AKWESASNE - OUR 27TH MEMBER LIBRARY

As of September, 1977, the Akwesasne Library and Cultural Center became the newest member library of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System. The passage of Bill S3045A for State Aid support of libraries on Indian reservations make it possible for the Akwesasne Library to join the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library; it offers more financial support as well.

The St. Regis Mohawks are to be congratulated on their hard work to secure passage of this bill. Librarians Margaret Jacobs, Beatrice Cole, Carol White and Corinne White also deserve much credit for their part in making the Akwesasne Library a valuable resource. Daniel Casey, member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, visited the Akwesasne Library and Cultural Center on Sunday, August 21, and was greatly impressed, terming it a "model public library."

We have worked with librarians at the Akwesasne Library and Cultural Center for some years now on an informal basis. It is with great pleasure that we welcome into the System our 27th member library and extend to them all the rights, privileges, and services of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System.

Mary G. Leggett, Editor

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

This past summer, a busy one, was highlighted by our exhibits at the Clinton, Essex and Franklin County Fairs. This year we had children's films, book prizes, used book sales, and a display of recently published local history materials.

I would like to thank Mr. Steve Porto, owner of Friar Tuck Bookstore of our Pyramid Mall for his generous donation to the C-E-F Library System of nearly 200 new paperbacks. His donation enabled us to have hourly drawings for free books at each of our three fairs. The C-E-F System benefited enormously from the resulting publicity. Thanks, Steve!

Thanks to our staff members, C-E-F Library System gained much public notice at the Fairs. I wish to thank Carol Bedore and John Crager, our hardworking Co-Chairpersons. Mary Leggett did a fine job on the used book sale. Marie Chauvin and Pat Blake showed children's films whenever two or more children appeared. At the Essex Fair Marie Chauvin was startled, after one large group of children had departed, to be left with an unclaimed youngster in a stroller. Marie was equal to the occasion and watched over the youngster for an hour until a worried father came looking for the child which older brothers and sisters had mislaid.
Thanks to Al Hutchins and Bob Harnden for skillfully piloting the big red bookmobiles through the fair grounds to join our staff members at the C-E-F red and yellow tent. Thanks to Madge Mehan, Mary Hopkins and all the other staff members who helped make our appearance at the fairs successful.

At last! On September 13, 1977, at 11:00 a.m. our OCLC terminal was delivered and installed. By noon, I had learned to request an apple cake recipe from OCLC, and from then on the staff started learning to use this new service. We are now using OCLC to do reference verification. Three staff members, Carol Bedore, Lillian Hong and Debbie Bashnaw are scheduled to receive OCLC training in Albany, September 28 and 29th. We expect that this new service will cut costs and save time in the reference and technical processing areas. A GE Termel 120 line printer is on order and should be received within two weeks. This will make it possible for us to print out the information shown on the OCLC terminal screen.

As MacDonald says "We do it all for you!".

Stanley A. Ransom

SUMMER REPRISE

Never can anyone say that summer at C-E-F is a quiet time or a time for reflection. It builds up into almost the busiest season of the year. Although vacations decimate the staff, work goes on briskly, with everyone doubling in brass.

The System's Annual Meeting for trustees and librarians was held on August 8 at Hotel Saranac. Daniel W. Casey, member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, was the guest speaker. Emphasizing the need for trustees and librarians to prepare their libraries now to meet the demands of twenty-first century readers, Casey advised them to address such complex issues as intellectual freedom, state and national funding, out-reach programs for the elderly and the handicapped, automation, education of trustees and librarians, and making libraries more responsive to society's needs.

William Flynn of Senator Ronald Stafford's office conveyed to the audience the Senator's interest and support for libraries in the State Legislature. Director Stanley Ransom reported on the past year's activities in the System and outlined projects for the coming year. Two library building awards were presented at this meeting. Mrs. Margaret Morris, President of the Board of Trustees, and Mrs. Anita Washburn, librarian, accepted an award for the Keene Library. Mrs. Gertrude Ettese of the Peru Board accepted the award for that library. Over one hundred trustees and librarians attended this annual meeting.

