ONCE MORE, WITH FEELING!

It is time once more to say "thank you" to the Boards of Legislators of Clinton and Franklin Counties and the Board of Supervisors of Essex County for their generous support of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System. It is all too easy to overlook the dedication of these hard-working officials to the public that elects them, to overlook the long hours of serious deliberation, the careful consideration of all aspects of county government.

In 1975, legislatures from the three counties, in their wisdom and foresight for the needs of their people, agreed to provide $4,000 each year over a five year period from each county to replace our old bookmobile. That same old bookmobile, held together by baling wire and shear willpower, is just about struggling through its appointed rounds every two weeks in Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties. Now, thanks to these legislators and supervisors, we should have, very soon, a new bookmobile which will go into service sometime this spring.

The Gerstenslager Company which built the new bookmobile has offered to provide refreshments for a party to celebrate the arrival of the bookmobile – and we are planning a dedication for our county legislators and supervisors, our trustees and staff, and the general public: a ceremony planned to celebrate the combined effort of these legislative bodies and the Library System to give quality library service to the people of Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties.

The interest and support of these officials enable us to continue our present level of services to bookmobile patrons and member librarians.

So, like musicians who respond to appreciation with even greater effort than before, we want to express our gratitude to each and every member of the governing bodies of our three counties – once more, with feeling!

Thank you!

Stanley A. Ransom, Director

Mary G. Leggett, Editor

FROM THE DIRECTOR’S DESK

1977 has brought forth our new Planning for 1977 document. Prepared by the Director with the assistance of the supervisory staff, this statement lists our service plans for 1977. We hope to improve reference and interloan services, obtain OCLC services, investigate alternatives to our card catalog and improve our
delivery services to member libraries. We also plan to focus especially on job opportunity and career information. Two workshops on Historic Preservation are in the planning stages, assisted by a Council on the Arts grant. Next year we will review our accomplishments as measured against our written plans and then create a new plan for 1978. This is the best way to move ahead. Otherwise my System leadership becomes only a firefighting operation—putting our "fires", or acting as an emergency problem-solver, rather than moving ahead by planning, as we should be.

Delivery service is high on our list of priorities. The Library Board has approved the purchase on State Contract of a 1977 Plymouth station wagon which should be arriving after April 1. The older station wagon can be used to increase the number of deliveries to member libraries, but only if we can obtain a driver. We have requested one from the CETA program and hope that this can be possible in the near future. I wish to thank Howard Haskins, Director of the Clinton County Manpower Program, for his extensive and heartwarming cooperation. We depend a great deal on our CETA employees.

Legislation is important to all of us in the library field. Another legislative session is now in progress in Albany. We thank all those legislators, trustees, the Civil Service Employees Association, staff, librarians and friends who helped last year to pass library legislation. Chairman of this year's NYLA Legislative Committee is Mrs. Pat Mautino, Head of Oswego County BOCES. As Vice Chairman of the NYLA Legislative Committee, I will keep you informed of forthcoming library legislation. Much still needs to be done.

The long awaited list of local Bicentennial publications is included in this issue of The Trailblazer. We have been gathering this information for the past three years in an effort to keep track of these many publications. Our thanks to Dick Ward for getting them all together. If you are interested in obtaining any of these publications, I would urge you to act soon as many of them are close to being out of print. One final request: please let us know of any local or local history publications which have appeared during 1973-1976 or later that we can add to our list. Please also include buying information. We need your help and we thank you in advance.

Stanley A. Ransom, Director

HISTORIC PRESERVATION WORKSHOPS

The New York State Council on the Arts has also awarded us $995 to set up two workshops on historic preservation. These workshops are for our member librarians, town and county historians, historical societies, directors and curators of museums and historic houses, as well as collectors and other interested persons. A committee has been appointed, consisting of Helen Allan (Clinton County Historical Museum), Alan C. Miller (North Country Collection of Feinberg Library), Connie and Gary DuBowy (Kent DeLord House), Dorothy Ransom (Local History Collection, Plattsburgh Public Library), and Stanley Ransom, Chairman.

