Winter has a way of arriving unexpectedly in the North Country — and as you will see in some of the following articles — we take our winters seriously in this climate. It's necessary to prepare thoroughly in advance. We can go to bed at the end of a glorious Indian summer day and wake up to snow on the ground and bitter winds blowing through our clothes on the way to a car which doesn't want to start. Now is the time of the year for those of us who love our creature comforts to think up some indoor activities so we can avoid going outside as much as possible. All this brings me to the subject of handicrafts (which are particularly wonderful excuses for staying where it's warm because the results make such great Christmas gifts).

On a more serious note, however, a craft can be more than a pleasant pastime, just as there are Sunday painters and there are Renoirs. In the Memos From Member Libraries section of this issue you will find that several of the C-E-F member libraries have been sponsoring craft fairs, exhibits and displays.

In the past few years, there has been a great resurgence of interest in making things by hand, in reviving half-forgotten skills. At the very least, this trend introduces a refreshing note of individuality within a society dedicated to mass-production, but it also has some deeper meanings. It's an extension of the traditions of past generations and it can be an important social activity (as were the old-time quilting bees). The Raquette River Quilters (in the news at Goff-Nelson Library in Tupper Lake) are a good example of this aspect.

The idea of crafts as history was brought home to me quite vividly at one craft show I attended. I am using one woman's work as an example because it illustrates this facet of the subject especially well.

I was wandering around the grounds at the Willsboro Old-time Folkcraft
Fair when an old-fashioned, flowered quilt caught my eye. Its colors gave it a mellow, muted appearance, which lovely old things so often have. The quilt was part of Delia Pratt's exhibit. She noticed my curiosity and told me a little bit about the background of the quilt, saying, "I tell people because I think they should know what goes into these things." It turned out that all her quilts had a story. The one I was so taken with had been started during the Depression by her mother. The soft white background material had come from bleached salt and sugar sacks (recycling is not a new concept). This was a reminder of a generation who knew how to deal with hard times; nobody threw anything useful away. Mrs. Pratt had found the unfinished quilt among her mother's belongings, years later, and completed it, along with another one she herself had started as a girl.

Then she showed me another quilt which had an almost symbolic quality about it. It was one she had made for a bicentennial competition - a beautiful thing, done in blue and white, depicting the major moments in American history. It was the result of three months of historical research and 1,200 hours of actual work, done over a period of nine months. There they were - the proud, happy and tragic milestones of a nation, executed in exquisite detail: Washington, the Revolution, the Gold Rush, the Civil War, Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony, the Wright Brothers, the early automobile, the light bulb, the telephone, Flanders Field, Babe Ruth, Louis Armstrong blowing his trumpet, the flag raising at Iwo Jima, the cloverleaf of the modern super highway - and several more, including that nightmare of our century, the atom bomb, coupled with the appliqued letters, E=mc². Interspersed among the great people and events were blocks containing maps of the United States at the various stages of its expansion. It was difficult to look at all this and still think of a quilt as a kind of bedspread. While I do my own sewing with great pain and cursing, leaving little tracks of blood from the needle as my signature, I do recognize art when I see it.

I find it marvelous that libraries are promoting crafts and also very fitting. Libraries have always been considered repositories of knowledge and certainly there is a great deal of knowledge outside of books which should be preserved and passed on.

Mary Shaw Hopkins
Editor

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Marie Chauvin, Head of C-E-F's Film Department has prepared the following list of films on quilting. There are also films available on several other areas of the craft tradition.

GRANNY'S QUILTS - 12 min. Color

In this film, 87-year-old Mrs. Catherine Scott of British Columbia, Canada is observed in the step-by-step creation of a crazy quilt. She comments on every step of the work as she proceeds from her initial choice of materials, to the laundering of the finished product. Highlight Productions NYSCA

QUILTS IN WOMEN'S LIVES - 28 min. Color

Seven women who are traditional quilters share their art and their lives. They describe the inspirations for their work, and beautifully display their products which reflect a wide variety of styles and patterns. This film does away with the notion that "little old ladies" make quilts because they have nothing better to do. New Day Films

UNDER THE COVERS: American Quilts - 12 min. Color

The kinds of quilts shown in this film have long been a part of the American tradition, not only were they prac-
tical, but they also gave women a chance to express themselves creatively. Banjo and guitar country music add to this entertaining and informative survey of quiltmaking. Pyramid Films NYSCA

Anyone interested in these films may contact Marie for more information. Phone 563-5190. Of course, C-E-F also maintains a wide selection of craft books, including books on all types of quilting – from simple patchwork items to projects requiring complicated techniques.

Mary S. Hopkins

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Congratulations to the Saranac Lake Free Library for receiving a $159,720 Federal Jobs Bill grant for their library addition. These funds will help the construction industry in Saranac Lake, hard hit by an unemployment rate of 15.9%, sixth highest in New York State. Thank you, Congressman Dave Martin, and Senators Moynihan and D'Amato for your support of the Jobs Bill.

The people of Saranac Lake have worked hard to obtain the additional $39,930 matching funding and at last report had raised approximately $30,000 toward the total amount they need. Trustee Janet Decker has done an excellent job on the detailed grant application, assisted by Librarian Joyce Meagher. As building consultant, I was impressed by this group's determination and hard work and their desire to go all out in their effort to bring this needed library expansion to the community.

Plattsburgh Public Library has also received a Jobs Bill grant in the amount of $43,875 toward their total funding need of $57,500. This grant will be used to air-condition the library, which should result in increased summer use. Congratulations to the Plattsburgh Public Library Board and staff.

Our newest LSCA grant application will be for a $9,365 Rural Health Information Delivery Project. We hope to use these LSCA funds, pending final approval of our application, to distribute health care information and especially preventative medical information to our rural residents. We are delighted at this opportunity to improve our information services. Nioga and Onondaga Library Systems already have pilot programs in the health care area.

To arms! To arms! The telecommunication rates are advancing! Libraries will be hard pressed to communicate with each other unless relief for libraries is not included in the proposed revision of telecommunication rates scheduled for January. Libraries should receive preferential rates as they do for postage. The library as a tax supported public service should not be subject to such rate increases. Please join the growing movement to reverse this increase for libraries.

An last, this issue of the Trailblazer has been typed using our new Xerox 615 electronic Typewriter. Our new proportionate spacing type fonts have arrived. We will try to dazzle you with our format as well as our content.

Keep that snow shovel handy!

Stanley A. Ransom
Director
ON THE "LIGHT" SIDE

Fighting the proposed increase in Telecommunications charges reminds me of a similar instance when a Municipal Lighting Department (not ours) attempted a rate increase. At the hearing, which was noted for citizen antagonism to the increase, the Lighting Department lawyer said "The lighting Department is doing a great job. I say to you 'Honor the Light Brigade!' From the entire hall responded the shout, "Oh, what a charge they made!"

Stanley A. Ransom

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LSCA GRANTS FOR 1984

Permission has been received to apply for three LSCA grants.

The Job and Education Information Center grant for $22,500 will continue the necessary work of that department. Kathie LaBombard, Head of the JEIC and Kathleen Robblee, typist, assist patrons in searching for jobs, writing resumes and in selecting courses to further their education.

The Literacy Volunteers grant for $2,500 will assist in the purchase of special reading materials for local Literacy Volunteer tutors.

A new grant of $9,365 will be used for a Rural Health Information Delivery Project. This grant will enable the System to distribute pamphlets on various diseases and on preventive medicine, nutrition and exercise. We hope to offer a workshop for member librarians on answering questions about health care.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to extend our services through these grants.

Stanley A. Ransom

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TAX SHELTERED ANNUITY BILL PASSES

In August the Governor signed the Tax Sheltered Annuity Bill for Libraries. We thank Senator Hugh Farley, who sponsored Bill No. S4874 and Assemblyman Edward C. Sullivan, who sponsored Bill No. A6538. We also appreciate the work of the staffs of these legislators in assisting the passage of this bill and in helping me to monitor the bill.