The three county fairs under the joint supervision of Carol Bedore and John Crager provided an excellent opportunity for C-E-F staff to tell about System services to over 2,600 people. The new bookmobile and the red and yellow tent combined to make a display that attracted passersby. An hourly drawing of new books donated by the Friar Tuck Book Shop, Pyramid Mall, Plattsburgh, drew so many people at the Essex County Fair that the staff ran out of printed slips and resorted to ordinary paper slips to accommodate all the registrants. A giant used book sale in front of the tent handled by your editor, Mary Leggett, sent people away happily loaded with armfuls of books since no book was priced higher than twenty-five cents. Our new bookmobile equipped with a sound system provided cheerful contemporary music which further attracted people to the display. A new portable public address system allowed Director Stan Ransom to project his voice even farther so that announcements on free films in the tent, winners of hourly drawings, and a running commentary on the book sale could be heard very clearly.

The basic crew for the fair consisted of Stanley Ransom, Carol Bedore, Mary Leggett, John Crager, Marie Chauvin, Al Hutchins and Madge Mehan. Bob Harnden, Patricia Blake and Mary Hopkins also assisted on one day at the fair. The behind the scenes work that went on long before the three county fairs and the very busy schedule at the fairs were well repaid by the enthusiasm of the people who came to the library tent and to the bookmobile.
The System library was represented by a display manned by Stanley Ransom at Clinton County Family History Day held at Clinton Community College on July 15. An exhibit of recently published books and pamphlets on area history was accompanied by two lists for distribution. One was a list of local history books done by Dick Ward, System Reference Consultant, with a supplement by Director Stanley Ransom. The other was a list of places to donate historical materials including books, family records, papers, photographs, etc. and was compiled by Dorothy Ransom of the Plattsburgh Public Library staff. Mrs. Ransom is also president of the Clinton County Historical Association.

POINTER—A NEW SERVICE FOR OUR LIBRARIES

As of October 1, 1977, your library will receive copies of Pointers, a new service published by Kirkus. Pointers is a unique pocket guide to good reading—published 4 times a year in October, January, April and July. Pointers is written with your borrowers in mind and covers a wide variety of new books in every category. So now when they ask you "What's new?", you can refer them to a copy of Pointers, provided to you by your System Headquarters.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness that we at C-E-F announce the death this summer of Zaidee Trumbull, librarian of the Keene Valley Library Association. Zaidee was a good librarian, deeply attuned to the needs of her community and worked very hard to meet them. Her legacy to the town of Keene Valley is a library that bears her stamp of professionalism, of excellence, and of caring for people. Nothing we can say can minimize the loss of a friend—and Zaidee was a friend to so many—but we feel that Keene Valley was fortunate to have had her as their librarian. We will miss her.

We also report with sadness the death this summer of Matthew Smith, son of Donald and Beverly Smith of Elizabethtown. Matthew was a June graduate of the Elizabethtown—Lewis Central School and had planned to go to college in Canton this fall. We cannot hope by words alone to lessen his parent's loss—we can hope that in time only happy memories of their son will remain to comfort them. Beverly Smith is a trustee of the System.

TRUSTEES IN THE NEWS

At a meeting of the System Board of Trustees on August 8, 1977, the following officers were elected: Cornelia Rogers, President; Margaret Byrne, First Vice President; Gilberta Farquhar, Second Vice President; and Paul Vogan, Acting Third Vice President. The Board also welcomed its newest member, Dr. John L. Myers of Plattsburgh. Dr. Myers is with the History Department at SUNY Plattsburgh, his field being 19th century United States history. He is married with three children. After 13 years in Plattsburgh, Dr. Myers and his wife have made themselves a real part of the community. We at System Headquarters are also happy to have him join our Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Mary Gonyea of Saranac Lake has been appointed to the office of Legislative Chairman for the State Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars for 1977-78. Mrs. Gonyea will work in conjunction with State Chairman of VFW Daniel S. Brady of Watertown. Mrs. Gonyea served as District President in 1975 and was very active in the promotion of legislative programs on the district level. Mary Gonyea is a member of the System Board of Trustees. Our congratulations on her new appointment.

INTERLIBRARY WORKSHOP, OCTOBER 17

"We Do It All For You"

That's the theme of the Interlibrary Loan Workshop for School and Public Librarians to be held at System Headquarters on Monday, October 17, 1977.

