with the Saranac Lake Free Library's name. Mrs. Chalice Deschene received the 1973 Subject Guide to Books in Print for the Goff-Nelson Memorial Library in Tupper Lake and Mrs. Janice Allen of Paine Memorial Library, Willsboro, won the Encyclopedia of Associations.

Over sixty trustees and librarians attended this all-day workshop.

SUMMER SPECIALS SCHEDULED FOR BOOKMOBILES

The two big red Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library bookmobiles will have extra riders, along with the regular crew, this summer. Two very talented young ladies will be presenting special summer programs on each bookmobile.

The Puppet Lady, Janet Kois, and The Story Lady, Barbara Baumann, will be entertaining children of all ages - from 2 to 102 - at all 69 bookmobile stops in Clinton, Essex, and Franklin Counties.

Janet Kois, The Puppet Lady, will use her own originally designed puppets to act out familiar children's stories and will also demonstrate how to make simple puppets. Janet is a Senior at the State University College at Plattsburgh, with a major in Theatre and a background in Education. She attended a workshop at Tulane University in 1974, sponsored by The Puppeteers of America and has studied Children's Theatre under Tim Palkovic at PSUC. In this latter program, Janet did participation theatre with children, a project in which children work with the actors in creating extemporaneous theatre. She also did a play, Take Me to the Treasure, sponsored by Showcase Productions which was shown at several area schools. She has just finished a videotape production demonstrating her puppetry in Wisconsin.

Barbara Baumann, The Story Lady, was just graduated from State University College at Plattsburgh and will be entering the Albany School of Library Science in September. Although Barbara was a music major, she also took a course in Children's Literature and had the opportunity to work under Mrs. Nilah Hausdorf, Campus School Librarian, doing story-telling and picture book pro-

grams for children. She has had additional experience working with children in the Head Start program and is most enthusiastic about story-telling on the bookmobiles.

Patrons of the three county library bookmobiles should ask at their bookmobile stop for information on when The Puppet Lady or The Story Lady will appear at their stop. Ample time will also be allowed at each stop for people to select their books.

COORDINATING MEETING ON ADULT LEARNERS TO BE HELD JUNE 17

In conjunction with the grant given to the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library to improve services to the adult independent learner, a meeting of personnel from approximately fifteen Clinton County agencies concerned with adult programs will be held at Headquarters on June 17 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Stanley Ransom, Director of the System Library, will briefly discuss the public library and the adult independent learner and will then introduce guests from participating agencies who will then outline their own organizational plans. Richard Ward and Mary Leggett will present the System approach toward reaching prospective adult learners and Anne Roman and Annette Kovic will present the Plattsburgh Public Library approach. Mr. Ransom will talk about the Liteline, a library telephone line approach to adult learners.

Both formal and informal education programs for adults will be discussed. Since many fine programs are already available in this area, plans will be made to supplement these programs through specialized library services and by directing adult learners to the most appropriate learning place. A proposal to compile a continuing education directory will be an important part of this meeting.

NEW FILM AVAILABLE AT HEADQUARTERS

Roots of Empire, in color, 28 minutes long, is a look at agriculture in

New York State and how it provides employment to nearly four out of every ten working persons...and offers an important balance to the State's commercial and industrial activity. The film is a color panorama of the many types of agriculture in New York State - from maple syrup and wine-making to dairy, poultry, fruit and vegetable crops.

Please call Marie Chauvin at Audio-Visual Services, Headquarters, for reservations for this new film.

TRUSTEE NEWS

Mrs. Elaine Dwyer, Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Trustee and member of the New York State Association of Library Boards, attended a workshop at the Earl W. Brydges Library in Niagara Falls on Saturday, June 7. The workshop was titled: Trustees and Librarians: Interface and Face-to-Face and was sponsored jointly by the New York State Association of Library Boards and the New York Library Association Resources and Technical Services Section.