This bill allows libraries and library systems to offer reductions in salaries for the purchase of tax sheltered annuities. This results in lower taxes and in annuities which cumulate more rapidly. Taxes are paid after retirement when the funds are used. This bill was one of the few library bills passed this year.

Stanley A. Ransom

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MEMBERS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Members Advisory Council, composed of Dave Minnich, Joyce Meagher, Janice Allen, Ann Garcia, Mary Kay Rillahan, Betty Vogan, Paul Vogan and Kathy Cayea met with System Director Stanley Ransom and C-E-F staff members on September 26th. The group discussed System and member library publicity and forthcoming workshops. Hugh Starke, Kathie LaBombard and Dick Ward discussed services. With the recent hiring of Tim Hartnett as the new Central Library Reference librarian, filling of inter-library loan requests is expected to speed up. Members requested that explanation of certain services be included in the Trailblazer.

The terms of office of Betty Vogan, Joyce Meagher and Janice Allen have expired. In their place has been appointed Mary Ann Tremblay of Rouses Point Library; Chalice DeChene of Tupper Lake Library and Liz Rapalee
of Wadams Library; all of whom will serve for the next two years. The next meeting of MAC will be from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 5th. All interested member librarians are welcome to attend.

Stanley A. Ransom

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**IT'S THE LAW:**
**DETENTION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS**

Section 265 of the New York State Education Law states:

"DETENTION. Whoever wilfully detains any book, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, manuscript or other property belonging to any public or incorporated library, reading-room, museum or other educational institution, for thirty days after notice in writing to return the same, given after the expiration of the time which by the rules of such institution, such article or other property may be kept, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one nor more than twenty-five dollars, or by imprisonment in jail not exceeding six months, and the said notice shall bear on its face a copy of this section."

This means that if you have books loaned out which the patron does not seem to want to return, you may send the patron a letter quoting the above law. The above law must be quoted if you wish to take legal action. Thirty days later, you can take legal action against the person. Consult your attorney as to the best steps to take.

Section 262 of Education Law provides for free use of libraries "subject always to rules of the library trustees who shall have authority to exclude any person who wilfully violates such rules." Persons who do not bring back their books may be informed that their borrowing privileges are cancelled.

Section 264 of Education Law establishes penalties for persons who injure or destroy property belonging to any library. Persons who tear out pages of reference books or who destroy library books may be subject to fine and imprisonment under this section.

For other rules, laws and regulations see your copy of "Excerpts from N.Y.S. Education Law..." December, 1981. If you have misplaced your copy, please notify the System.

Stanley A. Ransom

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**BLACK POETRY DAY:**
**October 17, 1983**

October 17th is the birthday of Jupiter Hammon, first Black poet in America to publish his own verse. Born in 1711 at Lloyd’s Neck, Huntington, Long Island, Jupiter Hammon was a slave of the Lloyd family all his life. On December 25, 1760, he published his first poem, "An Evening Thought; Salvation by Christ, with Penetential Cries".

Libraries are encouraged to celebrate October 17th as Black Poetry Day, with exhibits of works by and about such Black poets as Gwendolyn...
Brooks, Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen and June Jordan. Black Poetry Day, first celebrated October 17, 1970, in Huntington, Long Island, offers as its purpose: "To recognize the contribution of Black poets to American life and culture and to honor Jupiter Hammon, first Black in America to publish his own verse." Information on this event has been sent for inclusion in Chases' Calendar of Annual Events.

A second edition of the principal work on Jupiter Hammon, America's First Negro Poet; Jupiter Hammon of Long Island, by Stanley A. Ransom, will be published October 18th and will be available at the NYLA Conference.

The first edition, published in 1970, has long been out of print. Stanley Ransom has contacted major collections of Black literature throughout the United States but has found that no additional material currently exists. The second edition has added pictures of the Lloyd homes where Hammon lived and has a new forward.

The book can be obtained from the Associated Faculty Press (successors to Kennikat Press) 90 South Bayles Road, Port Washington, N.Y. 11050. The retail price is $15.00 but New York libraries will receive a 25% discount, according to Dr. Kenneth Brown, Publisher.

Stanley A. Ransom

TRUSTEES IN THE NEWS

Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Board Trustee Mary Leggett was appointed Chairman of the Hospice Care Coordinators of Northern New York at a meeting recently.

Hospices, alternate health care facilities for the terminally ill, are growing at both the state and national levels. Recent legislation authorizing Medicaid and Medicare payments for this type of health care has encouraged the hospice movement. Preliminary work has been done by the Health Systems Agency, the Council of Community Services, the Interfaith Council and the Hospice Committee.

The System is very interested in the hospice movement and will be ordering materials on the subject and compiling bibliographies for use by other agencies. Mary Hopkins from Headquarters also attended the August 30 meeting.

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Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Board Trustees Mary Leggett of Plattsburgh, Emily Castine of Chazy and Jane Dumoulin of Tupper Lake attended the Library Trustee Institute in September. The Institute was sponsored by the New York State Library and the New York State Association of Library Boards. The goal of this institute was to provide library trustees with the opportunity to learn about New York State libraries and trusteeship and to discuss common problems. Director Stanley Ransom was a speaker at one of the morning workshops.

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Keela Rogers, Trustee of the System Board, will be the new president of NYSALB. Congratulations, Keela!
FORMER C-E-F TRUSTEE AUTHORS BOOK

The book is entitled Tight Slot Football.

The author is Jack Maddox, who began a lifelong participation in the sport during student days at Tupper, and the end product is the work of the Parker Publishing Company, Inc. of West Nyack, New York. He was on the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System Board of Trustees from 1976 to 1979.

The book is aimed chiefly at a football coaching readership, interested in producing winning teams, and it's the distillation of more than fifty years of playing and coaching experience at the high school, prep school and the college levels.

A note about the author, on the jacket, credits him with "having helped develop winning football programs at Rutgers and Vanderbilt Universities" and adds "His remarkable career record of 134 wins and 24 losses goes into the record books with one important footnote: he never had a losing season."

A 1931 graduate of Manlius Military Academy, Jack was graduated in 1936 from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey. His coaching career included highly successful years as athletic director and head coach at Valley Forge (Pa.) Military Academy; the Bullis School at Silver Spring, Maryland, where he coached a national championship winning eleven; his Alma Mater, Rutgers, and Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn.; the Greer School at Poughkeepsie; Thompson Academy at Boston, Mass.; a return to Manlius as athletic director and "back home" in 1968 to Tupper where he closed out his teaching and coaching career, retiring in 1979.

TAG -- Teen Action Group

On August 12 a meeting was held at the System headquarters with concerned agency personnel in response to a request by Col. and Mrs. Edward Glavin of the First Presbyterian Church. They, and their minister, Rev. Earl Johnson, were concerned by downtown vandalism, littering, harassment of passersby and possible drug problems.

C-E-F System Director Stanley Ransom called together a number of groups and agencies serving the needs of teenagers in Plattsburgh. Eight representatives soon grew to sixteen local agencies. Under the chairmanship of the System Director and Leona Salzman, Assistant Director, the group decided to call themselves the Teen Action Group, TAG for short.

The goal of this Teen Action Group from the start has been to try to alleviate teenage problems by finding constructive things for the young people to do. Several young people have been involved at the meetings along with people from such agencies as the YMCA, Probation Department, Plattsburgh Public Library, Planned Parenthood, the Police Department, the Crisis Center and the Champlain Valley Family Center. Youth are also involved through the thousands of TAG flyers developed and distributed to area schools. These flyers detail the names, addresses, telephone numbers and services and show how all the agencies can help and also offer a form to return with suggestions
regarding programs and activities.

