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Rose Waddell covered most of the Children's Services meetings and was off almost every day to the Canadian side of the border—the high spot being a luncheon for Canadian authors.

Dick Ward spent a great deal of time at meetings with other reference librarians, discussing the ramifications of the copyright law and its application to libraries.

Keela Rogers attended the meetings of the New York State Association of Library Boards and was elected to the Board of that Association. We also saw Keela at the Literacy Volunteers panel session and several other meetings.

Stan Ransom was everywhere—legislative meetings, regional discussions, dining with his staff at the Saturday night banquet, sharing with them the opening session at Hotel Brock on the Canadian side where 700 Canadian and American librarians listened to author-humorist Harry Boyle speak about Canada's search for identity and the need to know each other better, then hearing new State Librarian Joseph Shubert talk about libraries in New York State.

Your editor, were there any justice, should be thin from running back and forth to meetings! There is no justice! I ran the gamut from legislative meetings, literacy volunteers, programs on changing your library image, to section meetings, etc.

NYLA Conference is always a kaleidoscope of familiar and unfamiliar faces, of meetings and workshops, of exhibits hastily visited and revisited, of meals embellished with conversation, laughter and discussions of mutual library problems and successes. Since this year's Conference was a joint one between the New York Library Association and the Ontario Library Association, we were able to look at similar problems with a wide-angle view. Our only complaint was that all too many meetings were scheduled simultaneously and we, sans the gift of bi-location, couldn't get to all of them. But it was a good Conference, one of the best. Next year's will have to go some to top this one.

M. Leggett
resume writing, portfolios and interviewing procedures for art students at the college. On October 25, Lee was a member of a panel of people from community agencies at a college class on management for low income people. Lee described the services of the Job Information Center and answered questions about it. Her assistant, Linda Fish, went to the New York State Manpower Services Council Conference on Youth Employment in Albany on October 28.

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The New York State film collection, recently administered by Nassau Library System, has been dispersed. We were lucky enough to get 134 of these films to add to our own collection. By investing two days (November 30 and December 1) of our substitute driver’s, Gerald Tetreault, time to drive to Garden City, Long Island, we were able to get films that would have cost when new about $40,000. We were able to help North Country Library System by bringing films north for them as well.

When time allows, Marie Chauvin will add a supplement listing these films to our current catalog. The System really appreciates this gift from the State. Patron pressure on the film collection is heavy. These films will add variety and fill countless hours of programming.

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Anne Romans of Plattsburgh Public Library and Mary Leggett, System consultant, completed the two day public relations workshop given at State University in Albany on October 7.

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Stanley Ransom and Dick Ward will be attending a meeting on the New York State Interlibrary Loan (NYSILL) Program in Albany on December 21. They will work with the task force already assessing this program in order to strengthen NYSILL itself to be of even greater service to the people in New York State.

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Director Stan Ransom was a participant in Career Day on December 13th at Willisboro Central School — a program provided by the School Guidance Department assisted by Janice Allen of Paine Memorial Library and members of the PTA. Mr. Ransom spoke on librarian-ship as a career.

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Our busy director was also scheduled for a meeting in Buffalo on December 15. He is a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Indian Libraries. The Committee is working on revising the regulations of the Commissioner of Education concerning Indian libraries.

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Approximately seventy-five member librarians, school librarians, staff and trustees attended the Interlibrary Loan Workshop for School and Public Libraries held at System headquarters on October 17. Mrs. Cornelia Rogers, President of the C-E-F Board of Trustees, welcomed participants. Director Stanley Ransom spoke on regionalism for North Country libraries during the morning session and, later in the afternoon, moderated a panel of speakers discussing an effective regional interlibrary loan program. Other speakers were: Robert Barron, School Library Liaison, Bureau of Specialist Services; Eunice Hunter, Librarian, Saranac Lake High School; Thomas Blauvelt, Reference Coordinator, North Country Reference and Research Council; and Dick Ward, System Reference Consultant. A drawing for door prizes awarded books to Beatrice Morrison, Therese Dixon, Jane Metcalfe, Janice Allen, Nancy Loper and Nancy Judd. Despite a sleet and rain storm that by early afternoon was beginning to decimate our audience, some hardy souls remained to the end. Reports from those attending indicate they found the meeting very productive. A memo on school library use of interlibrary loan service will be forthcoming.

