FEEDING MY HABIT or, A BOOK JUNKIE REVEALS HER SECRETS

Some people read for fun. Others for education. A few consider reading a sort of status symbol and still smaller group resists it completely. Last of all are those who read because they have to. They are the compulsive readers - and I'm ready to concede publicly that I'm one of them. I haven't any choice. I'm hooked. I've been hooked ever since I first read Dick and Jane and knew the heady delight of translating the little black squiggles into words.

Reading is my vice. It's also my soporific, my anodyne, my universal panacea. Letters can go unanswered, rain come in the open window, the teakettle boil dry - reading has me oblivious to anything but the intoxication of the printed page.

The habit is insatiable. It feeds upon itself and daily grows more voracious. Nothing sates its appetite. Skimming through Metropolitan Life, I take time out for a second look at Where Where You In'762, with a book of poetry nearby for reinforcement. There are so many books to read - and the knowledge that forever there will be books I haven't read is a shadow on my pleasure.

So I fortify myself with living room books, bedroom books, books in the kitchen and the bath: books I have yet to read, books I have partly read, and books whose pages are as familiar as old friends. Still the horrible possibility of running out of things to read looms as a threat to my equanimity. And while I prefer to be selective, I must unblushingly admit that, in a pinch, anything is grist to my mill. I have read the wrappers on cough syrup, and once, in quiet desperation, the label on a can of cleanser.

I recognized my addiction for what it was that night in a motel room when I realized too late that I had forgotten to bring with me something to read. My toothbrush was in my bag; likewise my pajamas. But no book! Grimly and methodically I searched the room which yielded only a water tumbler chastely enveloped in a printed paper. Simply and starkly it stated: THIS GLASS SANITIZED WRAPPED FOR YOUR PROTECTION. I read it twice; it did not satisfy. Ransacking my handbag produced an elderly shopping list which gave me temporary relief. Driven by my demon, I rooted still further in the depths of my handbag and at long last struck pay dirt - a folder of instructions some unknown benefactor had
FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

A Message to Trustees:

The excellent Trustee Workshops in Glens Falls on September 23rd and in Albany on October 13-14th gave valuable information to new trustees. I hope they will be continued next year. Trustees, if they are to be effective trustees, must be informed and involved as are librarians. Too much is happening on the state and national scene to be ignored by anyone associated with even the smallest public library. The impact of automation and networks on local libraries and on the library systems which serve them must be understood by library trustees if they are to do a good job of deciding policies for the library. Please try to attend or to send a Trustee representative to these valuable workshops, most of them planned by Trustees who have had to learn the hard way and have much to share. Trustee information is available through the New York State Association of Library Boards, 71 West 23rd Street, N.Y., N.Y. 10010.

Automation Workshop

The Automation Workshop, held September 28 & 29 in Albany, offered a chance for education in the basics of automation and in data transmission, as well as in the use of minicomputers. It was very useful to me since we are requesting a telecommunications survey of the North Country to see how best to link together our various types and sizes of libraries over our long distances.

White House Conference

The White House Conference dele-
gates met in New York City on October 5th to plan the next steps toward our involvement in the White House Conference on Libraries to be held in Washington, D.C., the week of October 28, 1979. Dinah Lindauer, incoming President of NYLA, was elected to chair the delegation. We are reviewing the results of the Governor's Conference on Libraries and separating out those issues of national concern.

Library Legislation

Our library legislation efforts have brought us nearly home with a $4.3 million package. Of this amount, $300,000 is appropriated for the two Regional Libraries for the Blind, $50,000 for the Schomburg Collection of Black History, and $175,000 for the Jewish Cultural Library in Queens.

The main amount of $3.7 million has been appropriated in the Supplemental Budget but "pursuant to a Chapter of the Laws of 1978". This means that the funds cannot be tapped until after an enabling bill has been passed. This is expected to take place soon after the November elections. This bill will provide additional funds for public library systems and their central libraries and will increase the appropriations for the Reference and Research Resources (3R's) Councils. At the same time it makes the Councils statutory, that is, confirming their continued existence through a special section in the Education Law, rather than on a precarious year to year basis. A special part of this legislation is directed to the setting up of a number of pilot projects to demonstrate the feasibility of school library systems, under the leadership of BOCES, or where there are no BOCES, through an independent school library system. This
will help to organize school libraries into systems which can then interact with public library systems and the 3R's in order to improve interlibrary loan and delivery services and to provide for better library service on a regional basis.