Dances, cross-country skiing and especially a new teen center have been requested already. More suggestions are expected. Plattsburgh Public Library has offered its meeting room space, and resources, such as films, will be supplied by C-E-F Library System. Other agencies will offer discussion programs in assertiveness, criminology, decision making, resume writing, etc.

We hope the committee's work leads to enriching experiences for the area young people and to expanding library services to this cornerstone group. We are pleased that C-E-F Library System was able to act as catalyst for the organization and coordinator of services to Junior and Senior High School students through local social service agencies and the libraries.

Stanley A. Ransom, Director and
John Crager, Young Adult Consultant and Bookmobile Librarian

NEW DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED at SOUTHERN ADIRONDACK LIBRARY SYSTEM

The Board of the Southern Adirondack Library System announced the appointment of Edward Michael O'Connor as the Director of the System effective October 3, 1983. Mr. O'Connor is presently the Assistant Director of the Mid-York Library System in Utica where he has been employed since 1974. At the Mid-York Library System Mr. O'Connor supervised and designed the retrospective conversion of the Union Catalog and is the System manager of the Vax-11/750 computer system designed to provide online and COM Union catalogs, circulation and intralibrary loan control, film booking, word processing and other online and offline services to local and remote library users.

The new Director had considerable business and teaching experience before entering the library field. He also served in the U.S. Army in Germany and spent two years in the Peace Corps in India.

Mr. O'Connor holds the following degrees: BBA in Accounting from Niagara University, MA in Germanics from Tufts University, and an MSLS in Library and Information Science from the State University of New York at Albany.

Mr. O'Connor is currently President of the Board of Trustees of the Central New York Reference and Resources Council and is a member of the New York Library Association and the American Library Association.

EDITOR'S NOTE -

The following article is the second in a series on C-E-F's member libraries. John Crager, Carol Bedore and I visited Ticonderoga on a spectacular September day, when the leaves had just started to turn. It's difficult to travel through Ti without being overwhelmed by the sheer number of landmarks. The
Another view of the library. The steps in the foreground contain memorials to volunteer firefighters and men in the World Wars.

The Black Watch Memorial Library.

Photos by Carol G. Bedore
Iroquois, Samuel de Champlain, the French and Indian War, the American Revolution – all are part of that area's history. I've had a difficult time keeping myself in check with so much material to draw from; I could easily have written much, much more.

I would especially like to thank Mildred Kenney, Librarian at Black Watch Memorial Library for taking time from her busy schedule to answer my many questions and for doing some historical research, which was such a great help to me. I would also like to thank former Librarian Courtlay Morton who provided other valuable tidbits of information.

MEMBER LIBRARY PROFILE:
BLACK WATCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY, TICONDEROGA

This story actually began in the wild Highlands of eighteenth century Scotland. The senior Highland regiment of the British army was formed from those clans most loyal to the Crown—Campbell, Grant, Fraser and Munro—to patrol that turbulent place. As there was constant clan warfare (as well as raids into the Lowlands and plots against the government) the regiment had its hands full. Because of the dark tartans worn by the Highlanders (in contrast to the red uniform of the regular British army), they acquired the Gaelic name Am Freiceadan Dubh or the Black Watch.

The Black Watch Royal Highland Regiment (also known as the 42nd Highlanders) fought fiercely and well in Britain's Wars all over the world. It should be noted, though, that the regimental history takes a dim view of the American Revolution because it was a war against kin.

There will now be a slight digression for a ghost story, the subject of a poem by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Duncan Campbell, Laird of Inverawe during the 1740's was sitting by the fire in his castle in the western Highlands while a terrible storm raged outside. There was a knocking at the door and a fugitive appeared, begging asylum, for he had just killed a man. Campbell gave his word that he would shelter the killer and a Highlander was bound by honor to keep his word, even though Duncan soon found out that it was his own cousin, Donald, who had been murdered. Later that night, Donald's bloody apparition visited Campbell, crying for revenge. Before disappearing, the specter told him they would next meet at Ticonderoga. Campbell had never heard of Ticonderoga, but the name was to stick in his memory.

Some years later, the same Duncan Campbell joined the Black Watch and was shipped to the American colonies during the French and Indian War. In July of 1758, a large British force attempted to capture the French Fort Carillon. Among the British forces were the 42nd Highlanders, who marched boldly into battle to the skirl of bagpipes. The French had named their fort Carillon, which, roughly translated means "chime of bells" because of the sound made by a nearby waterfall. The Indian name for the place had a similar meaning — they called it Ticonderoga.

Duncan Campbell was mortally wounded during the battle and died on the retreat to Albany knowing that the ghostly prophecy had been fulfilled. This is the end of the digression; now it is time to return to unadulterated history.

The British troops had been led into a hopeless frontal assault on Carillon by the inept General Abercromby on July 8, 1758. The French, under General Montcalm, repelled them. Although the Scots fought valiantly, they suffered heavy losses. A century and a half later the citizens of Ticonderoga decided to honor the courageous Highland regiment by giving its name to their library.

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The first library in Ticonderoga was in the basement of Bevilaqua's Pharmacy on Montcalm Street. The books in that library had belonged to Miss Mabel Malcolm's father and she was the librarian there. After the present library was built she continued as librarian and her father's books became the core of its collection.

Frank B. Wickes, President of the Library Board from 1900 to 1933, was the moving force behind the establishment of the present library. After several years of struggle, he obtained funds from the Carnegie Foundation for the erection of a new building. The village was expected to maintain the library with its own money. It is interesting to note that Andrew Carnegie, the industrialist who provided the funds for the building of so many public libraries, was himself a Scot by birth.

The dedication of the building took place in 1906. Because the library was named in honor of the brave Scots regiment, Major D.L. Wilson Farquharson of the Black Watch Regiment came over from Scotland to lead a parade of kilted Black Watch soldiers accompanied by pipers.

As one can see, tradition is important to the Library. F. Allen Wickes, Frank Wickes' son, was a member of Ticonderoga's Library Board for 47 years, until 1979. Two women who also worked hard in the early years of the Library's existence, Sarah Pell and Alice Whitney Bascom, have also been remembered with plaques in the Library. There have only been four librarians in all the years since the Library's formation: the aforementioned Miss Mabel Malcolm, Mrs. Venice Livingston, Mrs. Courtnay Morton and Mrs. Mildred Kenney, the present librarian. Mrs. Livingston, by the way, was Mrs. Kenney's mother.

The Library itself has changed very little over the years. The interior is reminiscent of the Tudor Style - dark oak beams against white stucco. Andrew Carnegie's portrait hangs in the entryway. A brick fireplace dominates the main reading room. Affixed to it is a plaque of bronze and marble, embossed with the Scotch thistle and military symbols, which commemorates "the Heroic Gallantry of the 42nd Highland Regiment at the Storming of Fort Ticonderoga, 8th July 1758..."; the numbers of the awful devastation to the Black Watch that day are also given. There is a twin to this plaque at the Regimental Headquarters at Belhousie in Perth, Scotland.

Above the fireplace is a Black Watch battle scene in the Crimea; a nephew of the Duncan Campbell (of the ghost story) is said to be one of the Highlanders pictured there. There are framed photographs here and there on the walls - a castle in Scotland, Major Farquharson in full regalia, scores of kilted infantry. General Montcalm, in an old print, breathes his last in another corner.

It is all somehow fitting — and a short distance away is the restored fort which is the link between two peoples separated by geography.

Mary S. Hopkins

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CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Children's Book Week is November 14 - 20 this year with the theme "Books Are Best Friends". The System has purchased posters, bookmarks and banners which will be distributed to our member libraries and the book-mobiles.
In 1984 New York State will observe the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Board of Regents and The University of the State of New York. The Bicentennial theme will be "New York: The State of Learning, 1784–1984." The anniversary activities have three major objectives:

1) to focus attention on planning for the next twenty years, to improve the quality of education in this State and to foster and reward excellence;

2) to elevate public concern for education by demonstrating its importance in addressing major societal issues; and

3) to deepen understanding of the strength provided to our educational system by the unique comprehensive structure of The University of the State of New York.