The committee is planning to invite two to three nationally known experts in the field of archives, conservation and preservation of books, historic documents, maps, photographs, prints and other types of historic materials. The workshop will include demonstrations and simple preservation techniques and information on obtaining special materials.

Tentative workshop dates are being set for May.

FILM GRANT

The New York State Council on the Arts has just announced the second of two grants to the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System. The sum of $7,000 has been granted to us for the long term leasing of 16 mm. films. This is welcome news indeed, for we have been hard put to keep up with the demand for films by the libraries and registered organizations in the three counties. In 1976 our 500 films
circulated over 3,700 times and were seen by an audience of 109,311. We are working now on an update of our film catalog.

OCLC FOR C-E-F

The Ohio College Library Center (OCLC) system is a network organization which provides cataloging and book information through a visual data terminal in over 600 libraries throughout the United States. SUNY, which has the local OCLC contract, lists about 120 academic, public and system libraries in New York State that receive OCLC services.

At their January 22 meeting, the Library Board of Trustees voted to purchase and install the OCLC System for the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System Headquarters. It is expected to be operational by July 1.

What will OCLC do for C-E-F? We plan to use it for cataloging those hard-to-catalog books, to obtain complete information for book ordering and to verify inter-library loan requests. Our cost studies show that it would save us over $2,000 per year to do these jobs OCLC rather than continuing our present system of manual searching.

We expect within the next four months to learn to use the OCLC Cathode Ray Terminal (CRT) and the OCLC keyboard so that several members of the staff will be proficient by July 1.

The North Country Library System, Southern Adirondack Library System and the Feinberg Library of State University at Plattsburgh are making extensive use of this valuable new service. We wish to thank Joe Swinyer of Feinberg Library particularly for sharing with us much information about their OCLC terminal and services. We also want to thank Linda Stiles for demonstrating it.

After OCLC is installed, we will explain its use to our member librarians at a future meeting.

Stanley A. Ransom, Director

AVE ATQUE VALE

We regret to announce the retirement of Elsie Everest from the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Board of Trustees. Mrs. Everest was a charter member of the System Board from the time it was formed in 1954 until just recently. As a matter of fact, Elsie was a member of the committee appointed by the Boards of Supervisors of Clinton and Essex Counties in the early fifties to work on the formation of this first multi-county library system in the State of New York. Having seen the System formed in 1954, Elsie had the pleasure of seeing Franklin County enter the System in 1962, thus creating a new three county library system.

Elsie Everest was a member of the Board of Directors of the Library Trustees Foundation and was also a delegate from that Foundation to the New York Library Association Council. In that capacity, as a lay person vitally interested in libraries and their future, she was able to present to professional librarians a balanced, reasonable and humanistic point of view on many library services and plans.

In her pursuit of excellence in library service, Elsie became an active member of the North Country Reference and Research Resources Council, serving as trustee and as secretary of that organization.

Having been at one time a trustee of the Peru Free Library, Elsie Everest holds firm to her belief that the member libraries are the backbone of any library system. The excellence and variety of our member libraries bears out her premise.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees on January 22, 1977, Elsie was honored at a luncheon and presented with a plaque in appreciation of her distinguished service as a library trustee from 1954 to 1976. She was also given a copy of Chris Orloff's new book, The Olympic Years, Lake Placid 1932-1980.

Although officially retired from the C-E-F Board, Elsie has indicated that she
will not retire her interest in the library system she served so long but will volunteer her services to help the System whenever she is needed. Therefore we will not say goodbye - but rather, hail and farewell, until we meet again!

Mary G. Leggett

Editor's Note: I've known Elsie Everest since 1959 - and the first thing that impressed me about Elsie was her eagerness to spread the word about good library service and to work to that end. It was she who urged me to write an article about C-E-F Bookmobile service that was printed in The Christian Science Monitor. Even now, as she retires formally from the Board, she is suggesting publicity ideas for the System to tie in with the Winter Olympics in 1980. I am sure that the interests of the System will remain one of her major concerns.