Oswald H. Joerg, Director of the Nioga Library System and the Earl Brydges Library, opened the meeting, followed by brief welcoming speeches from Lester W. Niesz, President of the Earl Brydges Library Board, and Murphy J. Pitaressi, Councilman, City of Niagara Falls. Stephen Oppenheim, President of the New York State Association of Library Boards, and Peter Paulson, President of the New York Library Association, also extended greetings to workshop participants. Chief speaker was John A. Humphry, Assistant Commissioner for Libraries in New York State.

There were discussion groups in the afternoon on architecture, book selection and costs, the functions and services of library systems. Also covered were legal responsibilities, security, maintenance and conservation, and audiovisual materials for small libraries. Mrs. Dwyer is a member of the program planning committee.

Part of the day included a tour of the library building which was opened March 9, 1974 and dedicated in September

of that year. Named in honor of Senator Earl W. Brydges, the structure, designed for a potential capacity of about 325,000 volumes, is characterized by startling angles, jutting wings, and clerestories rising to nearly 70 feet. The first two floors are designed for use by the Public Library; the third floor is leased to the Nioga Library System. A fourth floor houses mechanical equipment and features a small conference-lounge room which cantilevers over the main entrance. Designed by architect Paul Rudolph, the library makes maximum use of natural light; the main reading room on the first floor overlooked by balconies is open to the roof with sunlight entering through clerestory windows. Mrs. Dwyer commented on the expert use of architectural design which complements the functional aspect of the building.

STATE ADULT SERVICES CONSULTANTS MEET

Mary Leggett, Adult Services Consultant, and Richard Ward, Reference Consultant, attended a meeting of adult service consultants and coordinators from library systems in New York State on June 6 at the Southern Adirondack Library System Headquarters in Saratoga Springs. Miss Florence Harshe, Director of that System, and Miss Mary Stewart, Assistant Director, were hostesses for the statewide meeting.

Under discussion was the role of the adult services consultant in the various systems represented and approaches to problem-solving in this area of specialization. Programs and services and the public relations aspect of adult services also came under scrutiny. In the afternoon, a film on Transactional Analysis was shown, after which consultants talked over the application of TA principles on the job with other librarians, trustees and staff.

Following the meeting, Florence Harshe took the consultants on a tour of Saratoga. Her intensive knowledge of all points of interest and amusing anec-

dotes about many of the wealthy and famous who came to Saratoga made this a most enjoyable tour.

NORTHERN ADIRONDACK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEETS

A meeting of the Northern Adirondack Library Association was held at the Feinberg Library, State University College at Plattsburgh, on May 27.

Joe Swinyer and Elizabeth Lane, librarians at PSUC, were coordinators for the program. After a brief business meeting conducted by Nilah Hausdorf, President of the Association, members broke up into groups and were able to observe various areas, collections and functions of the library. Bess Wood explained the microfiche Collection and Joe Swinyer and Chet Bunnell demonstrated the machines used to read the microfiche. Chet Bunnell also explained the makeup and uses of the Library of American Civilization. John Clark discussed the Dissertation Abstracts, Elizabeth Lane showed the group the ERIC Documents Collection, and Phyllis Wells showed members the Ohio College Library Center terminal hook-up.

Joe Swinyer, chairman of the program committee, announced that the committee is planning to review the questionnaires distributed to members in order to schedule programs for upcoming meetings of the organization.

About thirty librarians were at this meeting. Attending for Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library were Stanley Ransom, Rose Waddell, Carol Bedore, Mary Leggett and Richard Ward.

HAVE YOU JOINED NYLA THIS YEAR?

If you haven't paid your membership dues this year to the New York Library Association - or worse yet, if you just don't belong - you should know what you're missing!

