GOVERNOR SIGNS LIBRARY BILL!

It was an historic moment for New York State Libraries. On Tuesday, July 10, at 2 p.m., in the Corning Room of Albany Public Library, Governor Mario Cuomo signed the $13.4 million Library Omnibus Bill. Flanked by Senator Hugh Farley and Assemblyman Edward C. Sullivan, chief sponsors of the bill, Governor Cuomo spoke of his desire to "ensure that our libraries maintain a leadership role in our society."

Governor Cuomo, himself a recent author of his "Diaries," noted that "our libraries are no longer places to go just to borrow books. They have become information centers which serve all of us in many ways. Libraries assist their users to become more self-sufficient and productive citizens by providing both information needs and sources of reading enjoyment."

The Governor commended Assemblyman Edward C. Sullivan and Senator Hugh Farley, sponsors of the legislation, for their efforts in successfully negotiating this legislation. He also expressed his appreciation to all the librarians statewide who worked in support of this legislation.

C-E-F System Director Stanley A. Ransom was on hand in Albany to witness the signing of the Omnibus Bill. "It was an exciting moment," he said, "to see this culmination of so much hard work by so many people." Stanley Ransom, a Special Advisor to the NYLA Legislative Committee, was pleased at the successful legislation and took the opportunity to thank Governor Cuomo on behalf of the people and the libraries in the North Country. Karen Edwards, President of the C-E-F Board of Trustees, and Mr. Ransom noted that special thanks go to our North Country legislators, Senator Ronald Stafford and Assemblymen Andrew W. Ryan, Jr., Glenn H. Harris and Anthony J. Casale, who were co-sponsors of the Omnibus Bill and who worked for its passage. The Essex County Board of Supervisors, the library's CSEA unit, and other agencies and individuals, including many librarians and trustees also worked hard in contacting the Governor and in promoting the legislation.

The Omnibus Bill provides an increase of some $58,000 in operating expenses to the C-E-F Library System plus an additional $10,000 in aid and $5,000 in books for the central library, the Plattsburgh Public Library. It gives approximately a 25% increase in direct state aid to the 29 member public libraries of the System. The Outreach portion of state aid is increased to six cents per capita, which means a $10,000 increase to C-E-F for additional services to those persons who are considered as culturally isolated or educationally disadvantaged.
Two new provisions of the law are especially important. C-E-F Library System will receive $71,000 annually to assist its member libraries, on a 50/50 matching basis, for library construction, energy efficiency or removal of barriers to the handicapped.

The second new provision will be $9.25 per inmate for our six state correctional facilities. These funds are given to the C-E-F Library System for improving their library services to the state facilities. The state also continues its maintenance of effort provision and will be monitoring the use of these new library funds and the added services they're expected to provide.

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THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING - 1984

Our thirtieth Annual Luncheon Meeting will be held on August 6 at the Howard Johnson's Conference Center in Lake Placid.

The speaker this year will be Robert B. Parker, the well-known author of the "Spenser" mysteries and other novels.

I'm an unabashed fan of Robert Parker— I heard him speak at the Fall Literary Conference at Adirondack Community College last year. Robert Parker is a lot like Spenser, the tough Boston private investigator he created; at least they talk in a very similar way. Here's an exchange between Spenser and Rachel Wallace, the lesbian feminist author he was hired to protect in Looking for Rachel Wallace (1980).

Ticknor and Rachel Wallace had martinis on the rocks. I had beer.

"That figures," Rachel Wallace said, when I ordered the beer.

"Everybody laughs at me when I order a Pink Lady," I said.

"John has warned me that you are a joker. Well, I am not. If we are to have any kind of successful association, you'd best understand right now that I do not enjoy humor. Whether or not successful."

"Okay if now and then I enjoy a wry, inward smile if struck by one of life's vagaries?"

Spenser does a lot of verbal sparring with just about everybody he encounters and he excels at that game. He has appeared in eleven successful mystery novels, the latest of which, Valediction, was published earlier this year. Parker told one interviewer that, to some extent, he's based Spenser on Raymond Chandler's famous detective, Philip Marlowe. He said, "Chandler was dead and Marlowe was gone and I missed them." If that sounds a bit sentimental, so is Spenser. Beneath Spenser's wise-cracking exterior there is a sensitive man (who is well read, by the way) with a strict code of honor.

Besides the Spenser books, Parker has written Three Weeks in Spring (with his wife, Joan), Love and Glory and Wilderness. The rights to several of his books have been sold to the movies and television. I'll let the author tell about that, however; his show business stories are hilarious.