While the funds have been appropriated, the legislation has not yet been passed. I urge you to contact your legislators after the November elections and ask that they pass this library bill as soon as they reconvene. We appreciate very much all the support which you have given and the messages you have sent. They have helped to bring this significant amount of library aid very close indeed.

NYLA

The Annual Conference of the New York Library Association will be held in New York City November 3-6th. Hope you are all planning to attend this worthwhile conference. See you there!

Stanley A. Ransom

Headquarter Highlights

We're late, we're late ... for a very important date. But the summer of 78 was busier than ever. Over 127 librarians, trustees and friends attended the System's Annual Luncheon at the Crossroads Restaurant in Moira. Barney Fowler, newspaper columnist for the Albany Times-Union and author of Adirondack Album I and Adirondack Album II, regaled the audience with anecdotes about the North Country area: the 250 pound orangutan found fishing in Lake George (and as his trainers said, without a license); the manhunt for murderer Robert Garrow in 1973; the invention of the lead pencil in Ticonderoga and many other stories from his years as a newspaperman.

The crew manning the 3 county fairs brought one of the bookmobiles, the red and yellow tent and all sorts of goodies with them. Kids were given red and yellow balloons and lollipops; adults who bought books carried bright plastic bags with the library slogan on them. We could see our name - C-E-F - all over the fairgrounds, on balloons and on book bags. Steve Porto, owner of the Friar Tuck Book Shop stores, gave the System enough brand new paperback books to allow us to give away, at hourly drawings, 51 books during each fair day. The Friar Tuck Book Shop in Pyramid Mall, Plattsburgh, has donated to the Library these new children's and adult books of our selection for several years now - and once again we want to thank Steve Porto for his kindness and generosity.

The used book sale under the tent flap was hugely successful; people walked away with boxes, bags and armloads of reading for pennies. Proceeds from the used book sale go into such exotica as our imprinted balloons and other p.r. materials. The county fair crew included Director Stan Ransom, John Crager & Carol Bedore as co-chairpersons. Al Hutchins, Madge Mehan, Candy LaChat, Rose Waddell, Mary Hopkins, Bob Harnden, Chris Fuller, Toni Baker, Debbie Dashnaw, Marilyn Blanchard, and Mary Leggett. 707 films were shown during the three day fair stints; 2,394 people came on board the bookmobile and stopped at the display.

Workshops - TV, Teen Flicks & Paperbacks - a Workshop

John Crager of the System Consultants Staff moderated a highly successful YA Workshop on October 16 at System Headquarters. Board President Peg Byrne
welcomed librarians. Speaker for the morning session was Michael Beaudain, Instructional Television Director, WCFE, Channel 57, in Plattsburgh. Mike talked about the teaching role of television in schools and school libraries - and the tie-in with books that also encouraged library use.

After lunch, the group saw Phoebe, the story of a pregnant teenager. Discussion afterward centered on the usefulness of the film, the time at which it was made, the sophistication level of young adults and the way the film presented a troubled teenager. One thing was certain: the film certainly sparked a great deal of lively comment, such as "Kids today would laugh at this!" to "I used it with my church group and they liked it!" to "It had a good aesthetic quality."

John Crager then talked about the use and display of paperbacks in the library. John had made a paperback display rack from his own original design - a great idea for holding about 700 paperback books and once the sections were cut, required no tools to put together. Directions and plans are included at the end of this issue of the Trailblazer. The rack was also a door prize and given to Kathleen LeClair of the Upper Jay Library whose name was drawn at the end of the meeting.

The second film was Foxfire showing students learning English and journalism by recording the arts and crafts of Appalachia. About 46 librarians attended the workshop.

Map Preservation Workshop

George Cunha, Director Emeritus of the New England Document Center, was the speaker at a workshop on Map and Paper Preservation scheduled for October 30 at System Headquarters. This was the fourth program on preservation to be presented by the three county library system. It was made possible by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts.

George Cunha studied chemistry at M.I.T. and worked as a chemist with the Phillips-Baker Rubber Company and the Vultex Chemical Company before entering the Navy prior to World War II. Upon his retirement from the Navy, Captain Cunha was affiliated with the Boston Athenaeum as conservator of rare books, documents, maps and works of art on paper. He established a laboratory in Topsfield, Mass., from which he operated as a consultant and professional restorer until 1973, at which time he became Director/Conservator of the Document Conservation Center.

George Cunha is co-author of The Conservation of Library Materials, editor of other professional papers in the field, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, the American Institute for Conservation and the Pilgrim Society. He is also a member of the International Council of Museums, the Society of American Archivists, the International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works.