THREE R'S MEETINGS

Director Stanley Ransom, and consultants Rose Waddell, Mary Leggett and Dick Ward
attended a meeting of the North Country Reference and Research Resources Council at Oswego County BOCES in Mexico, New York, on October 13. Patricia Mautino, Director of the Curriculum Resource Center, spoke of the background and resources of the Center and organized a tour of the entire BOCES setup. Mr. Ransom also had an early morning meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Three R’s before the regular session. Mary Leggett also went to a meeting of the Cooperative Acquisitions Committee before the Three R’s meeting.

Mr. Ransom, Rose Waddell and Dick Ward went to another Three R’s meeting at Clarkson College of Technology in Potsdam on November 10. The meeting was primarily concerned with automated circulation systems and demonstrations of such systems.

WEAD LIBRARY GETS BUILDING GRANT

Cheers for Wead Library! It received a grant of $208,000 from the Economic Development Administration to construct an addition to the library and for alterations to the present building.

Board President Bob Hanna and Director Dave Minnich held the limelight at a groundbreaking ceremony on December 15. Ground was actually found under two feet or so of frigid Malone snow, and arctic temperatures were the order of the day. Since Director Stan Ransom was in Buffalo that day, he was represented by C-E-F consultants Rose Waddell, Mary Leggett, John Crager and Dick Ward.

The project is a tribute to the work of Director Dave Minnich and particularly to the hard, unrelenting work of Board President Bob Hanna who brought home the prize.

TRUSTEES IN THE NEWS

Ruth Hecht was reappointed by the Clinton County Legislators to another five year term on the C-E-F Board of Trustees. Congratulations, Ruth!

Trustee Mary Conyee was featured in a photograph and article about the black bear cubs who are the mascots at Camp Adirondack. Shown bravely feeding the bears, Mary Conyee has established a rapport with the animals who have ingratiated themselves with everyone at Camp Adirondack.

Aaron Maddox Hall, the new adult center in Tupper Lake, received the gift of a banner from the Presbyterian Church in Saranac Lake at the opening of the hall. Jack Maddox, son of the "Lumberjacks' sky pilot" for whom the hall was named, was present at the opening. Mr. Maddox is a member of the C-E-F Board of Trustees.

Paul Vogan was re-elected President of the New York State Retired Teachers Association at the fall conference of that organization at Kutsher's. Paul is currently third vice-president of the C-E-F Board of Trustees. He has been very active in many statewide organizations and NYSRTA is fortunate to have him as their president.

Ed Hoit of the Franklin County Historical Society had a broom-making demonstration in October at a showing of old time crafts sponsored by the Student Association at the State University in Plattsburgh. Ed is also a C-E-F Trustee and is a prime mover in the Franklin County Historical Society.

NORTHERN ADIRONDACK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Librarians, trustees, library staff, and anyone interested in the welfare and strong tradition of good library service in the North Country is urged to join the Northern Adirondack Library Association. Lynn Gordy, President, has announced that a membership drive will begin in late January. Dues are $3.00 a year. Anyone interested in joining now may contact Mary Jane Chilton, Ellenburg Center, or Mary Leggett at System Headquarters, co-chairpersons of the membership committee. Programs scheduled for this coming year include a library tour, an author as speaker at a dinner meeting, a course at
the local college given by the SUNY Albany School of Library Information Science.

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

AKWESASNE LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER

Mrs. William Cook, a member of the Mohawk Parents Education Committee and winner of both the DAR Good Citizens Award and the DAR scholarship, was the guest speaker recently at a meeting of the Adirondack Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Cook spoke about the need to preserve Indian culture and fulfill educational training in certain areas such as native American bilingual instruction. She also discussed the Akwesasne Library and Cultural Center, telling of the college courses held at the library, tutoring projects, museum tours, and showed colored slides of the buildings, bookmobile, leaders and landscape views.