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TRUSTEES IN THE NEWS

Two new trustees were appointed to the System Board in January.

Mrs. June Heming attended her first Board meeting on January 22 and was sworn in by President Keela Rogers. Mrs. Heming, whose husband is a professor of education at Plattsburgh State University, is a registered nurse and a graduate of Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. She is no stranger to Board work, having been a member of the Plattsburgh City School Board from 1971 to 1976. Mrs. Heming is a charter member of the League of Women Voters and is currently on the committee of that organization making a study of county government. We are most happy to welcome Mrs. Heming to our Board.

The second trustee is really no stranger to us at all. James Hutchinson previously served on our Board of Trustees from January 1972 until June 1974, leaving at that time because of a conflict of interest as a county legislator. While he was a county legislator, Jim was Chairman of the Committee on Human Resources and also served on the Building and Purchasing Committees.

Jim Hutchinson was formerly Superintendent of Peru School and after his retirement from that position, he taught Public School Law at Plattsburgh State University. In 1973, he was Acting Station Manager of the local ETV station, then in its planning stages. Jim serves as Director of the College Foundation and is a member of the Board at the CV/PH Medical Center. He is now County Director of Off Track Betting and serves as liaison between the two OTB offices in Albany and Plattsburgh and the county legislature. We're very happy to welcome Jim Hutchinson back to our Board of Trustees.

C. Randall Beach resigned from the C-E-F Board of Trustees due to the pressures and conflicts of business. Randy is Assistant Vice President at the Champlain Valley Savings and Loan. We must also congratulate Randy on being our new County Historian.

Keela Rogers, President of our Board, and Gilberta Farquhar, trustee, were re-appointed to five year terms as trustees of the System Board.

STAFF NEWS

Stanley Ransom was a 4th district judge in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Voice of Democracy Annual Program on December 19, 1976. This is a contest in which young people give a three minute talk on their belief in American ideals. Mr. Ransom was presented with a Voice of Democracy Award Citation signed by Doc St. Jacques, Commander; Joe Filion, Adjutant; and Albert Gonyea, Chairman. Mr. Gonyea is the husband of Trustee Mary Gonyea of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Board.
Mr. Ransom was also interviewed by John Prescott of Radio Station WKDR on December 30. Mr. Ransom discussed the System, its plans and problems, and its extensive services to people in the three counties. Verna Fungitore, Director of Plattsburgh Public Library, and Robert Burton, Librarian at Feinberg Library, were also guests of WKDR that same week.

On December 16, Stanley Ransom and Mary Leggett went to a meeting at Plattsburgh State University chaired by Dick Gifford, Associate Director of Continuing Education. Dick presented Marc S. Salisch, Director of the Council for the Advancement of Lifelong Learning, who discussed what the Council wanted to do in this field. Libraries in the North Country sent representatives to the first morning session; later in the morning, representatives from area agencies came to talk about their roles in assisting Adult Independent Learners. Both Stanley Ransom and Mary Leggett told about the training sessions that had been carried out for member librarians in the System on working with Adult Learners. An early Spring problem-based workshop is planned to strengthen all support roles in work with adults.

Leona Salzman, Head of the Job Information Center located at Plattsburgh Public Library and supported in toto by the Clinton- Essex-Franklin Library, was a guest speaker at a dinner for recent graduates of the North Country Unit of the Empire State College on January 28 at the Holiday Inn in Plattsburgh. Lee explained that the Center was a community information and referral service, not an employment agency. She discussed the location of the Center and the Job Information Shelves in member libraries. She also talked about the telephone answering service, use of interlibrary loan, basic steps in job search, the types of services, and showed films on resume writing and interviewing.