Registration will be from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. Cornelia Rogers, President of the System Board of Trustees, will welcome participants. Speakers include Stanley Ransom, Director of C-E-F; Robert Barron, School
Library Liaison, Bureau of Specialist Library Services; Eunice Hunter, Librarian at Saranac Lake High School; Thomas Blauvelt, Three R's Reference Coordinator; Richard Ward, System Reference Consultant. Subjects to be covered are regionalization for North Country libraries, changes in the Commissioner of Education's regulations concerning school libraries and interlibrary loan, the Saranac Lake School Library experience, interlibrary loan services from C-E-F and from the Three R's, development of an effective regional interlibrary loan program and OCLC assistance in reference verification.

Notices will be sent out shortly on this workshop. Reservations must be in by October 12.

Remember - Save October 17 for the Interlibrary Loan Workshop!

HEADQUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

Stanley Ransom and Hugh Starke visited the Akwesasne Library and Cultural Center on September 8 to discuss the changes in the new law that would affect Akwesasne. Consulting with librarians Margaret Jacobs, Beatrice Cole and Corinne White, they also talked over budgetary problems and the System services the Akwesasne Library would be receiving.

Mary Leggett, System Adult Consultant, and Anne Romans, General Services Librarian from Plattsburgh Public Library, attended the first session of a two-day workshop on public relations at SUNY Albany on September 9. The second workshop will be held on October 7 in Albany.

Director Stanley Ransom attended a Legislative Committee Meeting of the New York Library Association at the New York Public Library on July 28. He will attend another session on legislation at the Public Library System Directors Organization meeting in New York City on September 16. This will be held in conjunction with a meeting of the Public Library Section of NYLA. "Legislation for libraries is one of the most important items for a director to consider", Mr. Ransom said, "and we must all work together to secure the passage of bills favorable to library funding."

Mary Leggett of System Headquarters was one of three Clinton County CSEA women delegates to the New York State Women's Conference in Albany on July 8, 9, 10. Frances Bessette, President of the Clinton County Local; Jeanne Kelso, Secretary of the Local; and Mary Leggett, Chairman of political action for the Local, spent the three days working to get a union woman nominated for the Texas National Convention of Women. They also discussed the problems of working women on all levels of government service and possible solutions to these problems. CSEA represents over a quarter of a million workers in New York State and of these, more than one half are women. The convention consisted of women from all walks of life, with widely divergent opinions - all of which were aired, sometimes with a great deal of vigor. We hope there will be future conventions focused on the roles and needs of women in New York State.

We now have two more new people working at Headquarters: Rose Bridges and Ella Blackorby. Both positions are funded by JCEO.

Lee Salzman of the Job Information Center will be the speaker at a luncheon at the Air Base Library on September 22. Lee will discuss how to approach an employment interview. The talk is aimed primarily at women wishing to enter or re-enter the job market.

Stanley Ransom and System Consultants Rose Waddell and John Crager visited libraries in AuSable Forks and Upper Jay on June 2. Rose and John also visited the Champlain and Rouses Point libraries on June 24.
Lee Salzman attended an Alternative Careers Workshop in Syracuse on July 16 and 17. The workshop was given by the Syracuse School of Library and Information Studies. John Crystal, originally of Plattsburgh, was one of the workshop speakers. Mr. Crystal is principal consultant for Life Management Services, Inc. and indicated that he would be quite willing to speak in the Plattsburgh area on creative career and life planning. He did add, "Please don't ask me to come to the North Country in January."

NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE 1977

"Between Friends" is the theme of this year's NYLA Conference which is a joint meeting of the New York Library Association and the Ontario Library Association. It will be held in Niagara Falls, New York, November 17-20, 1977.

The conference will be held on both sides of the border, with a shuttle bus providing service between the Niagara Falls, N.Y., International Convention Center and the Sheraton Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

The conference Planning Committee has come up with some exciting meetings running the gamut from communication strategies to designing graphics for libraries, to outreach programs. And for good measure they've scheduled a number of tours (your editor is torn between a Niagara Frontier History Tour and a Winery Tour - Oh, these inevitable choices!) and an international banquet for Saturday night.