The Commissioner and the Regents plan a year-long series of commemorations, one each month beginning in January, 1984, highlighting the relationship of education to a major issue or concern. The focus each month will be on the challenges associated with each topic and the potential contribution of education to the topic. The monthly topics, listed below, will be addressed at half-day events held in Buffalo, New York City, Rochester, and various locations around the State, sometimes in conjunction with regular Regents meetings. Each event will be built around a major address by a well-known individual or an event accompanied by a luncheon or dinner. Each topic should allow us to draw in several Regents priorities and involve the several sectors of education and leaders as well as organizations outside of education but interested in the topic. At each event, Regents medals for distinguished service will be presented.
Month | Theme
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January | New York: State of the World
February | New York: Diversity, Access and Opportunity
March | New York: Communications Center of the Nation
April | New York: Business, Science and Invention
May | Convocation: New York—Excelsior—Ever Upward!
June | New York: Where Learning Never Ends
July | New York: Commitment to the Disabled
August | New York: State of Cultural Institutions
September | New York: State of Civic Leadership
October | New York: State of Agriculture and Natural Treasures
November | New York: Health, Fitness and Sports
December | New York: State of Creative Spirit

The centerpiece of the observances will be a May 23-24 Convocation of the entire University, held at the Nelson A. Rockefeller Convention Center in Albany. The Convocation will celebrate the best we have in education in this State, highlighting the things done well over the years, and the leaders educated by the institutions within The University of the State of New York. Plans are being made for a special celebration with the Governor and members of the New York State Legislature on May 23 to recognize outstanding scholars, musicians, student artists, athletes and campus leaders, and others. Plans are also being made for a May 24 event for graduates of The University, from broad fields of endeavor – politics, business, the arts, social action, religion, and others.

In addition to monthly events, there will be a number of other activities, including a major bicentennial exhibit at the State Museum in 1984, public service announcements for radio and television, and feature articles in the educational and general media.

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HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

LEE SALZMAN REPORTS...

On Monday, October 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the System will be holding a workshop at Headquarters intitiled "Communicating With the Public: Understanding the Patron and Yourself". Our first Speaker will be Ann Begin, an assertiveness trainer from Planned Parenthood of Clinton County. The workshop will continue with insights on how to deal with problem patrons, presented by Dr. Mary L. Roark, Assistant Professor in the Counseling Program at the Center for Human Resources, SUNY/Plattsburgh. Dr. Roark also plans to provide information on how to deal with the stress that may result after a "problem patron encounter".

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OUTREACH NEWS

As part of the $5,000 Bilingual Invitational LSCA Title I grant received by the System, we have purchased 2 System-80 audio-visual learning machines. These materials are available to member libraries and local agencies so that they may assist individuals in our three county area for whom English is a second language, or who are learning to read for the first time.

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A newsletter, tentatively titled News for You, will begin distribution in November. This newsletter is part of a cooperative effort between local Literacy Volunteers affiliates and C-E-F, with funding provided by an LSCLA Title I grant. It will concentrate on consumer issues, and will also include a "student corner" so that Literacy Volunteers students may have an opportunity to contribute their original work.

Lee Salzman has also been working with a newly formed committee called the North Country Committee for Independent Living. Their goal is to start an Independent Living Program which would provide services to disabled people in Clinton, Essex and Franklin counties. For more information, contact Amy Gionet at 561-6338.

Lee Salzman
Assistant Director/
Head of Outreach

*WHEN IT'S FALL IN ACQUISITIONS and THE BUDGET'S NEARLY SPENT*

When it's Fall in Acquisitions and the budget's
nearly spent
Consultants band together with much moaning
and lament
Our accounts are far too small, they cry
revisions overdue
The money's just too little, folks, whatever
can we do
The TV season's dawning, with authors
hawking books
On exercise, holistic health and perking
up your looks
And all of us are wondering just where
our money went
When it's Fall in acquisitions and the money's
nearly spent

*with apologies to James Whitcomb Riley*
The jobber's getting slower and our vouchers
    are unsigned
The card file's overflowing and the processing's
    behind!
An O. P. in October on a book that's almost new
The fifth one in a series, makes our patrons
    turn quite blue
Fall orders all are piling up, my desk is far
    from clean
The OCLC's on the fritz, the computer's turning
    mean,
And paperbacks, once cheap to buy, are making
    quite a dent
When it's Fall in acquisitions and the budget's
    nearly spent

The catalog's divided and the filers have no
    clue
With changing regulations from AACR2
They spasmodically interpret them, as time goes
    racing by
And requests from all our patrons stack
    up a cubit high
The director's checking figures and the secretary's
    cross
And each consultant is unsure who suffered the
    most loss
Move over Omar Khayyam, I want to share your tent
When it's Fall in acquisitions and the budget's
nearly spent

Carol G. Bedore
Head of Acquisitions

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PREPARING FOR WINTER

The saddest song I've ever heard,
Is that sung by a bird;
It's the song of geese on high,
As they bid the North goodbye.

The honking from the constantly changing V formations high in the autumn sky says, "Winter is coming — PREPARE."

The retiree prepares for the annual trek to the South, with the geese; while the worker-in-harness says, "Someday".

The gardener and homeowner work with a little more urgency after the heart-piercing cry as they store, preserve and secure for another Adirondack winter. The bookmobiles and other vehicles get winter tires and an anti-freeze check.

Libraries get ready for the increased fall student load that studies, such as Lawrence White's The Public Library In The 1980s: The Problems of Choice, show to be such an important part of library service now and for the future.

There will be book displays and bookmobile stocking of material for making gifts and decorations for the holidays, for heating and winterizing homes and for winter sports. For the winter sports enthusiasts the cry of the Canadian goose may bring thoughts of the joys of skiing, skating and winter hiking. In addition to the books for them, there should be fireside reading for the rest of us with more of an ostrich, head-in-the-sand, approach to ice and sub-zero temperatures.

So, batten down the hatches, prepare the library and home heating systems and try not to be too melancholy as the geese say "goodbye". Grab a good book or magazine and travel vicariously to whatever realm of the imagination you choose.

John H. Crager
Bookmobile Librarian

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PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS

The fifth annual Parents As Reading Partners conference was held in Syracuse, New York on September 29 and 30 with well over 500 in attendance. In his opening remarks, State Senator James Donovan told the group that the Parents As Reading Partners program is now operating in every state as well as in seven foreign countries. October has been proclaimed as Parents As Reading Partners month in New York State. The conference itself was notable for the high quality of the speakers, including an excellent presentation by keynote speaker Linda Albert, columnist and author of Linda Albert's Advice For Coping With Kids. Mrs. Albert talked about several reasons for failure in children and very humorously gave practical advice on how to break the cycle to turn failure into success. Other workshops included "School Failure: What We Know From Research" conducted by Carol Possin, a professor from the College of St. Rose; "Parents as the Child's First Language Teacher" with Jane Algozzine, Director of the Division of Language Skill for the
New York State Education Department, and an excellent luncheon presentation by Rosemary Nesbitt from SUNY Oswego on "Local History: The Lost Treasure of Children's Literature". In all, it was a rewarding day well spent.

Kathie LaBombard
JEIC Librarian

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ANNUAL MEETING

Over one hundred sixty librarians, trustees, and friends gathered at the Plattsburgh Air Force Base Officers' Club for the System's Annual Meeting in August. Peter Spier, award winning author-illustrator of many children's books was the speaker. Before and after the meeting Mr. Spier was on hand to autograph his books.