You won't want to miss Robert Parker, so mark August 6th on your calendars. An extra invitation is attached to this issue. A selection of his books will also be on sale at the meeting (at a discount), with Mr. Parker on hand to autograph them.

Mary Shaw Hopkins
Editor
FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The passage and signing of the Library Omnibus Bill was a great joy and relief to everyone. Thanks to all our legislators and to our librarians and trustees and the New York Library Association who worked hard to see this giant task accomplished. We appreciate all your efforts very much.

We have gained much in the struggle, not only new and much needed funding, but also a renewed sense of the value of what we are doing. A sense of the importance of library and information services to the people of every age, position or condition. This funding will help us to take on new challenges to do a better job for more people.

Thank you Governor Cuomo, Senators Farley and Stafford, Assemblymen Sullivan, Ryan, Harris and Casale. We really appreciate what you have done for libraries and for the people of New York State.

Stanley A. Ransom
Director

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CRAGER'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

As I retire from the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System, I would like to thank several groups of people.

Thanks to the library staff for over 20 years of pulling together in the same harness. I hope you've enjoyed it as much as I have.

Thanks to the Board of Trustees for their overall guidance and shared effort in the basic services that bookmobiles offer. Thanks and farewell to the patrons whom it has been a pleasure to meet and serve.

Thanks to the member librarians and their staffs. As a consultant and occasional substitute on book deliveries, I have really appreciated your warm hospitality. I always felt my role was partially that of a "cross-pollinator" of library ideas. I hope to stop in and say "hello" from time to time and I won't check your Dewey numbers too closely!

Thanks to the bookmobile people I have met and worked with here and further afield. I learned a lot from you and I hope I have passed on a little expertise to others.

May I end with a little library philosophy? As you reread Robert Frost's "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" perhaps you, as I, broaden his enjoying the woods of another to include many aspects of life. We don't have to own to enjoy. Friends of mine enjoyed their annual "yacht trip" on the Port Kent ferry! I've enjoyed the beautifully kept grounds, trees and shrubs of the Regina Maria Retreat House on my coffee break walks for years. And in the book, and related media, world isn't this the raison d'être for libraries?

I will now have more time to use these library resources and all the other things that Frost hints at in his beautiful poem. So, for now -

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

John H. Crager

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SAY IT AIN'T SO, JOHN CRAGER

For years now, John and I have engaged in a contest of skills in the game of verbal one-upmanship to see who could deliver the classiest insult or the direst threat and who had the fastest recovery time on the snappy retort. I hate to admit it, but John usually won. Although this is probably my last chance to repay him for classifying the Trailblazer as ephemeral, my heart just isn't in it. I don't want him to leave.

I've always seen John as a cross between Bob Newhart and Will Rogers. We all kidded John unmercifully about his earlier career as a chicken farmer. We roared as he tried to explain the rooster's role in egg production to Mary Leggett, who is definitely not a country girl. We were convulsed when John told us how he and his friends at Cornell had devised a way to make hens lay cuff links for gifts at retirement dinners. All this was delivered in John's serious, low-keyed, manner.

In spite of his rapier wit, John has always managed to remain a gentleman. He's a very funny man and also a very nice one. For above all John has always been a team player. He's been the dependable, self-effacing backbone of the library—always ready to help a co-worker, always there to pick up the pieces when things went wrong.

During his over 18 years as Bookmobile Librarian he cared deeply about the patrons. He brought this same dedication to his post as Reference Librarian. This isn't surprising, however, because John cares about people.

But I don't want to eulogize John—this whole business is depressing enough.

I remember one conversation I had with John about 15 years ago. A high rise, which was being erected next door to the library, would soon obliterate the view of the sky from the windows by our desks. John said that he didn't think people should have to live and work without being able to see the sky, that it was an unnatural state of affairs. If we have to lose John, I'm glad that, at least, he'll be able to see more of the sky now.