Congressman Robert C. McEwen was guest lecturer for a Mater Dei College class at the Akwesasne Library. He discussed ethical principles in government and the responsibility of each citizen to take an active part in politics. Congressman McEwen was the first speaker featured in a lecture series on Ethics and Life presented at the library.

Mater Dei College presented a one credit course on Consumer Advocacy at the library. Taught by a lawyer, the course helped consumers to utilize the various routes of appeal when they felt they had been unfairly treated by any business institution or agency.

CHATEAUGAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Board of Trustees of this library found the response to their appeal for contributions to the library most gratifying and wish to thank everyone who helped.

CHAZY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The 25th annual Christmas tea and the 50th sponsored by the Friends of the Library was held on December 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the library. Donations at the tea further the group's community projects and are a means for citizens who use the library to express their appreciation. Beth Russell, Beulah Wright, Lucille Czarnetzky, Anna Murray and Miriam Wiley were in charge of arrangements.

KERN VALLEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Librarian Nancy Edmonds has had a display of books from the 1890's - undoubtedly some that your grandmother read and loved as a child.

WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

The big news, of course, is the building grant we covered earlier in this issue. Need we add that librarian Dave Minnich and his assistant, Una Stewart, are grinning from ear to ear?

The questions received (and answered) at this busy library are many and disparate. A teacher from British Columbia called to ask if this was the Malone mentioned in Laura Wilder's, "Farmer Boy." On being assured that it was, she asked for material about the town and village, its schools, and the Wilder family. She was sent 17 photocopied pages from such sources as Malone's "Sesquicentennial" booklet. Plenty of material for her classes!

Dave Minnich also located instructions on building a "hackbrett" or dulcimer, a forerunner of the piano.

During the Christmas holidays, the library will be closed December 24 through the 26 and December 31 through January 2, 1978. It returns to regular hours on January 3, 1978: 12:00 noon until five and 6:00 to 9:00 in the evening.

Mooers Free Library

Betty Vogan, the librarian, tell us
that the total on the Eva D. Boire Memorial Fund is now $387.00. Mrs. Boire died in Tampa, Florida, this fall. She was a former resident of Mooers and a well-known antique dealer. Her son, Harold, has given the library about 300 books, chiefly on antiques.

Frank and Mary Stewart recently gave $150.00 to the library in memory of their father, Thurlow Stewart.

The library conducted its annual fall membership drive which helps to bring more support to the Mooers Library.

PERU FREE LIBRARY

Marion Robare was hired as a library aide in November under the auspices of the Green Thumb Program. She is a welcome addition to the library.

Peru librarian Jane Metcalfe tells us there is a limited amount of volumes one and two of the "History of Peru" left for sale at $4.00 each. Volume 3 is available at $5.00. Call the Peru Library if you would like to buy a copy of any of these volumes.

PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Plattsburgh Public Library Trustees, in an unprecedented move, have voted to invoke that section of the Commissioner of Education's Regulations (s90.3) which states: "registered member libraries shall not be required to provide free direct access to their materials and services to residents of a jurisdiction of 10,000 population or more which has not exercised the authority contained in section 255 of the Education Law, ... to establish and maintain a public library, or which is not contracting for public library service in accordance with section 256 of the Education Law."

The Town of Plattsburgh, whose 18,000 population is nearly as large as that of the city, has repeatedly refused to contract for the library service which one-quarter of its residents have been receiving free of charge for many years. The Board decided that it is unfair to ask city residents to continue subsidizing heavy Town use at the risk of lessening the quality of service to their own families.

Therefore, effective January 2, 1978, Town residents will be assessed a borrower's fee of $10.00 per individual, $20.00 per family, and $5.00 per senior citizen. In-house use of the library's materials and reference service will still be free and Town residents may still borrow PPL materials through interlibrary loan. Eight communities in Clinton County, all much smaller than the Town of Plattsburgh, maintain public libraries. The Trustees felt that unless the Town was made to pay its fair share, local library service would suffer.