At the meeting, the Richard W. Lawrence Award (recognizing those persons who have made major contributions to library service in the tri-county area) was presented to former Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Board Trustee Ruth Hecht. Mr. Lawrence, the first president of the C-E-F Board, was the first recipient of this Award, established by the System's Board of Trustees in 1979.

Mary G. Leggett was presented with a certificate of appreciation by C-E-F Board President Jack Myers.

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ARCHIVES WORKSHOP

A workshop, Planning and Managing Historical Records Programs was held October 13, 1983 at System Headquarters. Bruce W. Dearstyne, Principal Archivist, New York State Archives, Albany, New York; James Folts and Dan Lorello, Archivists, New York State Archives, were the speakers. Among the several topics discussed were establishing a historical records program and the arrangement, accessioning and preservation of historical records.

This program was funded in part through a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts.

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JURY FILM

Marie Chauvin, Head of the C-E-F Film Department regularly shows the film Trial by Jury (housed with the System's film collection) to new groups of jurors. At the September 12 showing of the film Bernard Amell, the Commissioner of Jurors publicly thanked Marie for providing this service to the community. She will next show the film on November 7, 1983.

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CONSULTANT VISIT

Carol Bedore, Richard Ward, Lee Salzman and Hugh Starke from System Headquarters made a consultant visit to AuSable Forks Free Library. Carol and Lee talked with Librarian Kathy Endersbee and Assistant Librarian Margaret Nolan about book ordering and various System Services. Hugh and Richard discussed interlibrary loan and budgeting.

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RECENT BOOKS of LOCAL INTEREST

PALMER, PETER S. - History of Lake Champlain, 4th edition
Harbor Hill Books, 1983, $16.95

For many years Palmer's History of Lake Champlain has been one of the basic works
of local history for our three-county area. Originally published in 1866 and revised for later editions, it was the work of a prominent 19th century Plattsburgh attorney and judge who was also a student of local history. Palmer concentrated on the military history of the lake and gave many details based on the study of those books and manuscripts available in his time, supplemented by his own knowledge from the stories told him by the participants in the battles themselves whom he knew while growing up in Plattsburgh. Harbor Hill Books has reprinted the text of the third edition, adding new maps and illustrations to accompany the text. Any area libraries who do not have the original should buy this book and those who do have it should consider this new edition as well, retiring the older editions to save their fragile contents.

Richard Ward
Reference Librarian

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HOY, RALPH L. - We Played It By Ear, from the memoirs of Ralph L. Hoy; Edited by Joanne H. O'Rourke

In this segment of his memoirs, the author recounts his experiences during and after World War II with his family and with his employer, Alcoa. Some of the incidents he narrates are amusing; some are poignant.

Ralph Hoy's employment involved him in a great deal of travel, and the wonders of scientific development unfolded as this part of his life progressed. For a person involved in public relations, he had excellent opportunities to encounter experts in photography, metallurgy, and fair and exhibition layout as well as building construction, boat construction, and related subjects.

The author's retirement efforts have led to Recordings for Recovery (R4R) an organization devoted to helping those with a need for music therapy.

The writing style is unaffected; the only small glitch is seen in a few typographical errors, but the story is clear enough in spite of those few errors. It's a story worth reading, and it contains much that would be of local interest.

From a review by David W. Minnich, Wead Library, in the Malone Evening Telegram.

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NELSON, GARY L., Ed. - Pharmaceutical Company Histories Volume One
Woodbine Publishing, 1983, $13.95

This book deserves a brief mention because the first chapter covers the history and development of Ayerst Laboratories. The Rouses Point division of Ayerst is one of the most important industries in the North Country, so this book does provide some valuable reference material.

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CONNORS, BERNARD F. - Dancehall Bobbs Merrill, 1983, $14.95

"On June 4, 1982, the body of a young woman surfaced from some three hundred feet of water off Pulpit Rock in Lake Placid, New York. Because of the depth and intense cold of the water, the body, which was determined by medical examiners to have been submerged
for twenty years, was remarkably well preserved. At the time, the authorities were unable to establish the identity of the woman but concluded that her death had been violent."

The preceding paragraph is part of the prologue to this fast paced mystery. The author moves back and forth between the girl's murder in Lake Placid in 1962 and the execution of her murderer at Green Haven Prison in 1984. Although the story line is sometimes implausible, the author is good at building up suspense and the book is hard to put down.

Mary S. Hopkins

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

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Each member received a certificate for his or her reading efforts and a small gift. There was also a drawing for a gift book.

CHAMPLAIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Over the summer months, the library had on display, articles from Japan and Mexico, including Mexican clothes, musical instruments and straw goods. These articles were loaned by Mrs. Broder Lucas and Librarian Mrs. Harold Smith.

Mrs. Smith also made an arrangement of dried flowers and herbs for the Library entrance way. Stenciling, done by Mrs. Debra Fitzpatrick was also displayed.

Recently, woven goods from the Loomery in Chazy and Mrs. Francis Deloria's antique porcelain hen collection have been exhibited. There is also a beautiful rug done by Miss Maureen Coulombe, an assistant at the Library.

In the future the library hopes to have a window display of hobbies such as stamp collecting and insects.
Thirty-five juvenile books were donated to the library by Mrs. Peter Stone. They include many easy books and juvenile non-fiction. The library has been able to exchange many old unused books for new easy books, by taking them to the local bookstores for credit with which new books are purchased.

A new bookcase was made for easy books and the children like it very much. It is just their height and they can easily find the book they want. The change prevented smaller children from getting into the older books and taking those books that are too advanced for them. This bookcase was made by Mr. Gerald Manning.

Mrs. Maurice Glaude has donated a lovely philodendron which is now in the front window.

A major change has been made in the library layout. All the children's books are combined so that books for children from grades K-12 are all in the same area. One bookcase is filled with paperbacks, including fiction, non-fiction and westerns. Also, the adult fiction and non-fiction sections have been spread out so more books from the system can be accommodated.

The Champlain Memorial Library will again have the Children's Reading Hour on Saturday mornings starting in late October or early November.

Over the past few weeks, the Library has received many large donations of books. Mrs. Gary Nutt gave the library over 50 Harlequin Romance Paperbacks. Mrs. Peter Stone gave the li-

brary over 30 easy and juvenile fiction and non-fiction hardcover books.

Many non-fiction books on meteorology, needlework, hooked rugs, crocheting, knitting and humor were donated by several members of the library.

The Library has been conducting its annual fund drive, which ended October 7. Volunteers had been going door-to-door collecting donations. Last year's drive netted more than $1,000. More money is needed because of increases in the costs of maintaining the library building and grounds and the ever rising cost of new books.

CHAZY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Eighteen youths completed the requirements for the summer reading program at the Chazy Public Library sponsored by the Chazy Friends of the Library.

Librarian Helen Sweet conducted the program with assistance from Emily Castine and Charlotte Daley. A party was held recently to present each participant with a certificate and a book selected by the committee. Refreshments were served.

Those taking part were Karrie Clukey, Alicia Habib, Debbie Knapp, Susan Sweet, Brandy Barcomb, Megan Forttrel, Erin Giroux, Michelle Studwell, Sara Hanfield, David Hofer, Sean Fenner, Keith Bechard, Scott Bechard, Ronnie Slosson, Ben Schruman, Michelle Polewchak, Jennifer Polewchak and Amanda Bromberg.

DANNEMORA FREE LIBRARY

86, out of 104 readers, completed
the Dannemora Free Library's summer MOON SHOT Reading Club. Readers were required to read at least five books during the eight weeks of the program, and to certify that they had read them. Most readers more than met the requirements.

On August 12, the closing day of the program, those completing the club received certificates of achievement from the library.

ELLENBURG COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Ellenburg Community Library's Annual Meeting was held in the Library on Wednesday evening, September 21.