Archivists, historians, museum directors and librarians from Clinton, Essex, and Franklin Counties and from Vermont attended the workshop.

Trustees Workshops and Meetings

A Workshop for Trustees sponsored jointly by the Southern Adirondack Library System and the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System was held at the Crandall Library in Glens Falls on September 23.

Stanley A. Frederick, President of the Crandall Library Board, welcomed the trustees and librarians. State Librarian Joseph Shubert spoke about the importance and responsibilities of trustees. Desmond F. Sullivan, trustee of SALS and Crandall Library, reported on the Governor's Conference for Libraries.

Stanley Ransom discussed regionalism, networking and the 3Rs - and how this affects both large and small libra-
After lunch, there were two panel discussions. The first was on informing your public. James Rogers of radio station WBZ in Saranac Lake, spoke about approaches to the media; Eleanore Galant, President of the SALS Board and trustee of the Saratoga Springs Public Library, discussed what to publish. Peg Byrne, President of the C-E-F Board, and Keela Rogers, a C-E-F trustee and Past-President of the Board, talked about getting into the community. Keela does daily programs on WBZ and is, along with her husband Jim, a professional in the communications field.

The second panel was on policy and planning for libraries. John Austen, a trustee of Crandall Library, spoke about library policies in general. Mary Leggett, C-E-F Consultant, discussed book selection policies and the necessity for a written policy statement for every library. Francine Rodger, President of the Shenendehowa Free Library Board, talked about analyzing the community and long range planning.

About 35 trustees and librarians attended this two day workshop. Stan Ransom spoke on what trustees should know about small public libraries.

New York Library Association Conference

The 85th annual conference of NYLA will be held at the Hilton in New York City, November 3-6. It covers all sorts of topics from grantsmanship to videography, from library management to collective bargaining. We hope many librarians and trustees from the C-E-F System will be going. So far we have Trustees Peg Byrne & Keela Rogers, Stan Ransom, Rose Waddell, John Crager, Lee Salzman, Carol Bedore, Richard Ward and Mary Leggett going from Headquarters. From Plattsburgh Public Library we have Director Estelle Ward, Anne Romans, Sarah Matis and Prudy Colver.

Mary Leggett, System Consultant, has been elected Treasurer of the Public Libraries Section of the New York Library Association.

New Director at Plattsburgh Public Library

From New York City; Chicago, Los Angeles; Vancouver; Eugene, Oregon; and Troy, N.Y. comes Estelle Ward, the new director of Plattsburgh Public Library. At the Troy Public Library Estelle was in charge of three branch libraries, planned and carried out the renovation of one branch and was in the throes of doing another branch when Plattsburgh was lucky enough to persuade her to come here. She set up a service to shut-ins in Troy and this past summer set up a portable library center that was used very successfully in an inner city neighborhood.

Her experience as a social worker with the Los Angeles City General Hospital intensified her feeling for people - this is evident in the new program for shut-ins she is planning for Plattsburgh.

Estelle is interested in writing children's novels - and is now on her second one while the first is waiting
for a publisher's nod. She was also involved in a craft cooperative in Valley Falls last year - planning the renovation of the building and doing the color design.

With the diversity of her interest, we're sure Estelle Ward is rarely bored with her job or her life. And we extend to her our heartiest welcome to Plattsburgh and the three county area.

Mary Gordon Leggett


It is always a pleasure reviewing local history; it is even more pleasurable to review a book about John Bird Burnham, a giant among men and an uncompromising conservator of our American Wilderness. He was an eloquent spokesman for the Migratory Bird Act; associate editor of Forest and Stream, a pioneer advocate of wildlife management. From his efforts came a great deal of the laws on conservation in effect today.

John Burnham was the founder of the Crater Club in Essex, N.Y. - And bred deer at his home at Highlands Lake.

By far the most exciting part of the book covers his travels and life in the Yukon. Under the most hazardous circumstances he ran a freight canoe through perilous Miles Canyon and the wild reaches of White Horse Rapids.

The illustrations (110 in number) cover the Yukon expedition, the Crater Club, Adirondack and Lake Champlain scenes, and the great and near great who figured in John Bird Burnham's life.

This biography of John Bird Burnham should have wide appeal in American and Canadian libraries and for any collector of Adirondackiana.

Your editor indexed this book and considers it one of the most important books Maitland DeSormo has done - a real contribution to literature on conservation efforts in the United States and Canada.