Registration forms and packets are available at System Headquarters. Plan your fall around the NYLA Conference at Niagara Falls.

NALA COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP - SEPTEMBER 24

The Northern Adirondack Library Association is sponsoring a one-day workshop on Communications at Clinton Community College on September 24. Titled "Librarians as Formal/Informal Communicators", it will be conducted by staff from the School of Library and Information Science, SUNY at Albany. The cost for members of NALA is $12.00; the cost for non-members is $15.00. Checks payable to

SLIS workshop must be sent by September 16 to:

Lucille Whalen
Coordinator of Continuing Education School of Library and Information Science SUNY at Albany
Albany, New York 12222

It is hoped that there will be a large group at this workshop - since predicated on the interest shown, we may have the opportunity for three-credit courses in library science to be offered in the summer of 1978 in Plattsburgh.

NEW STATE LIBRARIAN ANNOUNCED

Gordon M. Ambach, Commissioner of Education, with the approval of the Board of Regents, has appointed Joseph F. Shubert as State Librarian.

Mr. Shubert has been State Librarian in Ohio since 1966. He is currently Chairman of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, a member of the Board of Trustees of OCLC, a member of the Advisory Committee to the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for the White House Conference.

Mr. Shubert was a consultant to the New York State Library on the reorganization of the Division of Library Development.

Since he is a native of New York State, we take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Shubert back to his own state and wish him well as our new State Librarian.

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

AKWESASNE LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER

The library received several donations of money from grateful patrons. We would like to reprint one letter that accompanied a check for $25.00:

Akwesasne Library:

Please accept this small token of our
appreciation for the many services rendered to me while in pursuit of my degree at Empire State College.

The use of interlibrary loan gave me the use of the textbooks required by courses, thereby saving me the cost of buying.

The prompt, courteous attention I received from the librarians is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
s/ Felicia & Herbert Jock

The library thanks Mr. and Mrs. Jock for their donation and also wishes to thank Mrs. Carol Zehr of Lowville for her gift of money to the library.

A "work bee" in July succeeded in accomplishing a great deal for the library. Books were entered, dishes washed in the kitchen, shelves cleaned, books mended, and the back log of magazines checked and re-arranged. The following people were at the "work bee" - Genevieve and Helen Douglass, Isabelle Torrance, Grace Lucas, Ruth Sorrell, Marjorie Doyle, Linda Kahn, Betsy Bushey, Ethel Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Tolces, Mr. and Mrs. Newman.

The Board of Trustees had its third quarterly meeting on July 11 at the Library. The Clinton–Essex–Franklin Board of Trustees met at the AuSable Forks Library on July 13. Luncheon was served by the local library board.

Two young women from the Office of OEO assisted the librarian this summer. They were Laurie Addison and Betsy Bushey.

The library held an extremely successful book sale on August 12.
Mrs. Aletha Miller gave a box of children's books to the library. The books will soon be added to the children's section. Mr. and Mrs. Newman gave a box of mysteries and other novels to the library for the adult collection.

DANEMORA FREE LIBRARY

Ninety-six readers completed the summer reading program, "Sail into Books". They came from the following schools; Dannemora Elementary and High Schools; St. Joseph's; Cadyville, Saranac and Morrisonville Elementary; Lakeside; Northern Adirondack; Whitehall; Signal Hill, Long Island; Swanton Central; The Royal George of Greenfield Park, Quebec; and Randers, Denmark.

Librarian Doris Haley was assisted by Amy Buckley, Rose Delaney and Emilie Scott.

ELIZABETHTOWN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Young children and their parents were invited to attend Wednesday morning story hours this summer. On sunny days, they met at the Elizabethtown Footbridge for an hour of stories and refreshments. When it rained, they met at the Social Center which sponsored the program. At the end of each story hour, children could check out books from the Elizabethtown Library - altogether a pleasant day for both the children and their parents.

KEENE VALLEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Baird (Nancy) Edmonds is the new librarian at Keene Valley - and an old friend to many of us at Headquarters with whom she worked some years ago. With her customary enthusiasm, Nancy has plunged right into her work and this summer has arranged an exhibit of old pictures of Keene Valley gathered from the Loomis Room. Another display is a collection of pencil drawings by Pat Kimmer, lovely things of rocks and trees, delicately and sensitively done.