Ellenburg Board President Jane Fritz opened the meeting, followed by Librarian Mary Jane Chilton who showed fascinating slides of her recent trip to Australia. Richard Ward, Carol Bedore and Mary Hopkins from Headquarters were among the visitors who enjoyed the program and the delicious refreshments.

Fran Shutts of Ellenburg Depot was recently added to the Library's Board of Trustees.

Librarian Mary Jane Chilton has a new helper, Marni LaFave. Her predecessor, Diane Dumas left this fall to attend Clinton Community College.

Trudy McNeil, who coordinates the children's story hours and programs, reports that the five week summer reading program was a great success this year and she is grateful to the area mothers who helped out.

She is now busy planning Christmas and Halloween programs.

KEENE VALLEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Keene Valley Library had a busy summer. The Monday night lectures were interesting and informative and were well-attended. The chairman of this feature, Ted Lehman, is to be commended on the results of his work on these programs.

The evening hours at the library will be covered by a new member of the staff, a Miss Margaret Sheldon. Margaret is a graduate of C. W. Post College on Long Island and she holds a Library of Science Degree.

In September Rosemary Coffin presented her biography of Keene Valley’s beloved Rev. Frederica Mitchell. The title of the book is A Ministry of Grace—the life of Frederica Mitchell. The author was also on hand to autograph copies of her book, a paperback, with two outstanding photos of Miss Mitchell. The text covers the family background and early days of Frederica, plus her education and work as a minister.

The author, Rosemary Coffin, is the wife of David Coffin. She knows the Valley through her husband’s family who are among the oldest members of the summer colony.

KEESEVILLE FREE LIBRARY

The Keeseville Free Library had a minor face-lift over the summer. About 50 years of accumulated paint has been scraped, stripped and sanded from the front door and surrounding columns. The new colors of cream and blue for the trim has sparked lively comments.

The Library had a successful Summer Reading Program.
The Library is in the last month of its Annual Fund Drive - which seems to be headed for success also.

WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

The Wead Library's Board of Trustees met for their summer meeting Tuesday, August 2, in the Wead Library's Conference Room. During the annual reorganizational session, the incumbent Board officers were re-elected. Edward Cohen is President, Theresa M. Gagnon, VicePresident, Don Benedict, Treasurer, and Ellen Gallagher, Secretary, Jackie Shields completes the slate.

During the meeting, the group investigated some possibilities of air-conditioning the library's reading rooms and stackroom area, based on information presented by Marc Camens.

Librarian Dave Minnich reports that during the "summer doldrums," the library was not inactive. The reading rooms and circulation area have been recarpeted, and the building's trim has been repainted. The chimneys, outer walls, and the stone wall surrounding the property have been repointed.

Una Stewart supervised a library book sale, and that activity netted the library's coffers better than $1,000.

Mrs. Jack Trombley and Ed Cohen gave the better part of, if not an entire day, to the trimming of the Library's foundation plantings during the month of July. Their thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Wead Library, has all the issues of Ski magazine for 1978 and 1979 and is willing to give them to any library in the System that can use them. Any library interested can contact Librarian Dave Minnich.

PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tim Hartnett recently joined the staff as a new reference librarian; he will also be answering some System reference questions.

Tim had worked for several years in the Reference and Interlibrary Loan Department at C-E-F, before going on to get his M.L.S. at the School of Library Science at SUNY, Albany. Welcome back, Tim.

There are also two new pages at Plattsburgh Public - Mary Fournier and Michael LeMieux.

The library has just acquired a new Minolta Copier.

A 3M Tattle-tape System, a book detection system is expected to be received in about a month.

Children's Librarian Karen Ricketson announces her fall and early winter program schedule.

CRAFTS - October 5 through December 28, 3:30 - 4:30 PM, for ages four and up. Among the craft projects planned are wet yarn sculpture, finger painting and leaf prints.

HALLOWEEN PARTY - October 29, 2:00 - 4:00 PM. This will be a costume party with games, refreshments, prizes and a special "pumpkin piñata".

STORY TIME - October 6 through December 29, on Thursday,
10:30 - 11:15 AM for ages three to six. There will also be a special holiday story series:
December 1 - Hanukkah stories
December 8 - Spanish Christmas stories (featuring a Christmas piñata)
December 15 - Traditional Christmas stories

Films - October 8th through December 17 on Saturday, 11:00 - 12:00 noon for ages four and up. Films borrowed from C-E-F will be shown, including The Little Match Girl, The Legend of Johnny Appleseed, Where the Wild Things Are and on December 17, Christmas films.

CHRISTMAS PARTY December 17, 2:00 - 4:00 PM. There will be refreshments. The children will make decorations, trim the Christmas tree and sing carols.

PENDLETON MEMORIAL LIBRARY,
ROUSES POINT

Librarian Mary Ann Tremblay reports that new shelving has been constructed for the juvenile non-fiction collection. A local craftsman, Marc Chapman, built the shelves to match the original ones as closely as possible. As a result, the library has a new look - spare and uncluttered.

PENDLETON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

The library will receive $159,720 in federal funds for the addition, which will be attached to the north end of the east wing of the existing structure.

The total cost is estimated at $199,650 by Wareham-Delair Architects, hired by the board to draw up plans for the project.

The board hopes to raise the additional $40,000 privately through appeals to specific individuals and foundations.

Project Director Janet P. Decker said the addition represents the final phase of an expansion program begun in 1968.

Decker said that addition will facilitate several improvements. Current plans for the main floor include separating the children’s section from the adult reading and reference room with expansion of both areas; a media room furnished with up-to-date equipment including a microcomputer; and an entrance ramp and enlarged toilet facilities for the handicapped.

On the lower level, the William Chapman White and Ruth Morris White Adirondack Room will be doubled in size to accommodate materials in the library’s Adirondack Collection which have been in storage for lack of display space.

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Mr. Henry Parnass of Saranac Lake is the new president of the Saranac Lake Free Library Board of Directors. Mrs. Janet Decker is Vice-president, with Mrs. Jeanne DeMatto, Secretary and Miss Esther Mirick, Treasurer.

Mrs. Mandy Newbold and Mr. Jack Delahant of Saranac Lake have been elected to the library’s board of trustees.

Mr. Henry Parnass, who was vice-president of the board last year, re-
places Anne Tubby who has served for five years on the board. Board member Mrs. Margaret Roy of Saranac Lake also retired from the board.

The new board members were selected at the 76th annual meeting of the library, Wednesday, July 13.

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In her annual report, librarian Mrs. Joyce Meagher announced a total circulation of almost 90,000 books. Mr. Mott Chapin, commented from the audience that as a former president of the board, he remembered when 24,000 book circulation was considered impressive. "The library staff should be complimented on the outstanding job they do serving our community," Chapin said.

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One of the most popular events in Saranac Lake every summer, "Come to the Fair", took place Tuesday, August 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Cantwell Community Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library. Co-chairmen Miss Esther Mirick and Mrs. Irene Heck reported that thousands of hard-cover and paperback books were on sale at the 28th Annual "Come to the Fair".

The fund raising event was sponsored by the Friends of the Library, with all proceeds going to the library. Highlights this year were a large table of special books, a White Elephant table with many enticing items, flower arrangements, plants, gift items, cookies, cakes and breads, and children's toys.

Two lovely Adirondack books, the handsome reprint of Township 34 by Harold K. Hochschild and Wildflowers of the Adirondacks by Anne McGrath and Joanne Treffs were raffled off. Both books were donated, in part, by Mr. Elliott Verner of the Community Book Shop in Saranac Lake.

Chairman Mirick however emphaizes that the biggest benefit the library derives from the Fair is the public recognition of the library's importance to the community. Everyone in town seems to want to contribute in some way.

In 1982, Miss Mirick reports, the fair realized almost $3,000 for the Friends. These funds were used to purchase children's books, a large card catalogue, plantings for the front of the library, materials for the Candelit Supper, and other special items. The Friends also have money available to assist with emergencies when library cash flow is low, particularly in March.

