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CHANGING TIMES, OLD ROMANS, AND A FEW OTHER THINGS

It's almost de rigueur to observe the arrival of a new year by writing about change and new directions - and here I'm not going to break with tradition. Aside from that, though, 1983 already promises to be a watershed year at C-E-F and I'm excited!

I was lying awake one night, searching for a way to express what I really wanted to say to you, when, suddenly, in that fanciful interval just before sleep, it hit me. My mind resembles a cluttered attic in an old house and, as if a tattered notebook had fallen serendipitously into my hands from an overcrowded shelf, the answer came to me from the sixth grade in elementary school. Sitting there at our carved-up desks in that stuffy, oppressive room (in 1959, there were still World War Two black out shades on the windows), we were learning about the gods of ancient Rome.

One of these was a strange, two-faced character named Janus, the god of doors and gates. Because one of his faces looked forward and because passing through a door often signi-

fies a new beginning, some clever soul of long ago came up with the idea of naming the first month of the new year after him - that's how January got its name, of course. Janus' other face, however, gazed eternally backward into the past.

As is the case with so many organizations at this time, C-E-F is standing at the threshold of the New Technology, studying it, assessing its potential benefits. We can't watch the news or pick up a magazine today without realizing that our whole world is changing rapidly. Also we are exploring new developments in the library field, outlining new projects and modifying internal structures to increase efficiency. We're a little like old Janus, though, we don't forget our past.

That past provided us with a good sturdy foundation to build upon and our goal, which always remains the same - solid, conscientious service to the people of the North Country. Old friends and mentors may move on, but they've left us their individual

gifts and a standard of excellence. We may alter to suit the times, but we have our "family history" and even a bit of folklore here and there to give us a sense of continuity. So, bolstered by proud

and happy memories, we greet the future with confidence and keen anticipation.

Mary Shaw Hopkins
Editor

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Welcome to Mary Hopkins, our new Trailblazer editor! Mary has written for the Trailblazer before and has a long-standing interest in creative writing. Mary has also achieved great success as a Bookmobile Librarian and as a member of the Reference and Interlibrary Loan staff. She was recently made a Principal Library Clerk, a well-deserved promotion. We wish her well in her new assignment.

Leona Salzman was recently promoted to Assistant Director of C-E-F, also a well-deserved promotion. Lee will head the combined Outreach Services Division, which includes Outreach, Bookmobiles, Job and Education Center and Consultant Services.

I will be devoting more time to our automation program and to our Technical Services, Reference and Interlibrary Loan and Film Services operations, assisted by Hugh Starke, our Administrative Assistant. Our new restructuring will be reviewed in six months time.

We are anxious to improve our services to Member Librarians and

to Bookmobile patrons. We are also planning to cooperate more closely with our school librarians through the new CHAIN organization. We expect that CHAIN will become our school library system once the enabling legislation has been passed.

One note about our new LSCA grant. We have received the sum of \$4,500 to test the ways in which C-E-F can distribute information to residents of rural areas. We will be providing printed health care information and information of ecological, environmental and survival interest. We invite our readers to suggest sources and types of public information for us to distribute. We have been especially successful, thanks to Mary Leggett, in organizing and distributing pamphlets and bibliographies on the subject of diabetes. For many of our communities, the public library or bookmobile may be the best or only source of printed information. What do you need? Please let us know.

Stanley A. Ransom
Director

LSCA GRANTS

C-E-F will be receiving \$25,000 in LSCA grants in 1983. The largest part, \$18,000, will continue our important Job and Education Information Center directed by Kathie LaBombard.

In 1982 the JEIC Center was used by 2,685 persons seeking job, education and career information. The staff assisted 86 persons in writing their resumes, answered 618 reference questions and circulated 2,476 items to users. This service has become of great use to the many unemployed persons in the area and also by those investigating career and education changes.

A rural public information program will utilize \$4,500 in LSCA funding. These funds will be used to obtain and distribute public information on health, ecological, environmental and survival interest. This is also a test to investigate the depth of need for these types of services. A bill to supply funding for rural public information services was introduced in the last legislative session by Senator Hugh Farley, and it is hoped that this bill will be re-introduced. Senator Farley has long been interested in supporting information services to rural residents and during the past year his special legislative assistant, Maureen Grinnan, visited C-E-F and rode on a two day overnight service run of the C-E-F bookmobile.