The library held its annual Book Fair on July 29 and 30. This perenniially popular event was, as usual, very successful.

The Monday night lecture series at the library attracted a capacity house each week. Nina Winkel, artist and sculptor (and for many years organizer of the lecture series) opened the program July 11 talking about her travels through Eastern Europe, North Africa and the Middle East in search of mosaics fashioned by artists of the past.

Other lecturers in the series were equally interesting. Walter Clark presented a program on the Brooks Range in northern Alaska - an area through which the newly opened Alaskan pipeline passes.

Barry Hoffman, Director of the Center for Music, Drama and Art in Lake Placid, talked about the Center as a resource for the North Country.

"Afghanistan, Crossroads of a Continent" was the topic of Horace and Tony Learned's lecture. In another program, Almeda Senecal described the work of the ambulance service in the Town of Keene.

Hal Burton, former Newsday editor, planner of Marcy, Wright, Mount Joe and Roostercomb ski trails, and developer of Whiteface and Gore Mountain lifts, talked about "Pioneering Ski Trails from Marcy to Whiteface" at another program.

The final program was "Islamic Architecture in the Middle East", done by Helen Frothingham, a recognized, authority on Islamic architecture.

KEESEVILLE FREE LIBRARY

If you had stopped in the Keeseville Library this summer, you might have been lucky enough to be introduced to Charlie who had taken to hanging around the book shelves and pecking out at surprised patrons. Charlie is a half-grown robin who had fallen out of his nest when just a baby. Elaine Rushford, assistant librarian, took over the role of Charlie's mother, feeding him liquid protein and then raw hamburger. Elaine took Charlie out for flying lessons - and also for walks, where he would strut along behind her. Charlie likes to sit around the library in a hamster cage - and
occasionally hop out to visit company. Charlie
certainly feels libraries are for the birds —
and for people, since he welcomes anyone coming
in to contribute to the Fund Drive, which, in-
cidentally, is coming-along nicely.

The library had an exhibit in July of
handcrafted wooden animals created by Stephen
Pinello in his woodworking shop in this village.
They are made of local cherry and birch. He
also created a large wooden puzzle which was
allotted space on the floor for children and
grown-ups alike to play with.

We're going to have Librarian Ann Garcia
tell you, in her own words, about her visit
to see the treasures of Tutankhamun:

"Everyone is raving about King Tutankhamun
these days including yours truly. I'm doubly
jubilant that we (my husband and I) were able
to see this magnificent collection in early
March at Washington, D. C. — for now we sit
in smug satisfaction, like that proverbial cat
who swallowed the canary, and watch all the
hullabaloo on television. We nod our heads
vigorously in agreement with everyone's awe.
We laugh at everyone's long wait in line — we
didn't have to wait! Then we reminisce about
our own two hour tour through King Tut's "tomb."

The exhibit was backdropped by very dark
colors, blacks, purples, grays, browns, to give
the impression of being in a tomb. Also as
background were wall-size photos taken at and
in the burial site at the time of discovery.
Pictures are one thing but seeing the treasures
in real life is literally heart-stopping. My
two favorites are the Lotiform Chalice carved
from alabaster, pure and perfect in every way,
and the famous mummy mask. Pure gold beauty!
For me, it was practically impossible to draw
my eyes from it. Do I dare say timeless?
How do you describe skin made from gold?

It is really worth any trip to be able
to see The Treasures of Tutankhamun."

s/ Ann Garcia

LAKE PLACID PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mrs. Beverly Loomis, volunteers, and
library staff ran a story hour program from
May through the summer — perhaps hopefully
they may be able to continue it during the
winter. The program offered a variety of
things: story telling, reading aloud, marionette
shows and live animals and was a huge
success.

The library building, originally built
in 1884, received an outside face lift and
interior cossetting. New concrete walks and
sidewalk were done early in the summer. The
Board of Trustees, conscious of the energy
crisis, the high cost of fuel, and the wasted
heat in the old building, authorized insula-
tion of the library walls.