Section chairmen are Grace Taylor, white elephants; Elizabeth Latour, gifts; Teresa Best, flowers; Julia D'Onofrio, plants; Ruth Seidenstein, food; Linda Jackson, children's; Janet Decker, Barbara Parnass, Pat Wiley, books.

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As part of the continuing special membership series, "Your Gift to Us; Our Gift to You", the Programs Committee of the Saranac Lake Free Library announced the opening of an art exhibit by Sue d'Avignon, Tuesday, August 16, in the Thomas B. Cantwell Community Room.

Well known in this area, Miss d'Avignon is a native of Lake Placid, her family being among the early settlers of the Adirondacks.

Miss d'Avignon has lived in Portugal, France, Mexico, and Spain. The pastels, pen and inks and watercolors in the exhibit show her fascination with varied settings. One sees her neighbors in Spain and Mexico, fortune-telling gypsies, the weather-beaten face of an old fisherman. While pastels of street vendors are featured, the show also includes scenes of the Adirondacks.

A graduate of Syracuse University
with a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts, Miss d'Avignon attended the Art Student's League and received her Master's Degree from Pratt Institute.

Residents and visitors may be familiar with Miss d'Avignon's Country Cousins line of silk-screened greeting cards. She was among the first to produce the long, thin cards known today as "studio cards".

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Paul Kenyon, globe-touring cyclist, from Lyme, Connecticut, presented a highly unusual slide talk, Thursday, August 25, at 8 p.m., in the Cantwell Community Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library.

"South and East Africa by Bicycle" emphasized the experience of touring alone by bicycle and meeting the many different people living in Africa. The slides are of the people, both indigenous and European, and of the land and animals. Highlights include a visit to an Afrikaner farm; visits to game reserves in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Kenya; and climbs of Mt. Mulanje, Mt. Kilimanjaro and Mt. Kenya.

In 1971, Kenyon earned a BSME from Lafayette College, and then spent 6 years in engineering. Kenyon left his work in 1977 to explore himself and the world. He spent 2 years on a marathon bicycle tour around the world. He set out on bicycle again in 1981 with a better camera to learn about Africa.

"Adirondack Wildlife," a slide-talk by Tom Kalinowski, took place Thursday, September 29, 8 p.m., in the Cantwell Community Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library.

The program was about the Adirondack environment and the wildlife that inhabits Northern New York. He discussed some of the features, adaptations, and habits of many of the most common animals of this region. A brief explanation was given of the ecological significance of these creatures.

Mr. Kalinowski grew up on Long Island, and gained his interest in wildlife from hiking and camping experiences in college at SUNY Albany and through his teaching of General Science, Physics, Field Biology, and Ecology at Saranac Lake High School.

He has written numerous articles on Adirondack ecology which have appeared in Adirondack Life, Conservationist, Fur-Fish-Game, and The Explorer. His article, "The Great North Woods," appears in the recently revised edition of the Adirondack Reader.

The free slide talks were part of the library's special membership series, "Your Gift to Us; Our Gift to You," and was arranged by the Programs Committee and Mrs. Barbara Parnass who met Kenyon as he was completing his world tour.

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Upcoming Programs in the membership series are:

"Adirondack Photographs"
Kim Duso
October 17-November 15

"A Round of Stories"
For Children
Fran Yardley
Saturday, October 22-10:30 a.m.

"Exploring the Enchanted Islands: A Tour by Schooner of the Galapagos Islands" - Slide Talk
Dirck and Mary Benson
Thursday, October 27 at 8 p.m.

Paint and Palette Art Association Show
November 21 - January 2

3rd Annual Carol Sing
Monday, December 19 - 5 p.m.
(This event is jointly presented by the Library's Programs Committee and The Saranac.)

Children's Story Hour
Kluane Snyder
Every Thursday Morning 10:30 a.m.
Story Hour Special Events:

"Hobgoblins, Witches and Other Fancies"
Thursday, October 27-10:30 a.m.

"Thanksgiving: My Favorite Things"
Thursday, November 17
10:30 a.m.

"Christmas: Helping, Sharing, Giving"
Thursday, December 22
10:30 a.m.

All events, except the Carol Sing, will take place at the Saranac Lake Free Library. There is no charge for admission.

Kris Bell and Chris Williams presented a $505 check from the Women's College Scholarship Club to Librarian Joyce Meagher to be used to buy new books for the children's section of the Saranac Lake Free Library. Anticipating the donation, the library had already purchased the books, which include a set of Compton's Encyclopedia especially for children, the Medallion World Atlas and the eight-volume set of the History of the Modern World.

GOFF-NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, TUPPER LAKE

Adirondack artists and Adirondack scenes dominated Tupper Lake's 11th annual art exhibit and sale in July.

Tupper Lake and Saranac Lake artists accounted for the lion's share of the 158 entries, with a scattering of paintings and art works in various mediums from Lake Placid, Rainbow Lake, Long Lake, Massawepie and Potsdam, and there were several excellent pen and ink sketches of familiar area scenes.

Along with the Adirondack landscapes in oil, acrylic and watercolor which have accounted for a large percentage of entries annually, this year's show included a number of entries of other media. Among them were sculptures, photographs and cut paper art.

An original oil painting, a colorful landscape entitled "Adirondack Pond No. 1", the work of Mrs. Margaret LeBlanc, was donated to Goff-Nelson Library by the artist to be raffled for the benefit of the library. It was on display there until the drawing which took place on September 16.

A quilt show and sale was held at Goff-Nelson from August 2 to August 6, 1983.

Sponsored by the Raquette River Quilters, a Tupper Lake area quilting club, the show featured over one hundred delicately crafted quilts - the majority of them made by club members. Some antique quilts, owned by members were also exhibited. Other quilted items such as stuffed duck decoys, place mats and tote bags were also on display.

A number of Tupper Lake area retailers, who merchandise quilting products had displays at the show.

The twelve club members of the Raquette River Quilters were on hand daily to explain and demonstrate the art of quilting to the more than 700 visitors who filed past the beautifully displayed works. Each member of the group wore an apron with the club's logo, designed by Gen Sutter. As each visitor arrived at the showing, they were presented with a ballot and asked to vote for their favorite top exhibits.

Charlcie Delehanty took top honors with her quilt which featured a "Charlie's Star" pattern. Jerry Godin placed second with a six pointed, lone star pattern quilt. Gen Sutter's "Grandpa's Churches", one of her 32 exhibits displayed, received third place honors. Other top favorites included "From
There to Here Drunkard's Path" by Edith Mitchell and "Gen's Medallion" by Gen Sutter.

The show, which attracted viewers from as far as Hawaii, as well as quilt groups from Saranac Lake, Plattsburgh, Lake Placid, Long Lake, Glens Falls, Utica, Kingston, Montreal and Toronto, has been rated one of the most popular events to be held this summer.

Also on display at the five day showing was a beautiful quilt made by the entire Raquette River Quilters Club. Donated to the Goff-Nelson library, the piece was raffled off at the annual Oktupperfest on September 25, 1983.

Situated in the center of the room, a large log cabin doll house, complete with quilted bedding and curtains attracted attention from viewers of all ages. The entire house and contents, to the most minute detail, were designed and made by Gen Sutter.

Members of the Raquette River Quilters Club include Charlicie Delehanty, Susie Frenette, Maggie Gillis, Jerry Godin, Eadie Heinrick, Barbara McFadyne, Liz Lavigne, Florence Rose, Barbara Segool, Gen Sutter and Pauline Villeneuve of Tupper Lake and Edith Mitchell of Blue Mountain Lake. Mrs. Mitchell is also a quilting instructor at North Community College.

With the hobby of quilting once again becoming a favorite pastime for many area residents, the success of the quilting show was evident. The majority of viewers requested a return performance next year.