The final \$2,500 in LSCA funding will be used to support the work of Literacy Volunteers by supplying materials for tutors and by assisting in producing materials for use in the adult literacy program.

C-E-F appreciates the availability of these federal funds to enable us to continue to expand and improve its services to residents of the three county area.

Stanley A. Ransom

** (Senator D'Amato's response is printed on the last page of this issue.)

CHANGES IN SYSTEM SERVICES

As a result of the continued drop in funding from the Clinton County Legislature and the cutback in requested funding from the Essex County Board of Supervisors, the following services are affected:

For Clinton County, there will be a continuation of curtailment of book grants to member libraries. The C-E-F Board, however, has been able to restore the Clinton County bookmobile service to its former twice a month level, effective January, 1983. Cash grants of \$500 each will continue to be given to member libraries who spend at least that amount for the purchase of books.

In Essex County, due to the budget cut, the C-E-F Board has voted to curtail the book grants to member libraries for the current year. Bookmobile service is not yet affected and will continue as before, as will the \$500 cash grants to member libraries.

Franklin County residents will receive full bookmobile and member library book grant services, as well as the \$500 cash grant for member libraries, thanks to the continued support of the C-E-F System by the Franklin County Legislature.

The C-E-F Board of Trustees is particularly concerned that decreased county funding might lead to the imposition of a 25% maintenance-of-effort State Aid penalty, triggered when local tax support for libraries falls by more than 5% of the average tax support for the previous two years. The C-E-F Library System could stand to lose more than \$125,000 if this should occur.

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LEGISLATIVE ALERT

Tuesday, March 8, 1983, is Library Legislation Day, when librarians and trustees make it a point to visit their State legislators in Albany. Organized by the New York Library Association, this day is important for us to support.

A new set of library bills will soon be proposed by Assemblyman Edward Sullivan, Senator Hugh Farley, the Board of Regents and the New York Library Association. Please note and support these bills. Find out how they will affect your library and your patrons and communicate with your legislators. Further information will be forthcoming from C-E-F.

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CARDPRO: Computer Program in Action

The C-E-F CARDPRO Program, developed by Hugh Starke for C-E-F, has been enjoying modest sales. At

\$50 for the program, complete with documentation, it offers an inexpensive way for librarians with an Apple Microcomputer to prepare their catalog cards and spine labels.

Typing in the main entry, following the prompting outline, is all that is required. The program prints out all remaining catalog cards, then holds the information for later printing on spine labels.

A similar program for the TRS-80 Microcomputer has also been developed by Hugh Starke and is available separately from him.

Hardware needed for the Apple version includes a 64K Apple II Plus, a disc drive, a Microsoft Softcard, an Epson dot matrix printer, a Videx Videoterm 80 column board and a Videx keyboard enhancer. For further information call (518) 563-5190.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is Black History Month and we would like to encourage our member libraries to note this with exhibits and book displays. The system also has recently bought a film on Martin Luther King, Jr., whose birthday is January 15.

BOARD MEMBER NOMINATED FOR POST ON PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL PROGRAM

The Board of Trustees of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library has nominated Karen Edwards to represent libraries and educational institutions on the new Job Training Partnership Program of the Private Industry Council. As well as being a C-E-F Board Trustee, Karen is on the faculty of Paul Smith's College. Her husband is the Franklin County Attorney.

Our own JEIC has had previous success in working with the CETA LEARN program, under which our staff helped to train CETA employees in resume writing, job searching and improvement in job skills. We hope to continue to provide these services to the Private Industry Council and employees enrolled in the Job Training Partnership Program.

TRUSTEE NAMED TO HALL OF FAME

Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Board Trustee Paul Vogan was one of nine teachers recently inducted as charter members of the "North Eastern Zone Hall of Fame" at the annual Christmas banquet of the Northeastern Zone of the State Retired Teachers Association. About 150 members and friends attended the banquet which was held at the Elks Club in Plattsburgh.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES HONORS RUTH HECHT

The Board of Trustees of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library noted the retirement of Board member Ruth Hecht at a special luncheon held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Byrne. The Board expressed appreciation for her 24 years of service to the System and the three counties.

During Ruth's term as president, the Library System moved into its present quarters at 17 Oak Street. In recent years she has served as chairperson on the Board Negotiating Committee, an exacting task which she carried out with skill and confidence.