Mary S. Hopkins

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* COUNTY FAIRS
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* As usual, C-E-F will be visiting the Clinton,
* Essex and Franklin County Fairs. One of
* our big red bookmobiles will be on display.
* There will be free films for the kids and
* drawings for free new books donated by Friar
* Tuck Bookstore, Pyramid Mall, Plattsburgh.
* We will also hold our traditional used book
* sale (from five cents to a quarter).
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* Our schedule is:
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* Clinton Co. Fair — Friday, August 3
* Franklin Co. Fair — Monday, August 13
* Essex Co. Fair — Friday, August 17
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HEADQUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

OUTREACH NEWS

On June 11th, Audrey Smith from the New York State Library for the Blind and Visually Handicapped presented an orientation session on talking book services for a group of approximately 20 people. Attendees included representatives from member libraries, local nursing homes, county RSVP offices, CVPH Medical Center, Plattsburgh State University College and Young Volunteers in Action. This meeting was conducted as an initial step in C-E-F's efforts to become a sub-lending agency of the State Regional Office of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. More details on how to utilize this service will be circulated to member libraries and other community agencies when C-E-F's contract with the state has been finalized.

Lee Salzman represented the System at a Retired Senior Volunteer Program Social held at St. Joseph's Church Hall in Dannemora on July 11th. Lee gave an overview of System services, and then described the present and potential ways in which C-E-F might cooperate with RSVP in utilizing volunteer services. In Lee's opinion, the highlight of the program was the personal experience stories presented by RSVP volunteers. The enthusiasm and sincerity they conveyed touched everyone there.

Marge Wachtmeister and Lee Salzman reviewed several books on arthritis for the Clinton County Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation during their June meeting. This was a result of the chapter's overwhelming response to the health information packet on rheumatic diseases which they received under our Rural Health Information Delivery grant.

Lee Salzman attended a workshop on Institution Library Services on June 7th and 8th in Albany. The theme of the workshop was cooperation within and without library systems and institutions working together. An outstanding speech was delivered by Plummer Bradley, a former inmate, concerning what the library can do for inmates in preparation for re-entry to society. Other sessions included the development of ethnic core collections, interlibrary loan, and law library services.

If you take a look at the June, 1984 issue of CLIC Quarterly, you'll be able to read an article written by Kathie LaBombard and Leona Salzman entitled, "Inmates and Re-Entry: An Example of Public Library Involvement." The article is based on Kathie and Lee's experiences in working with local correctional facilities. In light of the passage of the Omnibus Bill, the System will be increasing services to State prisons in our tri-county area by means of special funds provided for this purpose.

Lee Salzman
Assistant Director/
Head of Outreach

RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP

On June 11, a Resume Writing Workshop was conducted at the Ausable Forks Free Library. Kathie LaBombard, Job & Education Information Center Librarian from Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library in Plattsburgh conducted the workshop, which included pointers on how to start writing, what style to use, what to include and not to include, and cover letters.

CONSULTANT VISITS

Lee Salzman, John Crager, Carol Bedore and Mary Hopkins from Headquar-
ters visited the Minerva Library in May to discuss various aspects of library services with Librarian Christine Lynn and the Minerva Library Board.

Lee Salzman and Carol Bedore from Headquarters visited Librarian Yvonne Fast at Adirondack Correctional Facility in Raybrook in May to assist her on several aspects of her library program.

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IN MEMORIAM

We note with sadness the death of Irving Mendelssohn, whose wife, Dorothy, is a System Board Trustee.

Mr. Mendelssohn was an attorney in St. Regis Falls for many years. He was active in many local organizations and also served as president of the Franklin County Bar Association.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Dorothy.

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**********REMINDER**********

THE DEADLINE FOR THE TRAILBLAZER NEWS FOR THE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ISSUE IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1984

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MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

AKWESASNE LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER

In April, a celebration was held on the Saint Regis Mohawk Reservation to commemorate the bicentennial year of the New York State Board of Regents. Minerva White (who was instrumental in the founding of the Akwesasne Library) was Chairman of the event.

Regent Laura B. Chodos; Gerald Freeborn, Commissioner of Elementary, Secondary and Continuing Education; and J. Francis O'Connor, Assistant Commissioner of Finance of SED began the day with a welcome from the three tribal chiefs, Larry Garrow, Lawrence Pyke and Allen Tarrance. The group visited several points of interest, including the Akwesasne Library and Cultural Center.

The day ended with a dinner held at the Mohawk School for approximately 120 invited guests. Special honors were given to several prominent Mohawk educators.
Mrs. Chodos presented a Resolution of Thanks to the St. Regis Community which was accepted by Chief Garrow. The resolution, in part, states:

"The New York State Board of Regents and Commissioner Gordon M. Ambach and the State Education Department are honored that the Chiefs and Members of the St. Regis Community have chosen to commemorate the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Board of Regents.