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Goff-Nelson Memorial Library patrons will have access to hundreds of costly and unusual books, thanks to the continuing interest of one of Tupper Lake's early families in the home town.

The books, costly and beautiful productions, largely non-fiction — cover a wide range of interests, including birds and wildlife, travel, languages, art and classical literature.

Stanley Ransom, Carol Bedore and Richard Ward from C-E-F Headquarters spent a marvelous day evaluating these books and were impressed by the quality of the collection.

Mr. Etienne was born in Tupper Lake and was a summer vacationer in the area for many years.

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WADHAMS FREE LIBRARY

The Wadhams Free Library was the recipient of a most exciting gift—some forty books culled from the New York Times Best Seller Lists during the last two years. The generous donor is Carl Riedemeister who delivered the huge load of books in person.

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The annual Rummage Sale and Food Sale was held at the Wadhams Grange Hall on Saturday, October 1, 1983.

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WESTPORT LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The new Friends of the library held their first meeting, at the library in August. Their first project is the annual fund-raising drive but they have lots of exciting plans for the library in the coming year. Attending the meeting were Marilyn Trienens, Betty and Norbert Koenig, Lore Mead, Nancy Wilson, Hilda Sheldon, Barbara Gough and librarian Lucille Carpenter.

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PAINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILLSBORO

The first Old Time Folkcraft Fair, hosted by the Library and its Friends group on July 30th was an
overwhelming success. 51 craft people exhibited their crafts. Among those shown were spinning, weaving, pottery, basketry, wooden furniture, shell craft, candle making, painting, jewelry, corn-husk dolls, knitting, crocheting, rug hooking — and many more.

This was truly a celebration of things done well by hand and the crafts exhibited were of the highest quality. Craftsmen were also very willing to answer questions concerning their crafts. The day's event also included food concessions, a horse cart ride and a special art exhibit.

Richard Ward, Carol Bedore and Mary Hopkins from C-E-F Headquarters and Karen Ricketson from Plattsburgh Public Library visited the Fair and had a truly exciting day as did all the guests and exhibitors. Very soon plans will be in progress for next year's craft fair. The Library would like to thank all the people who made the craft fair possible.

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The Paine Memorial library completed a six week Summer reading program, with 57 children enrolled. This program covered three areas: pleasure reading, remedial assistance, and storytime — for the very young.

The program was conducted this year by Melissa and Judy Ingelstrom. They reported that it was truly an enjoyable experience for both the children and the coordinators. Everyone enjoyed a special celebration at the close of the program to mark the completion of the reading goals.

This program is made possible through joint funding of the Essex County Youth Bureau and local government. The Library is grateful for this support.

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A copy of New Amsterdam by Peter Spier was given in memory of Jennifer Manning by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coonrod.

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The Library was bursting at the seams and new space was needed. As a result the Library Board of Directors voted to renovate the basement area. When completed this fall it will house children's programs and extra activities.

Anyone wishing to make a special memorial or donation toward the project is welcome to do so. Please contact the Library or a Board member.

There will be a special open house in the basement upon completion of the renovations.

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The third annual Christmas Exhibit will be held on Saturday, December 3rd, from 1-4 PM. Everyone is invited to bring handmade holiday items. This is a great opportunity to share ideas with others and it is truly an impressive exhibit of some of the superior workmanship done by people of this area. If you are interested in exhibiting in this one day show, please contact Eira Manning or call the Library at (518) 963-4478.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

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Patron can now find telephone directories available for such locations as the Albany and Rensselaer Metropolitan areas, Burlington, Middlebury, Saratoga Springs, plus a National Directory of addresses and telephone numbers of many additional business areas. Other locations may be obtained upon request. This service is made possible through the kindness of the New York Telephone Company.

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Library Storytime has started its new season. All three to five year olds are welcome to join the weekly storytime groups. There are two sessions conducted each week, Wednesday and Friday from 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Each week there is a free playtime, group activities such as finger-play exercises, show and tell, songs, games, story telling and movies. Throughout the year children are exposed to, and encouraged to learn, their alphabet, numbers, colors, shapes, and other basic concepts.

As soon as a child reaches the age of three he is welcome - even if it's in the middle of the school year.

The Library is still saving Campbell labels and will continue to do so throughout the winter. All donations are greatly appreciated. Labels from the following products are needed:

Campbell's soup - 54 varieties - 3 sizes
Campbell's pork and beans
Franco American - 8 varieties - 3 sizes
Campbell's tomato juice - V-8 juice
Campbell's chunky soup
Prego sauces — Swanson

The Campbell Company makes available to schools and libraries an opportunity to redeem these labels toward some needed equipment. The Library's goal is to collect six to seven thousand labels to be redeemed for toys to be used in the new children's area.

Donations may be dropped off anytime at the Library or one may call and have them picked up.

The Polaroid Camera Company has presented the Library with two gift Sun 600 Instant Land Cameras. These may be borrowed by adult patrons upon request. One must be over eighteen, an established patron of the library, willing to comply with the simple guidelines set down for its use and purchase his own film.

WILMINGTON E.M. COOPER MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library had its third successful Children's Party at Santa's Workshop on August 25. Cars containing thirty-one riders went up the mountain road looking forward to all of the activities within that wonderful Christmas Playground. The children in the library have always been responsible, so those who were old enough were simply released in their own custody and told to be back at Mother Hubbard's Restaurant in two hours to enjoy refreshments. Everyone had a glorious time.

Labor Day was celebrated at the Wilmington library by sharing with all travellers from far and wide, the opportunity to buy old and rare books of the past. Door prizes were given.

The library now runs a continuous book sale which is a mecca to book lovers. People can just browse for hours.

The library has recently undergone a face-lift. Gary Williams, Corrections Officer for the State of New York was in charge of the group of Ray Brook residents who did the work, which included painting the building exterior and the basement.

The building interior has also been redecorated. To celebrate the Library's "new look" there was an Open House on Saturday, October 8 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
SMALL TOWN

This humorous piece was taken from The Senior Volunteer, the local RSVP newsletter, which, in turn, had taken it from the Three Score Newsletter, Wayne County Office for the Aging in Lyons, New York. All of us who have ever lived in small towns can appreciate it.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN A SMALL TOWN WHEN...

The airport runway is terraced.
The polka is more popular than disco on Saturday night.
Third Street is on the edge of town.
Every sport is played on dirt.
The editor and publisher of the newspaper carries a camera at all times.
You don't use your turn signal because everyone knows where you're going.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN A SMALL TOWN WHEN...

You were born on June 13 and your family received gifts from the local merchants because you were the first baby of the year.
You speak to each dog you pass by name and he wags at you.
You dial a wrong number and talk for 15 minutes anyway.
You are run off Main Street by a combine.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN A SMALL TOWN WHEN...

You can't walk for exercise because every car that passes offers you a ride.
You get married and the local paper devotes a quarter page to the story.
You drive into a ditch 5 miles out of town and the word gets back into town before you do.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN A SMALL TOWN WHEN...

The biggest business in town sells farm machinery.
You write a check on the wrong bank and it covers it for you.
The pickups on Main Street outnumber cars three to one.
You miss a Sunday at church and receive a get-well card.
Someone asks you how you feel then listens to what you say.
Thank God for small towns...and the people who live in them!
FLASH! BLACK POETRY DAY FUNDED!

Black Poetry Day celebration in 1984 will be considerably augmented by the infusion of $3,500 from an LSCA grant. These funds will pay for posters and bibliographies for distribution to libraries and schools around the State. A poster contest for Black Poetry Day, October 17th, has been suggested for inmates of the several State correctional facilities. Further plans will be announced later. We are delighted that this grant will assist C-E-F in helping New York State libraries to recognize the contribution of Black poets to American life and culture.

Stanley A. Ransom