On December 7, Dick Ward, Stanley Ransom and Mary Leggett made a consultants' visit to Dodge Library in West Chazy. They discussed with Mrs. Arlene Bassett, the librarian, ideas for revitalizing the collection and its format, use of interlibrary loan, and the possibility of a book sale in the spring to raise money for the library. Mrs. Pat Martin, a trustee of this library, joined the discussion later in the morning.

Mary Leggett, System Adult Services Consultant, has been asked by Chairman Florence Harshe of Southern Adirondack, to be on the Membership Committee of the Public Libraries Section of NYLA. With all our member libraries in the three counties, we should have good representation in this NYLA Section. It only costs a little money to gain a lot by joining NYLA. You get a voice in what goes on in your field in the State, representation in Albany, news of importance to all librarians in the monthly NYLA Bulletin. Don't be left out in the cold - know what goes on in your State organization; know what is going on in Albany! Join NYLA - plenty of applications are ready and waiting for you at Headquarters! Just call or write Mary Leggett at the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library for details!

Theron Colby of West Publications, together with Stanley Ransom and Mary Leggett of Headquarters, has scheduled a session on February 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the use of the United States Code Annotated. Librarians from Plattsburgh Public Library will join Headquarters staff for this mini-workshop.

Mrs. Ruth Hecht of the System Board of Trustees has offered a complete run of the National Geographic from 1961 to 1973 to any library that would like to have it. First come, first served basis! Just call us at Headquarters.
SELECTION GUIDELINES

Because we find that book selection in schools is still a matter of heated discussion, we urge every librarian, school and public, to read thoroughly Selection Guidelines: School Library Resources, Textbooks, Instructional Materials, published by The University of the State of New York, The State Education Department. This publication, approved by the Board of Regents in November 1976, is supposedly the first set of guidelines on selection of controversial materials for schools. It stresses the need for such guidelines in school libraries; most public libraries have long had effective book selection policies in use. Among other items such as formulating a Materials Selection Policy and printing a model complaint form, one of the more important things brought out in this publication is that the Regents urge school boards to allow a parent to determine whether or not a specific item may be given to his or her child. However they emphasize that schools should not allow "any parent or group of parents to determine what materials may be used for pupils other than their own children."

We would like to quote from the first paragraph, taken from the National Association of Secondary School Principals Bulletin, September 1961 - still very relevant today:

"Democracy is dependent upon the right of people to study and discuss issues freely. Equally important, it is dependent upon a citizenry which exercises its rights, which keeps well informed, searches actively for divergent points of view, evaluates courses of action in the light of available evidence and basic democratic values, and then acts responsibly on the basis of the decisions made. Such behaviors do not develop by accident; they are learned in the schools within the context of societal problems, many of which are controversial in nature."

The Regents also state, "If the schools are to carry out this important role of helping students to develop the skills and attitudes and to acquire the knowledge necessary to function successfully in society, then students must be provided with opportunities and experiences which foster cri-
tical thinking in an atmosphere of free inquiry. Students must learn to make choices in solving individual and societal problems. Inescapably such problems and choices will involve controversial issues and materials."

Let's hope that Freedom to Read is still alive and living in New York State!

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES

The Governor's Commission on Libraries is planning a series of public hearings to be held this spring in preparation for the Governor's Conference scheduled for 1978. These public hearings are opportunities for our patrons, our users, to testify before the Commission on their library needs.

The dates are:

Buffalo - Wednesday - April 20, 1977
New York City - Wednesday - April 27, 1977
Albany - Wednesday - May 11, 1977
Syracuse - Wednesday - May 18, 1977

We will be sending a list of community organizations and people to Mrs. Esther M. Swanker, Special Assistant to the Governor, very shortly. Should you wish to be on that list, please notify Mary Leggett at Headquarters. It's extremely important for all library users to have a voice in these public hearings.

A committee of NYLA is planning a hearing for library professionals during next fall's NYLA Conference.

CALDECOTT AND NEWBERY AWARDS

The Caldecott and Newbery Awards have been made public. Rose Waddell, System Children's Consultant, has already ordered many of these books and will keep them available for any librarian to look over.