Long before 1784, the year of the founding of the Board of Regents, your forebears had formed a culture and a system for passing it on from one generation to the next. In this century, your Akwesasne Library and your Museum serve not only as repositories of information for your members but also preserve and record your history and your culture."

Regent Chodos closed by promising to help in the continued funding of the library and cultural center.

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The Library staff expresses sadness at the leaving of Dorothy Jacobs and Emily Tarbell:

They have both been employed by Mater Dei College and have been working with us the last few years.

We thank them for the many hours they have helped us and wish them both well. Dorothy is retiring and Emily is seeking employment elsewhere.

We shall miss their smiling faces, the two of them have truly been "friends of the library."

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ELIZABETHTOWN LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION

The centennial celebration of the Elizabethtown Library Association was held on Tuesday, June 26th, exactly 100 years from the date of the Library's original charter.

The celebration began with a luncheon at the Cobble Hill Inn. Nancy Dawson, President of the Elizabethtown Library's Board of Trustees and Richard W. Lawrence, Jr., also an Elizabethtown Trustee, welcomed the guests. The day's speakers were Keela Rogers, System Trustee and also President of the New York State Association of Library Boards; the Honorable Laura Bradley Chodos, New York State Regent for the Fourth Judicial District (who presented a certificate from the New York State Board of Regents honoring the Elizabethtown Library for 100 years of service) and Stanley A. Ransom, Director of the C-E-F System. William Carri, Secretary to the New York State Board of Regents, was also present.

Representatives from the System Member Libraries and Headquarters were present.

Librarian Sylvia Kurtenbach welcomed the public at an Open House following the luncheon. The original charter and several other documents were on display and there was also a beautiful centennial cake. Handsome commemorative pamphlets of the Library's history and bookmarks had been prepared for the celebration.

The Elizabethtown Library Association, and the many townspeople who worked so hard to make the occasion a success are to be congratulated - it was a lovely 100th Anniversary.

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KEESEVILLE FREE LIBRARY

Librarian Ann Garcia reports...

Keesville Free Library again kicked off its summer Reading Club with a full window display at the Keesville Elementary School. This year's theme is "Reading Olympics - Read for the Gold." The school children had many comments about our mannequin dressed in his bright red, white and blue track outfit - complete
with sweat band and full-size track hurdle! The Reading Club "runs" from the last day of school through the middle of August.

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The lower grades of the Elementary School are making their annual field trips to the Library during the month of June.

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The Library again has a display of watercolors by Anthony Cioppa. People say he keeps on getting better and better!

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We closed our story hour with the traditional reading of the Gingerbread Man and real "live" gingerbread men for the children.

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WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

Director Dave Minnich reports:

An educator in Argentina wrote to inquire about a local family. It seems that in the last quarter of the 19th Century, one of the family members went to Argentina and was instrumental in establishing a school in that country. The school is now celebrating its centenary, and the institution's officials wanted to contact a member of the American's family so involved with the school's history. Thanks to the retentive memory of our local citizenry, we were able to supply information to the individual in South America. That's an instance where we were able to benefit not only from an individual's age, but also from that wealth of memory. Of course, we used more than one source, also, including some published material.

This anecdote demonstrates how much we depend, not only on the written word, but also upon the helpfulness of those around us. In Library School, the axiom was that the Librarian had to know the community and its resources. What wasn't stated, but perhaps should have been, is that it is a wise librarian that appreciates the willingness of all of these people, whether they are contacted at their homes or in their offices, to provide this information. It's also a wise librarian that thanks the Creator for a position among people who are so willing to provide their knowledge and expertise.

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The Library's air-conditioning equipment is all but installed. It's awaiting a technical decision. Once that question is settled, the contractor will happily finish the job. The latter expects to have the system "up and running" (at least jogging) by the end of June.

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With the approach of summer, the Malone Evening Telegram was again kind enough to request the Director to write a promotional article about the Library for the Newspaper's "Summer Visitor." The item has been written and submitted. It may seem redundant, but it is surely worth noting that the local news media remain extremely cooperative in promoting our activities. Finally, it's worth remembering that reading is one pursuit that can be followed regardless of inclement weather, or even if the power is interrupted. There are always candles, and to quote a proverb: "It is always better to light a single candle than to curse the darkness."

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SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

The Saranac Lake Free Library's 1984 membership campaign has reached $9,620 as of June 19, according to Library Board President Henry Parnass. About 390 people have become members, he said.

The theme for the Membership Campaign is "Growing with the Information Age,"
with a goal of $15,000.