The Board presented her with an engraved plate noting her years of service. She will be greatly missed.

HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

CENTRAL LIBRARY STORAGE

During the past several years attempts have been made to deal with the growing collection of books purchased under the Central Book Aid plan. Last year we rented outside storage space to house the overflow, but State consultants have encouraged us to keep the collection together. We are now in the process of reviewing space available at Plattsburgh Public Library. We are setting up more shelving in the basement of Plattsburgh Public Library. Leah Mias-koff, Director of Plattsburgh Public Library, has been meeting with Stanley Ransom and Lee Salzman to review the PPL second floor collection of hard bound copies of periodicals and journals, several dating back to the early or mid 1800's. It has been decided to replace many of these bound periodicals with microfilm and to dispose of the hard bound copies, thus making more shelf space available to house the CBA collection. The CBA collection is also being weeded again to remove obsolete and superseded materials.

The Board of Trustees of the Plattsburgh Public Library and the C-E-F Library System have held several productive joint meetings. As a result, one representative of each Board will attend the other's Board meetings, and periodic joint meetings are planned.

Attending C-E-F Board meetings will be PPL Board member Herbert Newlove. Attending PPL Board meetings will be C-E-F Board member Margaret Byrne. These steps, and the desire for closer cooperation on storage and on computerization matters, should result in a smoother

service operation and an improved approach to joint space problems.

Stanley A. Ransom

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ON ACQUISITIONS AND RELATED MATTERS

The problem with the Acquisitions Department is that as you acquire material it begins to accumulate and with too many accumulations comes aggravation. Where to put them - the shelves are full and we haven't seen the walls for years. The top of the card catalog is heaped; there isn't a spare square inch anywhere. Last week as I squeezed by Marilyn holding some books behind her back and asked what the problem was, the answer came back that an old library ploy had finally been played out. The idea is to take the books that won't fit on the shelves and place them on someone's desk; when they finally start asking questions, like whose books they are and why they are there you can shrug your shoulders and move them on to the next desk. When someone cleans their desk everyone shudders. Papers, catalogs, newspapers, notices from the state and federal government, apples and coffee cups and other cast off and hand-me-down material too valuable to be relegated to the waste basket are passed around with the proviso that as they are needed you will be the person held responsible for that material. This is an area where rank has its privileges. Mr. Ransom's ex-material winds up on all of our desks. It is my firm belief that all librarians in addition to their MLS's must also pass other stringent requirements: they must swear a blood oath to

never throw anything away and they must love dust.

In our search for space we made a daring raid on Plattsburgh Public Library. Our intrepid director with his loyal troops assembled at the mouth of the tunnel connecting the two libraries. Down the stairs inhaling and turning sideways to slip past the piles of old newspapers, onward through the stacks of art prints with a cursory glance to congratulate ourselves on our excellent taste in their selection! I can't imagine why they aren't in some refined and cultured person's home. Forward past the sign machine and other assorted bric-a-brac in our search. No locked room or closet escaped our notice. Every nook and cranny was thoroughly inspected.

On the third floor we discovered magazines that predated the Civil War and something that looked like a papyrus scroll rolled by us and landed on some old newspapers. We are undaunted in our quest and expect to find an answer this year or maybe next year or the year after. For myself I think the solution is to find a throw away librarian or better still a librarian who throws away.

Carol G. Bedore
Head of Acquisitions

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OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Our system was pleased to receive a visit in December from Bernard Finney, one of our State Consultants for Special Library Services. During his visit, Mr. Finney had the opportunity to observe a program on career exploration and job seeking skills con-

ducted by Lee Salzman for the Annex at Clinton Correctional Facility. He gave us some very positive reactions to the services that we are providing to our correctional institutions.

We might also note that Mr. Finney is a published poet as well as a librarian. He hails from Brooklyn and will soon have some of his works published in a special anthology devoted to Brooklyn writers.

Lee Salzman
Assistant Director
and Head of Outreach

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JEIC NEWS

Several new publications have been added to the collection of the Job and Education Information Center. In addition to the 19 Sunday and one daily edition of newspapers from across the country, the Center is now receiving the Sunday editions of two New England papers: the Portland (Maine) Sunday Telegram and the Hartford (Conn.) Courant, other new periodicals added include: the Academic Journal, which lists job openings for teachers and administrators; Job Worldwide, announcing exotic and intriguing opportunities throughout the world; and the MLA Job Information List, giving academic openings and possible openings throughout the U.S.