Due to the influx of Olympic visitors,
the amount and type of information work have
easily doubled — a challenge to the library
staff.

WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

Congratulations to Bob Hanna on his re-
election as President of the Board of Trust-
ees, his eighth term at that! Other officers
are: Edward Cohen, Vice President; Elaine
Gallagher, Secretary; Theresa Gagnon, Treas-
urer.

PERU FREE LIBRARY

The basement has been fully renovated
with paint and plaster. Now the Town Board
holds their meetings there. Traffic court
is also held in the basement on Monday nights

The library has added new shelving on
the main floor.

PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Plattsburgh Public Library's circulation
for the first eight months of the year is
up by about 10% over last year:
120,367      132,436      12,069

If the trend continues, the total number of items borrowed will top 200,000 for the first time in the library’s history. Increasing steadily over the past decade, circulation is now 47% higher than in 1967.

Work is expected to begin in October on construction of public restrooms in the lower level of the library. Labor for the project is being funded under the CETA Title VI, Emergency Job Program, with the library supplying the materials. Another project, involving the local history collection (inventory control, indexing, re-cataloging, etc.), was also approved for CETA funding. This is scheduled to get under way in December.

Speaking of local history, the collection got its usual summer workout again this year. It seems as though amateur genealogists converge on Plattsburgh from almost every state in the union during July and August. In order to bring together those individuals who are tracing the same families, the library has started a "Genealogy Register". In notebook format, this will eventually become a directory of researchers and their subjects.

The Library participated in downtown Plattsburgh's July sidewalk sale with several tables of used, donated books. Approximately $375 was raised in the two days of outdoor sales. The money will go into the trust fund for the Children's Library.

Among special programs held this summer were showings of classic films (which drew audiences of from 60 to 80 people), magic shows for the summer reading club members, a dulcimer workshop, story-telling for youngsters, and an exhibit of strange pets (no one would pet the tarantula, but some of the kids touched the snake).

Coming up in October is an unusual event: a dance performance on the library's front steps by members of the Debbie Guibbord Dance Studio.

The library has been making an effort to involve community groups and individuals in its special programming. Outreach Librarian Anne Romans is in charge of this area of operations. Anne wears several hats and has been doubling as children's librarian since last spring when Frances Miller resigned suddenly.

SHERMAN FREE LIBRARY, PORT HENRY

Librarian Kathleen Brooks spent her vacation this summer backpacking in the wilderness. How peaceful it must have been without telephone, television, newspaper or radio!

The Book Sale this year was the best ever - both in books and money.

SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

John Delahant was elected President of the library board for the coming year at the 70th Annual Meeting of the library this summer. Other officers are Lawrence Poole, Vice President; Jeanne DeMattos, Secretary; Esther Mirick, Treasurer. New trustees elected at the meeting included Colonel Harry F. Bentz, Jr., Mrs. Aida Stainback, Mrs. Ruth White and Miss Mirick.

The seventy-five members who attended the Annual Meeting in the Community Room of the library received a favorable report on the fund drive, $6,988 to date.

The meeting concluded with a talk by Gary Wills, wildlife biologist with the Department of Conservation, who discussed the variety of animals and birds in the Adirondacks.

An exhibit of African bronzes belonging
to Mrs. Margaret Roy of Lake Kiwassa was on display at the library. The bronzes come from the country of the Upper Volta, a recently established independent Republic near the center of Africa, just south of the Sahara Desert. Mrs. Roy spent time last year in Upper Volta, collecting contemporary bronzes and textiles of Niger, Mali and Ghana, as well as Upper Volta.

GOFF-NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, TUPPER LAKE

The 1977-78 budget was approved by a 229 to 31 vote in July and Mrs. Janet Chapman was re-elected to her third 5 year term on the library board.

John Timmons of Tupper Lake, a 1977 graduate of the program for photography and art history, SUNY Potsdam, held an exhibition of photographic work at the library. The photographs were described as paintings done with light and showed a view of everyday scenes as seen through the eyes of the artist.