The funds will be used for library expenses, including salaries, utilities and purchase of books, magazines and supplies.

"Come to the Circus," the Fourteenth Annual Children's Art Show, opened Monday, May 14, in the Cantwell Community Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library, and included works by pre-first through fifth grade children from the Bloomingdale, Lake Clear, Lake Colby and Petrova Schools.

Mrs. Virginia Jakobe, special teacher of elementary art, who coordinated the exhibit, explained that the show is different from past shows because all works relate to one theme -- the circus.

Media included tempera, watercolor, crayon, scratch board, cut paper and felt.

Mrs. Jakobe is a graduate of Columbia University Teachers' College. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma International Honor Society for Women Educators.

This exhibit was the second event in the library's 1984 special membership series.

Children in the first through fourth grades at St. Bernard's School made over 60 posters depicting the Saranac Lake Free Library.

The project was coordinated by Mrs. Millie Wagner, art teacher at St. Bernard's. Mrs. Wagner reports that all the children were familiar with their town library, and responded enthusiastically in watercolor, crayon, and markers, showing inviting books, happy, helpful librarians and serious, young scholars using the library.

The children were from Mrs. Nason's first grade, Mrs. Zamoyta's second, Mrs. Baker's third, and Sister Brian Marie's fourth.

The posters were displayed in the window of 30 Broadway (next to the new Tandel Office Supplies) and in other locations around town.

The posters are also part of the library's 1984 membership campaign.

"Compass Points," an exhibit of 40 black and white and color photographs, by Barbara Parnass, opened in June in the Cantwell Community Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library.

The works range from landscapes in Southwest France to things seen and noted in Mexico, the South and Southwest and Northwest of the United States, along with the North Country.

Other highlights are six color photographs from an ongoing series of North Country shelters, "Boulder Living." Also included are several hand-colored photographs.

Parnass says the color photographs tend to portray nature, while the black and white photographs are "findings," observations of living as human beings.

She received her degree in photography from the Lake Placid School of Art.

In July she will participate in the I Love New York Invitational Photography Show at Plattsburgh State University, where she will show a series of handcolored images, "Covered Wagons of the 80's."

"Compass Points" is part of the library's special membership series.

Upcoming events in the 1984 campaign membership series are:
"Come to the Fair"
Friends of the Library Sale
Tuesday, August 7

"Nature's Images"
Chrys Dudbridge -- Cut-Paper and Drawings
Dickie Jenkins -- Watercolors
Monday, August 20 -- Friday, September 14

"A Natural History of the Adirondack Park"
Michael Storey, Slide Talk
Thursday, August 23, 8 p.m.

"A Century of Science"
Photographs of Trudeau Sanatorium and Trudeau Institute
Saturday, Sept. 15 -- Saturday, Oct. 13

Children's Story Hour
Every Thursday Morning at 10:30 a.m.

All programs and activities will take place in the
Cantwell Community Room
Saranac Lake Free Library

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PAINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY,
WILLSBORO

Librarian Janice Allen reminds us:

We are announcing the Second Old Time Folkcraft Fair on the Paine Memorial Library Lawn. The big event will take place rain or shine on Saturday, July 28, between 10 and 4.

This is a much awaited event, so come and join us as we celebrate all things done well by hand. Over 30 craft people are planning to come and share their crafts with our visitors. Last year the event was so large we had to move onto the school lawn. Plans are that we will be using both lawns again this year. Some of last year's favorites will be returning and are being joined by many new craft people.

Craft minded persons come and share with the visitors in a very informal way the crafts they like doing best. Some will only exhibit and tell about their crafts, while many others will have their crafts for sale. There will be a combination of exhibits, demonstrations and sales. Come browse around; remember this is a great opportunity to purchase those special gifts for the holidays.

Food will be available on the grounds during the fair. Wagon rides will also be available during the fair hours. In the event of rain, the fair will be held in the Willsboro School Gym, using the back entrance from the parking lot area.

Parking for the day will be available behind the school and the lot beside the library. There is no charge to view the crafts, only the sales of craft items and food.

Hope we will see you at the fair!

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GOFF-NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, TUPPER LAKE

The 12th Annual Art Exhibit sponsored by the Tupper Lake Chamber of Commerce will be held the week of July 22 to 29 at the Goff-Nelson Memorial Library's Community Room.

Area artists will be invited to display paintings, sculptures, photography and carvings.

Many exhibits at the show will be for sale.

