FULL CIRCLE?

One nice thing about this country is that it brought together a lot of folks who might not have met otherwise. This made it possible for three Mohawk-Americans (the librarians from Akwesasne Library), a German-Irish-American (Carol Bedore) and an Irish-English-American (your editor) to be sitting in a Chinese restaurant in Canada, munching egg rolls and discussing Mohawk customs. The bad part of the American story is that we all know whose land it was first and how it was taken.

After lunch, we went to visit a stone church, built by missionaries in the late 18th century and named for St. John Francis Regis, a French Jesuit. Inside, though, it is really Kateri’s church. She stands on one side of the altar, a pretty young Indian woman, lovingly carved in wood - Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks, whose case for sainthood has passed through the preliminary stages in the canonization process of the Catholic church. Kateri is especially remembered for her commitment to love, peace and understanding.

Kateri was still a young woman when she died in 1680 at Caughnawaga, a Mohawk settlement near Montreal.

A group of Mohawks from Caughnawaga migrated up the St. Lawrence River and settled at Akwesasne (“where the partridge drums”) around 1756. The Mohawks wandered about freely in those days; apparently the concept of anyone “owning” land was ludicrous to them.

I have always thought of myself as a North Country native; the visit to Akwesasne made this seem a ridiculous conceit. Some of my forebears had landed at the port of Montreal, after a steerage trip across the Atlantic from the Auld Sod, and worked their way south, too. I doubt that they thought of themselves as part of the immigrant tide which dispossessed the Indians, having suffered a similar fate themselves in the British-dominated Ireland of that time, I imagine they would have been distressed to think of their quest for farmland and security in those terms.

The strange thing is that the Mohawk ways, though endangered, have survived over the centuries. The immigrant cultures probably will not fare as well. The Mohawk clans—and much of the political and social system—are still very much intact. The Mohawks are also preserving their
FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

This summer and fall have seemed to be the busiest in my ten years here at C-E-F Library System. Much of this is due to the success of our library Omnibus Bill, which has resulted in the need for additional Plans of Service and reports connected with the new services. We are particularly pleased to be involved in the NC 3 R's Automation Grant, the receipt of funds for public library construction, and the looked for receipt of funds to assist libraries and correctional facilities. We are also expanding our Outreach services to include new types of clientele, including those in our isolated areas.

One of the most exciting events was the award of bid to the Gersten- slager Co. for our new bookmobile. Our grateful thanks to the legislators of Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties, which are providing us with the funding over a three year period to enable us to purchase this new bookmobile, at a cost of $103,900.00. We have examined carefully the pros and cons of bookmobile service and have decided definitely that bookmobiles are the answer to the service to our 67 smaller communities in our area.

We need to have a large bookmobile to carry at least 3,500 books and other materials. While we can understand that many other Systems feel there are better ways to provide services to persons in outlying areas, we have found this to be our best solution. We have received many letters of thanks and appreciation from the patrons and our communities. They really appreciate the bookmobile. Thanks to the Clinton and Franklin County Legislators and the Board of Supervisors of Essex County, we are in a position to supply these persons with library services.

It will take approximately 6 months for the building of this bookmobile and we will be informing you later as to the time when the bookmobile will be presented to the library system and will make its maiden voyage around the three counties.

Stanley A. Ransom
Director
LIBRARY SERVICE SPACE AWARDS

At the Annual Meeting, the Lake Placid Public Library received a $100.00 Cash Grant from the C-E-F Library Board for their recent expansion of its service area. The first floor was expanded to provide more space for users, and the Librarian's office was moved to a new space, which was developed on the lower floor.

Inadvertently omitted from the awards at the Annual Meeting was an award which will be presented to the Paine Memorial Library for the expansion of its basement into a beautifully appointed children's room. My apologies to Librarian Janice Allen and the Paine Library Board of Trustees for thinking that we had already made this award. Congratulations to both libraries on the expansion of their space and on receiving the awards.

Stanley A. Ransom
Director

BLACK POETRY DAY

Thanks to the LSCA Title I Grant of $3,500 C-E-F Library System is spearheading the celebration on October 17th of Black Poetry Day. We will be sending posters, brochures, bibliographies and bookmarks through the public library systems to all public libraries in New York State. Please help us celebrate Black Poetry Day.

Noted poet, essayist and playwright June Jordan will be the speaker at the Black Poetry Day celebration which will be held at the Angell Center Ballroom, Plattsburgh State University College on October 17, at 7:30 P.M.

This program is sponsored by the C-E-F Library System and 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 and is also funded by the LSCA Title I Grant from the New York State Library.

We appreciate the cooperation and support of the many departments at PSUC, including: the Center for Lifelong Learning, the Department of English, the Akeba Student Organization and its advisor and the Feinberg Library, and also the Plattsburgh Air Force Base.