Among the new book titles on our shelves are: Be Your Own Boss by Dana Shilling, Where To Get The Money For Everything by Paula Nelson, Part-Time Jobs by Vivienne Sernaque, and How To Beat The High Cost Of Learning by Leo Kornfeld, all of which may be requested from

us through the C-E-F reference staff. In our reference area, we are now equipped to supply you with the information contained within the pages of the World Wide Chamber of Commerce Directory, Dun and Bradstreet's Reference Book of Corporate Managements and the Standard Directory of Advertisers, among others.

Four 16mm films were also added to the C-E-F film collection and will soon be ready for circulation. These are: She's Nobody's Baby, a history of the American woman's struggle for independence; Men Under Seige, a perspective on working women from the man's point of view; Who Remembers Mama, concerning women who are facing divorce and, after years of being homemakers, must re-enter the job market; and The Song of the Canary, about chemical and environmental hazards in the work environment.

JEIC staff has been busy this month presenting and participating in programming for all three counties. We were invited to participate in a regional meeting for probation officers held in Malone. We made the officers aware of our center and the services we could provide to them and their clients. We also hosted a group from St. Mary's Education Center in Malone and gave them an orientation to our center. A program was conducted for the Cooperative Extension Teen Council in Westport on career exploration, with a follow-up scheduled for spring. We are also continuing to be active in Clinton County by cooperating with both Plattsburgh State University and Clinton Community College in a variety of programs and workshops. Our own resume writing workshops will begin again soon with our

first one scheduled for Peru Free Library on February 2, 1983.

Kathie LaBombard
JEIC Librarian

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STAFF CHANGES

Marie Chauvin, who heads our film department, has been promoted to Principal Library Clerk. Marie has been with the system for 25 years and possesses a wealth of experience, having served in several different capacities during that time.

Debbie Lodge has been promoted to Senior Library Clerk. She has been with the System for 9 years as a typist in Acquisitions. I might add that most of us have found Debbie's expertise invaluable at one time or another.

Eric Coate will become part-time Van Driver as well as continuing with his duties in Acquisitions. Eric has only been with us a year, but has already mastered an impressive variety of skills.

Lettie Liberty has been hired as a Library Page, dividing her time between the Film Department and Reference and Interlibrary Loan Department. Lettie has worked with us for several months and has delighted us with her diligence and obliging manner.

Evan Brown has recently joined us as a Senior Library Clerk on the bookmobile. Evan is originally from the Malone area and at one time lived in Owls Head, one of our bookmobile stops. He has a library degree from SUNY at Geneseo and has worked at the New Caanan Public Library in Connecticut.

Betsy Finckel has rejoined us in the Reference and Interlibrary Loan Department after a year's leave of absence. Welcome back, Betsy!

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Library System Honors Mary Gordon Leggett, former Adult Services and Public Relations Consultant.

About 50 librarians, trustees and staff members of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System gathered together on December 8th at Anthony's Restaurant to honor Mary and reminisce about her 23 years with the System.

After a lively cocktail hour and dinner, she was presented with a watch by her colleagues - and a large number of other presents, including an icon-cum-ashtray handcrafted by co-worker John Crager in recognition of Mary's monumental qualities.

Our indomitable Mary, with her irrepressible Gaelic wit and infectious laughter once again turned a potentially lachrymose occasion into a rollicking good time.

Using her beloved books as bait, we are craftily forcing her to drop by and visit us often.

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On December 6th, Carol Bedore, Lee Salzman and Mary Hopkins attended a meeting conducted by the New York State Health Insurance Program at Canton. We were informed of the many changes going into effect and the measures the insurance companies were taking to deal with the rapidly escalating cost of medical care, the main thrust of their effort being a greater emphasis on out-patient medical care as a less expensive alternative to hospitalization.

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On December 15th, Richard Ward and Carol Bedore went to Goff-Nelson Memorial Library in Tupper Lake to help Chalice Dechene evaluate some books that had been donated to her library. Chalice is planning to add many of these books to her collection.

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Jane Llewellyn is completing her inventory of C-E-F equipment. She has become adept in tracking down items and numbering them. Thanks to her we will have a complete record of equipment, as well as the date of purchase and fund used.