The Village of Tupper Lake celebrated its 75th Anniversary this year and Judy Frey, who is in charge of the display cases, did a lot of phoning and running around and set up an excellent exhibit of nostalgia for old-timers and newcomers that has been extremely popular. It displays products manufactured by firms that have been here for many years. They include samples from the Oval Wood Dish Co., both old-time wooden products and the more modern plastic goods; hard wood and maple samples from Draper Division of Rockwell International; old trays, bottles, and plaques from the 56 year old Tupper Lake Coca-Cola Co.; and advertising columns of the "good old days" in Tupper featuring low, low prices that are surely nothing but a memory now.

Our 5th annual art exhibit sponsored jointly by the Tupper Lake Chamber of Commerce and Goff-Nelson Memorial Library opened July 24 and continued through July 30. 78 paintings and a number of portfolios of drawings were on display. The wide range interest in this exhibit is evidenced by the fact that more than half of the paintings were works of artists from other upstate communities, or summer visitors. Over 500 people signed the guest register.

In connection with the exhibit, Mrs. Frances Rickamer, a Tupper Lake artist, donated a painting which was raffled at the library on September 2nd. All proceeds will benefit the library fund.

Every summer Tupper Lake has a sidewalk sale, and at this time the library holds its book sale. The staff set up tables of paperbacks outside the doors of the library to lure the people in to where the rest of the books were - books of every kind and description. It was highly successful this year, and the library thanks the people who donated many of these books, as well as the locals and tourists who bought them.

Sandwiched in between all these activities are the usual work-a-day events of running a library, and in a vacation/tourist-oriented community like Tupper Lake, the "usual" is the "hurry-you-go-the-behinderyou-get" type of work. But it is really nice to see all these people coming into the library and being impressed with the facilities, the service and even the building itself, which is a definite asset to our community.

In connection with this, the staff would like to commend the librarian, Chalice Dechene for the beautiful flower boxes she has arranged outside the library. The comments on them have been outstanding - she truly has the greenest thumb in the North Country!

WESTPORT LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The first week in September marked the annual fund raising drive by the Library Association for the library.
Another drive is on to solicit money for new trees to replace the old elms that have died. Four new maple trees, their height at planting time to be determined by the total amount of money raised, will be planted some time this fall. Donations can be made in memory of Doctor Harris and checks made out to the Westport Library Tree Fund.

PAINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILLSBORO

The summer used book sale was very productive.

The Lauren Choate family has given a new chime clock for the fireplace mantle in memory of their daughter, Kimberly Sue.

Karen Mason has given much of her summer vacation time to working in the library. She is a volunteer and working toward a Library Aid badge in Senior Girl Scouts. Her services have been very helpful.

Larry Allen and Curtis Boardman refinished the library tables. The tables were badly scratched from the heavy use; now they look new.

Between 50 and 60 people came to the library’s Annual Meeting and Open House on August 14. Several local persons served as hostesses. They were: Janet Tucker, Ann Choate, Elma Manning, Millie Sanders, Cindy Peace, Karen Mason, members of the Board of Trustees, and Librarian Janice Allen.

Displays were placed around the library to explain services. All three floors were open for viewing. In the basement were displays of old town records and ledgers; a review of the Summer Reading Club directed by Rita Looney; examples of craft work done by patron Gretchen Board, along with some of the library books she had used. Also on display were the 1976 Bicentennial scrapbooks and the Historical Society picture reproductions of places and events in Willsboro’s past. Another display was art work by Ricky Low.

The pre-school story hour will begin on September 21 for children aged 3½ to 5 on every Wednesday.

The library is planning some adult craft programs for the winter.

The Paine Library put out a new folder outlining library hours, services, and listing the librarians, assistants, and trustees. It carries a handsome reproduction of a picture of the Paine Library on the cover, with an account taken from New York Libraries Magazine, August, 1931, of the gift of the library to the village of Willsboro.

Stanley A. Ransom, Director
Mary Gordon Leggett, Editor

Editor’s Note: We had sent a note to all member librarians asking if they wished to use some of their grant money to buy the 2 volume Random House Encyclopedia. It is $71.45 delivered. National publicity for this encyclopedia will be launched October 17 on all major television channels. I had an opportunity to look over this new set and found it informative and colorful. If you should decide to order it, please let Mary Leggett at Headquarters know by October 15 and we will order it for you. You will find it an excellent reference tool for your library.

M. G. L.