The Newbery Medal Winner is:
Taylor, Mildred  Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
Dial, 1976.  $7.95

Honor Books:

Bond, Nancy  String in the Harp.  Atheneum,
1976.  $9.95

Steig, William  Abel's Island.  Farrar,
1976.  $5.95

The Caldecott Medal Winner is:

Muscrove, Margaret  Asante to Zulu: African
Traditions; illus. by
Leo and Diane Dillon.
Dial, 1976.  $8.95

Honor Books:

$4.58

Hogrogian, Nonny  Contest, An Armenian Folk
Tale.  Greenwillow, 1976.  $7.95

McDermott, Beverly  Golen, A Jewish Legend
Lippincott, 1976.  $7.95

Parnell, Peter  Hawk, I'm Your Brother.
Scribner, 1976.  $5.95

$7.96

Calendar of Annual Events has been sent out to each of our member libraries as
our New Year's present. Where else but in Chases' can you find such esoterica
as National Pink Day, Be Kind to Your Astrologer Day, The Chitlin Strut, and
Lizzie'Borden Liberation Day?  Chases' Calendar is a great reference tool for
any publicity minded librarian - a mar-
velous selection of special days, weeks
and months for you to celebrate!


NOTE TO MEMBER LIBRARIANS

Jane Llewellyn is trying to clear
that awful interlibrary loan file for
all outstanding titles that have been
borrowed by you for your patrons from
other member libraries or the Feinberg
library. Perhaps some of these books
have been returned. But if you didn't
send us back the colored charge slip that
was in the book when it came to you, we
have no way of knowing that it was ever
returned. And we think you still have
the book ... So check those colored slips,
people, or to misquote old James Whitcomb
Riley, it won't be the goblins - it will
be Jane that'll get you if you don't
watch out!

One more problem. Many of you send
back messages to various departments or
people at Headquarters when you return
your collections on delivery day. Some-
times, particularly when your messages
are among the books or on the bottom of
the box, they get lost. To insure their
delivery to the right person, may we
suggest that they be put in an envelope
addressed to that person and put safely
on top of one box or taped securely to the
top of that box. Thanks.


NEW FACES AT HEADQUARTERS

Bunnie Bell of the Reference Depart-
ment will be going on maternity leave
February 22. The two new voices you hear
on the telephone in her place are Rosemary
Glenn and Candy Williams, the two part-time clerks who are temporarily replacing our Senior Clerk.

Bernadette Monette has been hired as a page, working mornings for Genevieve Blaise and afternoons for Mary Leggett. Bernie had been with us for some time under the Manpower Program.

Toni Baker is working in Technical Services as a typist under the CETA Program.

And last but not least, Tom McMahon is working part-time as a page for Rose Waddell. Tom is enrolled at Plattsburgh State University and is with us under the College Work Study Program.

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

AUSABLE FORKS FREE LIBRARY

Officers were elected for 1977 at the Annual Meeting of this library on January 5. They are: President, Mrs. Daniel T. Manning, Sr.; First Vice President, Miss Helen Douglass; Second Vice President, Mrs. Louis Sorrell; Secretary, Mrs. Paul Lucas; Treasurer, Miss Isabel Torrance. Two trustees were elected for five year terms - Miss Helen Douglass and Mrs. Paul Lucas. The resignation of long time Treasurer, Mrs. E. Glenn Giltz, was accepted with deep regret. A letter of commendation for many years of excellent service was presented to her by the Association. Mr. Raymond Doyle and Mrs. Marjorie Doyle were thanked for their volunteer efforts. Mr. Doyle was appointed supervisor of grounds and exterior maintenance for 1977. The work of volunteer Mrs. Morris Newman who assists in the library was also commended. Mrs. Joseph Kahn of the Friends of the Library and Mrs. Thomas Nicoll of the Story Hour Group reported plans for the coming year. Last order of business was the drawing for a dictionary raffle won by Charles Masur of Ausable Forks.