SHERMAN FREE LIBRARY, PORT HENRY

Emily Neville, author of "It's Like This, Cat" stopped at the library in early November. Although Mrs. Neville is now practicing law, she told librarian Kathleen Brooks that she would hope to get back to writing some day.

The library is looking for a copy of the November 1977 issue of Yankee Magazine. An article in this issue called "In Search of the Champlain Monster" traces tales of sightings of this creature from the time of the lake's discovery by Champlain. If you subscribe to Yankee and don't plan to save this issue, please donate it to the Sherman Free Library. They'll be glad to get it.

BLACK WATCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY, TICONDEROGA

The library is starting a collection of out of town telephone books. As a starter there will be ones from Plattsburgh, Whitehall, Glens Falls, Albany, Manhattan and Burlington, Vermont. The Telephone Company is providing these books at no cost.
Story Hour has begun again for the winter season on alternate Saturday afternoons.

The library had its "winter check-up," mainly necessary repairs and painting the exterior trim.

COFF-NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, TUPPER LAKE

Displays at this library reflect the Christmas season. In the large display case is a showing of unusual and beautiful Christmas ornaments. At the top of the case is a Hummel creche loaned by Mrs. Phyllis Meader. Several intricate handmade ornaments loaned by Nell McGregor add to the collection, and a set of German angel chimes from Mrs. Inge Sapp and a Bavarian Spices Nosegay from Janet Chapman are surely unique. Two local craft shops show ornaments that can be made at home with materials from the shops. Shaw's Crafts and Hobbies displays shrink art and decoupage ornaments, as well as ornaments made with sequins on felt. Candles and Things loaned several delightful ornaments made from pom pom kits and two attractive Christmas wreaths. They also sent two multicolored Christmas candles of unusual design.

In the smaller case at the front of the library is an arrangement of about 30 ceramic pieces made by Robbie Cote, a high school student at Tupper Lake. Cote's work won two blue ribbons, one for first prize at the Franklin County Fair, and one for top place at the New York State Fair at Syracuse.

Over the small case are two more works - a banner and a framed picture - by Patty Butler. The picture, a farm scene somewhat reminiscent of Currier and Ives, is done in applique. The wall hanging is done in pieced patchwork and was done in 1976 as a Bicentennial memento.

DODGE LIBRARY, WEST CHAZY

This fall the Dodge Library, West Chazy has acquired a new trustee, a new librarian, a new combination screen and storm door, and held a successful book sale.

Our new trustee, replacing the Rev. Kenneth Ross who is now in Allentown, Pa., is the Rev. David Crosby. He is the current pastor of the Wesleyan Church and incidently a skilled carpenter.

Our new librarian, replacing our gem Arlene Bassett who is working full time for Sheridan, is Eleanor Graton. Eleanor has lived next door to the library for the last six years and is a trained nurse. To date she is doing an excellent job at nursing our library along.

Our storm door replaces nothing. It is an attempt to keep the flies out in summer and the heat in in the winter.

Our book sale was an attempt to get rid of the book discsards over the last forty years which had always been moved to the attic. Our attempt was successful! We have only eight books left and are $102.28 richer.

We also have established a twice monthly story hour on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. A young gentleman by the name of David Martin II actually volunteered his services through the winter.

PAINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILLSBORO

This library is extremely busy. Tuesday and Thursday, the fifth and sixth grade students come over for instruction on library use. Each of these classes have about 21 students and so far, the library has been able to accomodate them in the upstairs section of the library.

The Wednesday Pre-School Storytime hit an all time high for attendance, over 40 children enrolled. Even with much assistance from mothers, this is far too many children to provide a meaningful program. So Janice Allen, the librarian, has split the group, half coming on Wednesday morning and half on Friday morning.

Everyone in the area is excited about
the new book written by Morris Glenn, called "The Story of Three Towns, Westport, Essex and Willsboro." There are copies on sale in the library at $8.50, paperbound. This would make a nice Christmas present for someone on your list.

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