You're missing a chance to have your voice, your opinions, your problems recognized by the State organization for all librarians, trustees, library clerical

staff and citizen groups. You're missing a chance to know where the action is, to attend the Annual Conference (this year in New York City), to get help through educational workshops and conferences throughout the State. You're missing the NYLA Bulletin that tells you what's going on in the library field in New York State. There are 7 Sections and 16 Committees - there is a place tailored for YOU in NYLA.

Jason Carnright, Clinton Community College Librarian, and Mary Leggett, System Adult Consultant, are Membership Committee Co-Chairmen for NYLA in this area.

Application blanks and descriptive flyers are available at Headquarters. Just call Jason Carnright or Mary Leggett for information. We will also be mailing material out to each member librarian and area academic and special librarians.

A special added inducement this year is the 1975 NYLA Tour Program at reduced rates for members. Take your choice of Bermuda, Rio De Janeiro, Hong Kong and the Orient, and a Week-end in Cape Cod.

Join your State organization now! We can work for better libraries.... together!

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

CHURUBUSCO FREE LIBRARY

The Free Library located in the Clinton Town Hall at Churubusco is open for the summer season for the public. Hours are as follows: Sunday 1-3 p.m., with children's story hour from 11-12; Monday 1-4 p.m.; 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Tuesday 10:00-12:00 a.m.; Wednesday 1-4 and 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Saturday 1-3 p.m.

KEENE VALLEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Members of the Bicentennial Committee sponsored by the Keene Valley Li-

brary under the leadership of Mrs. George Winkel have been working to complete a history of the Town of Keene. During the past two years, hundreds of old pictures have been sorted and identified, old maps and surveys located and studied, old houses located and photographed. Older members of the community have been interviewed and their recollections taped. The committee now has accumulated material covering the geology of the Valley and the lore of Indians who may have inhabited the region. The cultural life of the Valley, including schools, churches, music; the everyday life including early stores, transportation and industries, are also a part of the collected records which will be housed in the Loomis Collection in the Historical Room at the Library. The Material will also form the nucleus for a series of historical lectures to be given as the library's summer program. Dates for the Monday night lectures are July 7, 14, 21, 28; August 4, 11, 18. Detailed flyers are available at the Keene Valley Library.

Children from the Keene Central School come to the library every Thursday morning. The first three grades get an opportunity to become familiar with the library and to pick out extra reading material. Older grades come in to do research on class projects. Movies based on favorite children's books are also shown. Miss Trumbull, the librarian, does this on her own time as an extra community project - and on any Thursday morning, one may find between fifty and sixty children and their teachers in the library learning to appreciate the real value of books and reading as a part of life.

WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

An article in The Looking Glass, V.1, no.3, May 28, 1975, a new periodical published in Malone, contains an article on the history of the library. The article tells of the gift of the first library by Mary Casson Wead and the eventual purchase of the original Wead homestead, the site of the present library. When the homestead was destroyed, the new library was erected on that site in 1932. The article

also quotes from an interview with David Minnich, Wead Librarian, telling of the collection and the various other services of the library.

Subscriptions to this periodical may be ordered from The Looking Glass, 17 East Main Street, Malone, New York 12953. A special three months trial subscription cost \$1.00. Regular rates are \$2.75 for six months and \$5.00 for one year.

PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mrs. Candace Cross has recently joined the staff as library assistant. Candy graduated magna cum laude from Wheaton College in 1973. Her previous library experience includes work at the Southbury (Connecticut) Public Library and the technical services department of the Onondaga Library System. Candy will be responsible for children's services and programming at Plattsburgh Public Library.

During the week of June 23, Anne Romans, Reference and Young Adult Librarian, will be interviewed by Elaine White on three Cooperative Extension programs on Radio Station W K D R. Anne will be discussing the library and what it has to offer.