A book in memory of Kenneth Garrecht was given to the library by the Manning family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gorton have given the library a copy of The Illustrations of Rockwell Kent - a beautiful book of special interest to this community.

The library has expressed its gratitude to the Keene Valley Garden Club for its gift of a membership in the National Wildlife Federation.

Mr. and Mrs. William Alford of Wilmington and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pelkey of Phoenix, Arizona, presented the library with several boxes of books. These will be cataloged very soon for our readers.

BELDEN-NOBLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ESSEX

We regret to announce the recent death of Miss Mabel Mason of Willsboro. Miss Mason was a past treasurer, trustee and assistant librarian of the Essex Library. She will be missed in this community where she was so active.

KEENE VALLEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Fourth and Sixth grades have been making regular visits to the library. The Sixth grade enjoyed a slide program of Miss Trumbull's trip to Greece.

Nancy Edmonds has spent much time rearranging the adult collection and trying to provide more shelf space. The young adult section has been expanded as well.

Charles Reynolds put up additional shelving in the Mountaineer Section to take care of the collection of Alpine
Journals given to the library by John Case.

Editor's note: We would like to congratulate Zadee Trumbull on her tenth year of outstanding service as librarian at Keene Valley. She has done so much, not only for the library but also for the people of Keene Valley. To walk through the door of this library is to realize the splendid work Zadee Trumbull has done to make it a true community center.

KEESEVILLE FREE LIBRARY

Another bad fire in this village recently. Librarian Ann Garcia's note tells it very vividly and gives a note of caution:

"Better safe than sorry was our motto the night of Keeseville's big Front Street fire when we moved the library's irreplaceable books, files and pictures to absolute safety. There is something about the sight of smoke and flames that tends to make one panic. Nevertheless we kept our heads - Elaine and I - as we bumped into each other on our way to see how our beloved library was faring. Of course it was safe with its slate roof and brick walls (thank you, founding fathers, for your farsightedness). But with the collapse of two fire walls and knowing how old and rotten some of the buildings were, we kept watch for three hours until the fire chief gave a definitive, "Yes - the fire was contained by the third firewall."

This was the second time in eight years we have moved library material due to threatening fires. And one thing we have learned and wish to pass on is: have a definite plan in mind of what to move and where to put it. Tuesday night we had everything secured in a matter of minutes because we had discussed at length such a situation many times. Not a happy thought but a necessary one."

Ann's suggestion is a very wise one and we are very glad her library suffered no damage.

WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

The Board of the Wead Library has been authorized by voters at a special school district meeting to go ahead with efforts to receive and spend federal aid in the amount of $258,000 to enlarge the library. Under the plan the Board will apply for funds and if the grant is approved, will build the addition. No local money is involved in the project.

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The library's film programs for children attract from 25 to 90 children at each performance. The managing editor of the Malone Telegram, who attended one showing with his granddaughter, wrote an amusing story for the paper about his day at the library and included in his article a description of the many free services and items available at this busy library.

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Dave Minnich, the librarian, reports that he has two extra people working with him right now. One is from the Bartlett Rehabilitation Center and is carried on their payroll. The other is a 15 hour per week clerical trainee sponsored and paid for by Manpower.

MOOERS FREE LIBRARY

Mrs. Vogan, the librarian, tells us that a truly magnificent gift of 200 books on antiques were given to the library by Harold Boire, formerly of Mooers, now of Tampa, Florida. Eleven cartons of books arrived by United Parcel. They are now being cataloged and Mrs. Vogan is making arrangements to house this collection.

PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

As April 15 draws near Senior Citizens seeking help in filing their income tax returns are invited to stop by the Plattsburgh Public Library. Beginning February 15, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will be providing a free tax aid service on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and on Thursdays from 12:30-3:30 p.m. in the lobby of the library. Offered for the first time last year, the tax consulting service proved quite successful and hopefully even more senior citizens will take advantage of it this year.
And now for the bad news ..... The library's 1977 operating budget is in the red. As a result, a 25c service fee has been instituted on all titles being reserved. In addition, the overdue charge was raised to 5c per day for adult materials and 2c per day for juvenile books.