A drawing is also being held at the library this summer, with a painting "View from Blue Mountain" by Louis Simmons as the prize. Tickets are $1 each and available at the library.

The drawing will be held September 14. Proceeds will benefit the library fund.

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newly renovated basement room at the library. The parties will be held on the following dates; Thursday, July 21; Thursday, August 23; and Thursday, September 13. Bridge will be featured, but if enough interest is shown in other games, they will be considered. Due to room size, the number of tables available is limited, so reserve early.

Reservations must be made by the table; the hostess at each table calls in the reservations, and is responsible for her guest with a $2.00 donation per person.

Light dessert refreshments will be served early, and playing will begin at 12:30, with a cutoff time of 4:30. One prize will be awarded for the highest scores at each table. For reservations call Mrs. Al Hauver, 963-4563, or Mrs. Nancy Huestis, 963-7151.

Come and see the new room and have a pleasant afternoon with old friends and meet new ones.

We are very proud of our new front steps here at the library. Our old steps were in very bad condition. The board then decided to have new granite steps installed; then weather conditions caused many delays. But we feel that the finished product is worth the wait.

The board is now hopeful that we will be able to complete the plantings near the front entrance this year. These are being planted in memory of Mrs. A. G. Paine by her daughter, Francisca Irwin.

Another new addition to our library decor consists of two beautiful new silk flower arrangements on the mantel. These were given by Mr. and Mrs. David Irwin.

THE WILMINGTON E. M. COOPER MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Wilmington Library held a special meeting on July 11 at the Wilmington Community Center, to plan how to improve Library Committees and also to recruit new members.

Adeline F. Jaques, President of the Library Board, was in Albany on June 25 to confer with John McAvin, Assistant in Public Library Services and R. Edwin Berry, Associate in Public Library Services. They discussed legal questions related to the formation of the library.

Stanley A. Ransom, Director
Mary S. Hopkins, Editor
SPECIAL FUNDING FLASH!

We are delighted to announce that Robert B. Parker, our speaker for the C-E-F Annual Meeting on August 6th, is being presented to you by C-E-F in cooperation with Poets & Writers, Inc. This program is made possible with support from Poets & Writers, Inc., which is funded by the Literature Program of the New York State Council on the Arts.

We are truly grateful to Poets & Writers, Inc., for their support, for it would be impossible to bring you these speakers of considerable fame without it. Last year their assistance enabled us to invite the children's author/artist, Peter Spier.

Libraries interested in obtaining support for their own local programs are urged to contact Poets & Writers, Inc. Brochures describing their program will be available for distribution at the Annual Meeting.
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STANLEY A. RANSOM
DIRECTOR

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THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING
TO BE HELD
AT THE HOWARD JOHNSON’S
CONFERENCE CENTER ON SARANAC
AVENUE, ROUTE 86, LAKE PLACID
(ACROSS FROM THE CENTER FOR
MUSIC DRAMA AND ART)
ON MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 1984
AT 12:30 P.M.

Robert B. Parker, popular novelist and mystery writer, will be the guest speaker. Mr. Parker is probably best known for his Spenser mysteries. Spenser is the tough, yet sensitive and literate, Boston private investigator, a modern successor of Sam Spade and Philip Marlowe, who has appeared in eleven top-notch mysteries, starting with the Godwulf Manuscript in 1973. The latest Spenser mystery, Valediction, was released earlier this year. Mr. Parker has also written other novels including Wilderness and Love and Glory.

Both Robert Parker and his Alter Ego, Spenser, possess the ability to deliver snappy, wildly funny, one-liners in rapid succession.

Come and meet Robert Parker from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Copies of many of his popular books will be for sale at a 20% discount. Mr. Parker has promised to autograph them for you!

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Price for the luncheon is $8.00, including tip and tax. Reservations, with checks made out to the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library, must be sent to Mary S. Hopkins, Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library, P.O. Box 570, Plattsburgh, N.Y. 12901 on or before July 30, 1984.

We expect a large crowd as this meeting is being opened to the public - so get your reservations in early while there is room for you!

NOTE: Cash Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Please return this reservation form to Mary S. Hopkins, Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library, at the above address on or before July 30, 1984.

I wish to make _____ reservation(s) for the Annual Meeting at Howard Johnson’s Conference Center in Lake Placid on August 6, 1984. Enclosed is a check for $8.00 for each person, made out to the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library.

Institution ____________________________ Address ____________________________

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Names of those attending ____________________________

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