Jane has recently undergone surgery and we wish her a speedy recovery. We also want to let her know how much we appreciate her work.

FOLK MUSICAL INSTRUMENT EXHIBIT AND WORKSHOP HELD

On December 6th, Robert Barclay, Conservator with the Canadian Conservation Institute in Ottawa, Canada, presented a successful workshop on the conservation of wooden musical instruments. Mr. Barclay showed slides of different types of musical instruments and spoke on ways they could be preserved and displayed.

Later that evening he gave a gallery talk at the Clinton County Historical Museum. He discussed instrument cases as well as the art of the musical instrument. Following Mr. Barclay's talk, music was provided by the Friends Union String Band and Stan Ransom, the "Connecticut Peddler".

Approximately 50 instruments and related objects, located and assembled by Stanley Ransom, are on display at the museum, representing a variety of types made in the North Country between 1800 and 1982. Included are a knee fiddle (or rebec), violins handmade by Walter Robinson of Upper Jay, hammered dulcimers, banjos and a water drum and ceremonial rattles from the museum at Akwesasne. The exhibit will continue through February 28, 1983.

A catalog of the exhibit and a directory of musical instrument makers has been prepared and is available upon request. Send a 6 x 9 clasped envelope and 37 cents to cover postage to Headquarters.

Both the exhibit and catalog were made possible by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts to the C-E-F Library System.

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

AUSABLE FORKS FREE LIBRARY

Mrs. Mildred Light, Instructor, assisted by Mrs. Francis Schoger, a Friend of the Library, held an arts and crafts program for children at the Town Hall. Christmas presents and ornaments were made.

Mrs. Light is a talented artist who has won many prizes for her ability.

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LAKE PLACID PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Lake Placid Public Library

Board of Trustees has established a memorial fund in honor of Ida Billings Lockwood. Mrs. Lockwood was the librarian at the Lake Placid Public Library from 1942 to 1961. She died on June 3, 1982, six months before her 100th birthday.

The fund known as "The Family and Friends of Ida B. Lockwood Memorial" was instituted by Mrs. Lockwood's nieces - Mrs. Julia Junge, Mrs. Barbara Bollinger and Mrs. Eleanor Kirsch. It consists of gifts made in her memory by family and friends.

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DODGE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ROUSES POINT

The Rev. Albert Giroux, pastor of St. Patrick's parish, was appointed to the library's Board of Trustees to replace the late John Ross. Dawn O'Boyle, a former grade school teacher at Northeastern Clinton Central School was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Joseph Bailey.

Toni Quain has been hired to assist librarian Mary Ann Tremblay. Toni is a great reader and has much to offer.

The library was the recipient of a framed print of George Washington which once hung in the lobby of the old Witherill Hotel in Plattsburgh. It was given by Mrs. Clara Hewitt of Plattsburgh, a former employee of the Witherill who grew up in Rouses Point.

The library trustees have been engaged in a project for the 1983 village centennial. They have obtained information on how to properly frame some precious documents given to the library over 40 years ago by Eva Luck Morehouse, a former Rouses Point resident. One of these is the document commissioning Capt. Jacques Rouse in July, 1790. He was a founding father of Rouses Point and the village was named after him. The library was also given the document commissioning Lt. Laurent Ecuyer in 1776, which was signed by John Hancock. Both the Rouse and Ecuyer Commission documents will be hung in the library for

viewing during the Centennial.

Librarian Mary Ann Tremblay reports that her patrons are very enthusiastic about the new charging desk designed and built by local craftsman, Marc Chapman. It is horseshoe-shaped and constructed of wood panels to give a wainscoting effect, matching the library's turn of the century decor.

With funds from the recently disbanded Friends of the Library, Mary Ann recently purchased a new Adler typewriter with which she is delighted.

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SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

The second annual Community Carol Sing sponsored by the Saranac Lake Free Library, was held December 20th in the upstairs lobby of The Saranac. To add to the holiday atmosphere, there was a decorated tree and a traditional Yule fire. Refreshments were provided by The Saranac. Mrs. Margaret Roy is chairman of the library's program committee and library staff members assisted with the program.

Mrs. Anne Tubby, Saranac Lake Free Library Board Chairman has been busy with the 1982 Library Membership Campaign.