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With the February resignation of Mrs. Frances Miller, PPL is once again without a children's librarian. The turnover in that department has been extremely unfortunate. Eight people have held the position since it was first filled in 1969. This lack of continuity in children's programming, plus the makeshift quarters in which the department is being housed pending completion of the lower level, have adversely affected the library's ability to provide quality service to the children.

Until a replacement for Mrs. Miller is recruited, Anne Romans will be taking over story hours and class visits. During Anne's time away from the reference department, part-time professional staff will be filling in.

The Friends of Plattsburgh Public Library have received a grant for $300 from the New York State Council on the Arts. The money will be used to cover in part the expenses for a young adult spring film festival. Library staff member Anne F. Romans will administer the grant.

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The Plattsburgh Common Council approved the appointment of two new members to the Public Library Board of Trustees. Warren Salley and Pearlie Rabin were appointed to the board replacing Margaret Kennedy and Connie Pope.

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French, German and American dolls from the 19th century are on exhibit through February at Plattsburgh Public. The antique dolls are from the collection of Alonzo and Connie Dagley of Peru, New York. Also on display this month is an oil portrait of Commodore Thomas Macdonough painted by Violet Bernstein of Plattsburgh.

DODGE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ROUSES POINT

The library will be open on Monday evenings from 7-9, an extra two hours per week. The Board has ordered a new dictionary stand for this busy library.

SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

Two interesting displays have been featured at the library in the past few months.

The first was "The Nine Lives Exhibit", enchanting cats loaned by Creta Chase of Saranac Lake. Highlights of the exhibit included a group of miniature bronze figurines, a graduated series of Oriental porcelain cats, an unusual table screen with cats made of feathers with hand-painted faces and paws, and a group, which Mrs. Chase, a well-known collector of antiques, has labeled "Cat-iques." Several other labels add a touch of humor to the exhibit. "What are we doing here?" reads a card in front of a group of tiny ivory mice. Cats have long been a focus of Creta's interest and talent. Her shop - The China Cat - is named in their honor.

The second exhibit is a group of miniatures done by Gary LeFebvre of Onchiota. His interest in miniatures began as an historical study and grew over the past five years into a full-fledged hobby and part-time income. The miniatures are done in an accurate one inch to one foot scale, each the only one of its kind produced and authentic to the last detail for the historical period represented.

A Victorian shop, "J. Pedroni, Clocks," is a part of the exhibit and a marvelous example of LeFebvre's painstaking research and craftsmanship. About 400 hours went into the creation of its contents which include, in addition to many mantel clocks copied from a catalog of that era, a grandfather's clock that keeps accurate time. A cash register and account book, and even a shopper dressed exactly as LeFebvre's
grandmother appeared in an old photograph. The name of the shop is an expression of gratitude to John Pedroni of Saranac Lake who provided some of the special small tools and woods needed. In preparation for his next miniature project, LeFevbre took a wood carving course from Avis Northrup Brown, a well-known Adirondack craftswoman. He notes too that the Saranac Lake Free Library and its staff "have been indispensable to me in the pursuit of needed materials for my never-ending research."

BLACK WATCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY, TICONDEROGA

The annual Greens Tea sponsored by the Carillon Garden Club was held at the library. Money from this benefit tea is donated to the library.

GOFF-NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, TUPPER LAKE

We were very sorry to hear of the sudden and unexpected death of Leon Dechene of Tupper Lake. Mrs. Dechene (Chalice) is the librarian at Tupper Lake and an old friend of all the staff at C-E-F. We wish to express our deep sympathy to Chalice in the loss of her husband.

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Ten evening courses are scheduled to be held at this library as part of North Country Community College's 1977 spring semester. Four daytime courses are also being offered in conjunction with the "early admission program" sponsored by the high school. Special registration hours will be held at the library.