Mary Gordon Leggett

Summer Reference Course

The Northern Adirondack Library Association sponsored a 3 credit course called Reference Update this last July and August. It was taught by Dr. Richard Halsey of the SUNY Albany School of Library and Information Science and was held on the Plattsburgh SUNY Campus.

Carol Bedore, John Crager and Candy LaChat of System Headquarters took the course. We are happy to report they all got A's.

Schroon Lake Library

The Schroon Lake Town Board, on October 4th, at the request of John Martin, director of the Schroon Lake Library, agreed to appoint library trustees and to apply for a charter for the Schroon Lake Library. The Town Board appointed the following seven trustees: Helen Keppler, Frieda Wilson, Gertrude Letson, Cheryle Morris, Beverly Berger, Marcia McCoy and Charlotte Rowe. The library, which is open twelve hours per week, serves a population of 1,407 persons and has approximately 10,000 volumes. The library is scheduled to move into larger quarters in the new Schroon Lake Town Hall this winter.

John Martin is a trustee of the C-E-F Library System.

Gift from WCFE - TV

Thanks to Public Television Station WCFE in Plattsburgh and its Manager, Paul Hassenplug, our member public libraries will soon be receiving a gift of the one volume Family Encyclopedia of American History. This 1370 page ency-
clopedia, published in 1975 by Reader's Digest, includes short articles about persons, places and events in American history and will be a welcome supplement to the reference collection. We will be delivering them through our regular deliveries to each library.

Thanks, Paul!

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

AuSable Forks Free Library

A Silver Tea was held at the library on September 22. It was a first showing of six prints by the late artist, Rockwell Kent and his book, Greenland Journal, bought by donations made in memory of the late May Fagan by her associates and friends. Kim Hildreth also displayed a collection of his paintings. Tea was served in the social room. Helping with the tea were Ruth Sorrell, Laura Beattie, Cindy McQuiston, Helen and Gen Douglas, Ethel Manning, Marlon Fuchs, Dorothy Ryan, Lucille Sheehan, Joanne Manning, Isabelle Torrance, Leah Giltz and Lottie Ryan. About 100 people attended the Tea.

Champlain Memorial Library

The Friends of the Library sponsored an art show at the library in September. The show featured two artists, Betty Haenel and Irene Lalonde. Mrs. Lalonde, who studied art in three countries, exhibited oils and water colors, as well as some paintings on glass, wood and silk. Mrs. Haenel, who is a graduate of the Albright Art School in Buffalo, showed oils, pastels and acrylics.

The Friends also served refreshments and are actively seeking new members for their group.

Wead Library, Malone

The book sale this year added $480.00 to the library coffers - and a donation from a lady in Chicago who was greatly impressed with Una Stewart's work in digging up some information on her Irish ancestry brought the sum total to $500.00. The money is being saved for the open house and reception planned for the completion of the library's building project.

Mooers Free Library

The library received $1,168.00 in memorial funds given in memory of Eva Boire, Thurlow Stewart, and Evelyn Matthews.

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Amos Mousaw has been elected to the Board of Trustees to replace the late Evelyn Matthews. Mr. Mousaw is a retired guidance counselor from Northeastern Clinton Central School.

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Ann Hobson has organized a Friends of the Library group. As President, Ann has had several meetings and has planned a Halloween Story Hour on October 28. The Friends are also helping in a door-to-door membership drive for this Association Library.

Peru Free Library

Jack Johnston has been elected to the Board of Trustees to replace George Aubrey who has moved to Arizona. Mr. Johnston teaches high school social studies at Northeastern Clinton School.

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New equipment at the library includes a handsome new 25 drawer card catalog made by Fred Akey of Peru and a microfilm reader given by the Peru Bi-centennial Committee. The library is anticipating the initial purchase of the U.S. census reports on microfilm of the Town of Peru.

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The winter film program started on Saturday, October 21.

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Jane Metcalfe is hoping for volunteers to distribute books at Vale Haven, a retirement home in Peru.

Plattsburgh Public Library

On October 5, a coffee hour was held at PPL for the City of Plattsburgh Mayor and Common Council, the Town of Plattsburgh Supervisor and Board and the Clinton County Legislature.

The Plattsburgh Public staff enthusiastically provided tours and all who attended seemed impressed by the library's resources.

The Plattsburgh Lions Club recently donated a Visualtek unit to the library. The machine is used for the visually handicapped and can magnify reading material up to 60 times. It was presented in memory of Frank Kimball who was the club's sight chairman.