General Services Librarian Annette Kovic attended two informative and interesting workshops recently. On May 30, she was at the PSUC Campus School where a member of Young Filmmakers, Inc. conducted a workshop on videotaping: makes of equipment, filming, trouble-shooting, editing, etc. On June 11, she was in Albany for a workshop sponsored by the State Library Division of the Blind and Visually Handicapped concerned with the coordination of the regional library with individual libraries. The aims and purposes of the Library for the Blind were explained and the Lighthouse, Inc. of New York City illustrated the use of mechanical aids to enable people with low vision to read.

Beginning June 26, Anne Romans and Annette Kovic will be writing weekly

book reviews for the Press Republican. The feature will appear on the Lively Arts page and will cover adult fiction, children's books, titles on special topics, etc. Plans are for the two librarians to alternate the reviewing of anywhere from one to five new books each week.

Anne has just joined the ranks of a volunteer network of advisors for the Regents External Degree Program. As part of her preparation to serve as a counselor to local persons enrolled in the program, Anne will be attending a June 18 orientation workshop in Albany and at least two other one-day workshops annually.

The library is currently preparing a series of 30 and 60 second spot announcements for distribution to local radio stations. These public service "spots" will give information about the library and help to publicize its services. Hopefully, they will encourage people to visit the library who are now unaware of its potential usefulness to them.

A display of old comic books (circa 1944-53) is being featured at the library. The comics are on loan from James Vititow. An avid comic book fan and collector, Jim will present a talk on the subject in the Young Adult Room at 3:00 p.m. on June 23.

The library will have an exhibit again this year at the Annual Family Local History Day to be held at Clinton Community College on June 22. Among the items displayed will be the library's old postcard collection which always attracts a lot of interest.

SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

A second drawing-on-film workshop was presented on May 22 at this library. Kenneth Truse who teaches film and mass communications at North Country Community College taught the workshop. The session included experiments with india ink and creating basic movements for selected figures. The free workshop was limited to the first twenty children between the ages of six and ten who registered at the library.

The monthly film program for May at this library featured An Island Called Ellis, The Legend of Paul Bunyan, and Plymouth Colony.

WADHAMS FREE LIBRARY

Trustees of this library have decided to add two extra hours to each day of opening of the library until the end of summer.

PAINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILLSBORO

Janice Allen, the librarian, took twenty pre-schoolers on a picnic June 11 to mark the end of a very successful picture book program.

Mrs. Allen also tells us that many new books have been added to the children's memorial corner.

AKWESASNE LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER

Beatrice Cole and Corinne White, librarians, attended a Children's and Young Adult Services Section, New York Library Association 1975 Spring Workshop, at Ithaca on June 7. They went to a discussion group entitled, The Real World in Books for Children from Pre-School to Grade 3. The guest speaker was M.C. Kerr, author of Dinky Hocker Shoots Smack.

The Akwesasne Library has five minutes of W M S A (Massena) radio station news time each week. During that time, they have carried the recent cancer bike-a-thon, discussions on Senior Citizens, a new youth center and a new educational summer program. A different topic of interest on the reservation is discussed each week. During the week of June 9, a volunteer translated into Mohawk what the latest topic of discussion was.

This is the time of year that tempers flare over the thermostat. In offices and libraries all over the State, the struggle for the proper adjustment for all body temperatures is just beginning.

WHITHER WEATHER?

The guy who runs the thermostat
Controls our daily lives;
His fate is like a Mormon
Besieged by many wives;
Some like it hot, some like it cold,
Their tempers strident, sullen, bold...
Turned down at eighty, some will shiver,
A little higher, others quiver
And threaten to take off their clothes -
There is no comfort or repose
For the autocrat of sweat or freeze
Whose life is threatened by degrees
Of temperature. Nowirate screams
Announce the onslaught of both teams.
His problem is: Which ones to please?
Those who swelter? Those who freeze?
Like Solomon, his judgment wavers,
His edicts coming forth in quavers...
And just when he can't stand the pain,
He'll realize it's FALL again,
So he can rest upon his laurels
Until next June revives the quarrels:
The only way he can survive
Is knowing he goes home at five!

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