WADHAMS FREE LIBRARY

The library is now open on Tuesday evenings, an extra two hours per week. Norma Bertsch has an intriguing display of her antique button collection at the library for everyone to enjoy.

DODGE LIBRARY, WEST CHAZY

At a meeting of the Trustees of this library recently, the Board changed its insurance package to one with greater advan-

tage to the library. Howard Congleton reported on his insurance survey. The Board discussed the suggestions made by Mr. Ransom, Mr. Ward and Mrs. Leggett on their visit to the library - and have decided to have a couple of book sales in the spring and summer, as well as a table of books for sale in the library. It was decided at this time not to organize a formal Friends of the Library group; instead the trustees appointed Pat Martin and Susan Recore to enlist a group of 8 or 10 women interested in the library who would be willing to volunteer either for Saturday Morning Story Hours or to help Mrs. Bassett, the librarian.

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March 1 was tentatively set as Library Day. Special invitations will go to the school children for a Story Hour, a clown to entertain, and, of course, refreshments. An Open House for adults that same evening will include special invitations to members of the Board of Education.

PAINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILLSBORO

The library, PTA, Kiwanis and school guidance joined together to conduct a Career Information Day at the school. 56 resource people were available to explain their jobs or careers in detail and to answer questions.

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Mystery and science fiction fans can borrow more books from Paine Library due to the kindness of Mrs. Anna Gorton who loaned the library a collection of about 45 of her books.

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The slogan on one poster at this library says, "Read a Cord of Books This Winter" - a great slogan for this stay-at-home, curl-up-with-a-book kind of weather in the North Country.

Stanley A. Ransom, Director
Mary Gordon Leggett, Editor
LIBRARY LEGISLATION DAY

MARCH 22 IS LIBRARY LEGISLATION DAY IN ALBANY. GET READY TO GO THERE AND DISCUSS LIBRARY NEEDS WITH YOUR LEGISLATOR. PLAN AHEAD - RESERVE MARCH 22 FOR AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO KEEP LEGISLATORS AWARE THAT PEOPLE NEED LIBRARIES -- AND WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE HELP FROM ALBANY, LIBRARIES FACE A STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL!

The Board of Trustees
of the
Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System
Invites you to see the
New Bookmobile
5-8 p.m. - Wednesday March 9, 1977
Parking Area, Clinton County Government Building
Ceremonies at 7 p.m.

This bookmobile is being purchased with funds provided by:
Clinton County Legislature
Essex County Board of Supervisors
Franklin County Legislature

Refreshments courtesy of Gerstenslager Bookmobile Company and

Members of the Library Board of Trustees

On display
County Center
10 a.m. - 3 a.m.
March 21, 1977
Elizabethtown
Essex County

On display
County Center
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
March 17, 1977
Malone
Franklin County
BIBLIOGRAPHY OF LOCAL HISTORY MATERIALS

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The bibliography of local history materials is composed of books and pamphlets, some relating to the Adirondacks in general and some particularly to Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties. All were published in 1974 or later. This may not be complete, although we hope that it is. Please let us know if you know of anything we have missed.

Barnett, Lincoln


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Curtiss, Arthur


Dean, Willamay

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DeSormo, Maitland

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Fowler, Barney

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Freedman, Henry K.

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Parks, O. Kenneth  Maple Sugar Sticks. The author, 1975. $3.00.
(Order from O. K. Parks, 70 Sentinel Road, Lake Placid, N.Y., 12946)
Portraits and Painters of the Early Champlain Valley, 1800-1965: an exhibition presented by the Student Association and the Art Gallery of the State University College, Plattsburgh, N. Y., April 12-May 2, 1975. eds. Virginia Burdick and Katherine Lochridge, Plattsburgh, N. Y., 1975. $3.50. (Order from Myers Art Gallery, State University College, Plattsburgh, N.Y., 12901)

Reflections; a brief history of Burke from 1797-1976. n.p. 1976. $4.00. (Order from Franklin County House of History, Malone, N. Y., 12953)


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