Estelle Ward, PPL Director attended the Regents Conference for the 10th Judicial District in Lake George in October.

Librarians, educators, businessmen and media representatives met to discuss "Using Cultural Institutions in New Learning Patterns", "Relating Education to the Economy" and "The Regents Competency Testing Program".

On October 17, PPL Librarian, Anne Romans, and graduate student, Bonnie LaPorte, taught a class of 80 students an introduction to bibliotherapy at PSUC. This session on using books to help children cope with their problems was part of a course titled "The Mental Health of School Age Children".

On October 15, Anne Romans, PPL Librarian, participated in a seminar in New York City on "The Troubled Patron". The conference elicited many ideas on dealing with paranoiacs, drunks, and recalcitrant teens.

During National Hobby Month at PPL, Dr. Philip Reines of Keeseville displayed an impressive selection of antique model train cars, accessories and catalogues from his Lionel collection.

Plattsburgh Public held two Halloween mask making events in October.

90 children stopped at PPL's mask making booth at the Cooperative Extension Fall Fair on October 20 and 21. On October 27, a mask making afternoon was held in the library.

PPL now has a permanent exhibit case at the Crete Civic Center. Display space was arranged by Helen Ianelli.

Sherman Free Library, Port Henry

The library has added to its reference section a copy of Proceedings of a Garrison Court of Enquiry, Regarding the Destruction of His Majesty's Fort of Crown Point on Lake Champlain - 1773. This material was presented to the library by the Crown Point State Historic Site.

Saranac Lake Library

The Saranac Lake Library has dedicated its Community Room to the late Thomas B. Cantwell, former trustee and president. Mr. Cantwell was also a former trustee of the C-E-F Library and was a concerned advocate of good library service especially at the Saranac Lake Library. It was during his tenure as a trustee and later as president that an endowment fund was established that led to the enlargement of the library and the establishment of the William Chapman White Reading Room.
The library was the recipient of $2,008 raised by the Friends of the Library at their annual Come to the Fair, held in the Community Room of the Library.

The Saranac Lake Lions Club donated $500 for the purchase of 43 large print books. The local club had previously donated a magnifying reader for the use of the visually handicapped.

Andrew Fortune, Jr., director of the Fortune Funeral Home has donated 20 books on death and dying to the library in an effort to increase the public awareness in this area. Mr. Fortune will continue to donate a book a month for the next 2 years.

Goff-Nelson Memorial Library, Tupper Lake

The library had an unusual and valuable display recently loaned by unidentified friends. The lenders were personal friends of Madame Chiang Kai-Shek who recommended them to a pottery maker. A large hand-painted disk made at a pottery in Kuikiang, China, was the focal point of the exhibit, along with a full table setting of a design called "Thousand Flowers." Also on display were Lalique wine glasses, silver, a pina tablecloth and napkins.

Two other displays, again by anonymous lenders, are on view. One contains molas made by the Cuna Indians of the Panama Peninsula and the San Blas Archipelago. Molas are brightly colored blouses with hand-stitched figures usually of waterfowl, fish or turtles. An art form unique to Cunas, there are few of them available for purchase.

The large case at the back of the library holds a display of Wedgwood pottery. Of particular interest are items of a deep blue color, earlier Wedgwood.

Chalice Deshene, the librarian, says she has a run of Sky and Telescope from August 1966 to the present and is willing to donate them to another library. First come, first served.

Stanley A. Ransom, Director
Mary Gordon Leggett, Editor
THE PYRAMID-ECONOMY PAPERBACK SHELVING

Designed and built by John Crafer, C-E-F Consultant, c1978

**Cost**
Only $23.00 for the materials for a painted, sturdy and attractive unit that holds 700 books in outer rows and additional hundreds in back rows for restocking.

**Construction**
A local handyman, shop student, etc. can saw out the 8 pieces. No tools are then required for the final slip together assembly.

**Materials list**
2 - 4ft. by 8ft. by 5/8 inch sheets of pressed wood, one and one half quarts enamel paint.

**DIRECTIONS**

1. Saw all 8 pieces from the pressed wood. The cutting pattern noted on the drawings should be followed. A carbide tipped circular saw blade is recommended due to wear factor in sawing pressed wood. Use a saber or keyhole saw to finish the notch cuts.

2. Pieces of the 5/8 inch material may be used to lay out the notches. Make pencil marks along both edges of a piece at right angles to and centered on the shelves. Saw the pencil marks completely off when cutting out the slots and there will be plenty of clearance for the shelves to assemble easily.