She has stressed the variety of free services and programs provided by the library. One new service is the loaning of reproductions of well-known sculptures

to the public. Also back issues of magazines and sewing patterns in a variety of styles and sizes have been made available for borrowing.

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GOFF-NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY,
TUPPER-LAKE

Over 20 bed quilts and several other quilted items were on display at the library in December. The articles on display were made by the Racquette River Quilters, an informal quilting club, and by members of a North Country Community College quilting class taught once a week in the library basement by Mrs. Edith Mitchell. There has been a great revival of interest in the uniquely American art form of patchwork during the past few years.

Also on display was a collection of unusual and antique pitchers from the collection of Mrs. Charlcie Delehanty.

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WADHAMS FREE LIBRARY

The library is being heated this winter by a cozy woodburning stove installed by a number of friends of the library. Special donations of firewood were also given and the library will continue to welcome contributions of wood.

The library also held a sale of inexpensive crafts during the holiday season.

Librarian Liz Rapalee has also resumed her Tuesday afternoon story hour.

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DODGE LIBRARY, WEST CHAZY

On December 1st the Board of Trustees of the Dodge Library, West Chazy met to honor their retiring president, Edward Oakley, elect new officers, and install a new trustee, Mr. Robert Rizos.

Ed served on the Dodge Library Board for 23 years. During this time he helped guide the library in its re-organization from a rural school district library to a free village library, helped in the installation of a furnace, bathroom, carpet, and other improvements. In recognition of sticking by the library through "thick and thin" his fellow trustees chipped in and gave him his hearts desire - a new honda motorcycle (genuine red plastic two inch model) - and a gift certificate from the Half-Price Book Store. The library will miss Ed who found that the way to escape is to move out of West Chazy to Beekmantown.

Gail Reynolds was elected president of the Board, Sue Oliver continues as vice-president, Pat Martin as treasurer, and our librarian, Beverly Reed, will continue as secretary. Robert Rizos was installed as our new trustee. Bob has lived in the area since 1966 and three years ago bought Dave Miller's house. Dave was a former trustee and president for 10 years before moving to Florida. Bob is a customs inspector.

WILMINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Adeline Jaques was recently honored at a surprise party given by friends and town officials, for doing such an outstanding job on the town's Community Library. Adeline received a variety of gifts and an engraved plaque in appreciation of her dedicated service to the library and people of Wilmington.

Memorial Library building. The Wilmington Library has been choked for space in its quarters in the Town Hall and the larger building should provide relief for this problem. Plans are also being made to display various War of 1812 and Civil War artifacts in the new library. We at Headquarters are looking forward to cooperating with the library and Board in Wilmington on renovations.

The Town of Wilmington has recently leased the old Cooper

Stanley A. Ransom, Director
Mary Shaw Hopkins, Editor

A REMINDER

ANNUAL REPORT FORMS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE MEMBER LIBRARIES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EARLY RETURN OF THESE ANNUAL REPORTS TO EXPEDITE THE RECEIPT OF STATE FUNDS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE SYSTEM AND ITS SERVICES TO MEMBER LIBRARIES. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS ON FILLING THESE OUT, PLEASE CONTACT HUGH STARKE, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.

Stanley A. Ransom
Director

** (NEWS ON LSCA GRANTS)

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January 5, 1983

Mr. Stanley Ransom
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Dear Mr. Ransom:

Thank you for contacting me and please excuse the delay in replying.

Appropriations for Library Services include funding for Public Libraries, Interlibrary Cooperation, College Library Resources, Training and Demonstration Programs and Research Libraries. The Administration, in the fiscal year 1983 budget, proposed to terminate federal aid to libraries. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I have supported funding for the various library programs. When it came to my attention that a portion of the funding which was appropriated under last year's continuing resolution for Titles I and III of the Library Services and Construction Act were not being allocated, I wrote to the General Accounting Office and directed that it look into the matter.

Fiscal year 1983 began on October 1. However, the Fiscal Year 1983 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, which funds all federal library programs, has not yet been enacted into law. A continuing resolution will therefore fund these programs until September 30, 1983. Under the continuing resolution, federal library programs are funded in fiscal year 1983 at \$80.32 million. This represents a \$240,000 increase over last year's funding level. You can be sure that I will continue my strong advocacy for these important programs.

I appreciate the opportunity to address your concerns.

Sincerely,



Alfonse D'Amato
United States Senator

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