3. Leave 3 inches of wood at the end of all the slots to give equal shelf spacing.

4. After sawing, check to see that pieces b and c, with the addition of a 5/8 inch spacer between them, exactly matches piece a. If not, clamp b and c plus a 5/8 spacer to piece a, and sand the outer edges till even.

5. Sand all edges lightly and brush on or spray with two coats of enamel if desired.

6. To assemble, place pieces b and c at right angles to piece a, with the 12 inch and 5 and 11/16 inch dimensions at the top. Then drop shelf #1 down over the vertical pieces and continue adding shelves 2 through 5. Be sure the shelves go down evenly to their final position.

7. Use any metal, wood or plastic bookends.
Pieces "b" and "c" at right angles to "a".

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FACT SHEET

CLINTON-ESSEX-FRANKLIN LIBRARY SYSTEM JOB INFORMATION CENTER

The Job Information Center (JIC) is designed to provide a clearinghouse of employment information to the unemployed and underemployed, and career information to those who are choosing or changing a career. It is not a placement service, but is a library information and referral service with the primary objective of directing individuals to appropriate materials, agencies, groups and individuals to help solve your job search and/or career related problems. The local JIC is one of 44 Centers currently providing this library service in New York State public libraries.

The following information should prove helpful in understanding the operation of our local Job Information Center:

FUNDING SOURCE

The Job Information Center is funded by a federal grant (Library Services and Construction Act, Title I - Services) which is granted to the Clinton-East-Franklin Library System. It has received this grant, applied for on an annual basis, for the past two years. The Clinton-East-Franklin Library System is currently in the process of applying for continuation of the grant for 1979.

BUDGET

The JIC budget covers the cost of such items as staff salaries, library materials, supplies, equipment, etc. The total budgets approved for the Center's two years of operation have been $20,000 for 1977 and $23,000 for 1978.

STAFFING

The JIC is staffed by a professional librarian and a typist. The Plattsburgh Public Library staff is not responsible for the provision of any of the JIC's services except for the checking out of materials at the circulation desk.

SERVICES

The services provided by the JIC include a collection of books, serials and vertical file materials, reference inquiries (both walk-in and by telephone), referrals, a bulletin board area where Civil Service announcements, various job listings from publications, and other pertinent employment and career information is posted, and free materials for distribution.

AREA SERVED

The JIC is available to serve the residents of Clinton, Essex, and Franklin counties. There are basic collections of job related materials located in the member libraries of the Clinton-East-Franklin Library System, which are backed up by the larger collection and reference assistance from the Job Information Center. Requests for information and materials from these libraries are made through inter-library loan, or by phone requests or mailings made directly to the JIC. Visits to the JIC and phone requests are also made directly by individuals.

NUMBER OF LIBRARY PATRONS SERVED

A total of 1737 persons were provided library service by the JIC in 1977. As of the last day of September, 1978, the total for the year was 2460. This means that by the end of 1978, the number of persons having used the JIC's services will be approximately double the total for the previous year.

GENERAL PROFILE OF PATRONS

The majority of JIC patrons have been between the ages of 20 and 40, with the heaviest use being in the 20-29 age group. The use of the JIC by male patrons is only slightly higher than that of female patrons.
We do occasionally receive requests for information from people who are visiting the area, and who are considering relocation.

EXAMPLES OF INFORMATION REQUESTED AND REFERRALS

Requests Made

1) How to write a resume and letter of application.
2) What sources do you have available to help me locate employers of accountants either in New York State or out-of-state?
3) Where in New York State can I receive training in forestry?
4) Where can I find out about franchising opportunities?
5) I am applying for a job with this industry--how can I find out more about them so I'll be better prepared for my interview?
6) How can I find out about careers in travel?
7) What is the projected growth for Plattsburgh and vicinity through 1985, and would it support a commercial nursery?
8) I was referred here by the CETA office for additional assistance. How can you help me with my job search?
9) The New York State Employment Service said that you have study guides for examinations here. Can you help me find what I need?

Referrals

1) New York State Employment Service— for employment interviewing, for vocational testing, for determination of eligibility for CETA positions and on-the-job training programs, et cetera.
2) Civil Service offices—covering federal, state, county and city positions.
3) SUNY/Plattsburgh Job Clearinghouse—for college students interested in part-time work and odd jobs.
4) Technical Assistance Center located on SUNY/Plattsburgh Campus—for persons interested in starting a business who want information on the population, economics, et cetera of the area.
5) Listings of potential employers in the area that the JIC serves are made available to patrons.

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