Stanley A. Ransom
Director

TRUSTEES IN THE NEWS

Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Board Trustee, Keela Rogers of Lake Placid, has been appointed to the New York State Education Department's Federal Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) Council.

The thirteen-member Council, appointed by the Board of Regents, advises on the development and evaluation of the statewide Library service program assisted by Federal funds.
In fiscal year 1983, the New York State Library, part of the State Education Department, received $7.3 million in LSCA funds for improvement and development of public library systems and services. Most of these Federal funds are administered by public library systems under grants made by the Education Department.

The Council is headed by Mr. Richard Panz, Director of the Finger Lakes Library System, Ithaca. The Council meets with Joseph F. Shubert, State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries, and staff of the Division of Library Development which administer the LSCA Program.

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Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Board Trustee John Martin of Schroon Lake has recently resigned. John had been a System Trustee since January of 1978. He will be greatly missed.

John and his wife, Georgiana (Librarian at the Schroon Lake Public Library) had expanded Library service within that community and brought it from a reading center to a full-fledged public library and System member.

Marion Bessette of Schroon Lake will be the new librarian at the Schroon Lake Public Library.

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Mary G. Leggett, trustee of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System, was selected by the New York State Library as one of the two delegates representing New York State to attend a nationwide conference in Madison, Wisconsin. The other delegate from New York was Librarian Sharon Nottingham of the Onondaga Library System, Syracuse.

This Frontiers Conference, August 19-23, co-sponsored by the Public Library Association (a division of the American Library Association) and the University of Wisconsin-Extension Communication Programs presented an intensive program on Marketing Public Libraries: New Strategies to delegates from Connecticut to Hawaii. Each delegate will now serve as a resource person for his/her respective region.

The principles of sound marketing precepts from planning, product, price, place and promotion were presented by speakers Charles Leonard, Public Relations Consultant; Judith Ross, Marketing Information and Assistant Product Manager at Verex, Inc., Julie Carroll Virgo, Vice President of the Carroll Group, a Management Consulting Firm. Delegates then met in small groups to brainstorm each concept.

"One important product of this conference will be a handbook on Marketing Your Public Library, scheduled to be published late this Winter," said Mrs. Leggett. "Participants will be notified of its availability and new conference schedules."

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The Essex County Board of Supervisors recently appointed Mr. Kenneth Dobbel of Schroon Lake to fill the position left vacant by the retirement of John Martin.

Ken Dobbel has held various senior management positions in finance and administration during his 23 years of business experience.
He is currently the Administrator and Chief Financial Officer for Word of Life Fellowship, Inc., in Schroon Lake, and prior positions include Corporate Controller for Ponderosa System, Inc., and Division Controller for Borden, Inc.

He and his wife, Phyllis, a registered nurse, and three children have been Schroon Lake residents for seven years. Their daughters, Karen and Karel, are graduates of Schroon Lake Central School and currently attend college. Their son, Michael, is in the tenth grade at Schroon Lake Central School.

He is also a current member of the Schroon Lake Public Library Board of Trustees, President of the Schroon Lake Chamber of Commerce, President of the Schroon Lake Central School Board and Past President of Schroon Lake Central School STAPUT (PTA).

Ken is a graduate of Baruch College (CUNY) with a degree in public accounting. He also served in the U.S. Army from 1962-65 with duties in Germany as an artillery surveyor and band master.

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The Clinton County Legislature has appointed Dennis Wild of Plattsburgh to fill the unexpired term of former C-E-F Trustee Paul Green, who resigned earlier this summer.

Dennis is a Vice President at the Champlain Valley Federal Savings and Loan in Plattsburgh.

Originally from Long Island, he has resided in Plattsburgh since 1967 and is a graduate of the State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

Dennis has also served on the Board of Directors of the North Country Girl Scout Council for the past eleven years. He is also Chair of the Finance Committee at St. Peter's Church and is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

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**LIBRARY TRUSTEE INSTITUTE**

Keela Rogers, President of the New York State Association of Library Boards (NYSALB) presided at the Library Trustee Institute, held in cooperation with the New York State Library, in Albany on September 21 and 22. This annual institute brings together new trustees from New York State public libraries with trustee experts and staff members from the New York State Library.

Both Keela Rogers and System Director, Stanley Ransom, were panelists in a program describing the new Outreach programs and services for libraries.
VELMA K. MOORE AWARD TO DR. ESTHER LOPATO

Public Library Trustees in New York State will confer their highest honor, the Velma K. Moore Award, upon Dr. Esther W. Lopato of Brooklyn, at the 91st Convention of the New York Library Association at the Concord Resort Hotel on Wednesday, October 24, 1984.

Dr. Lopato has a distinguished record of public library service, serving as a trustee of the Brooklyn Public Library since 1973. After two terms as vice-president, she was elected, in 1979, the first woman president of the Brooklyn Board.

As Reading is Fundamental (RIF) chairman for New York City schools for five years, Dr. Lopato developed an innovative pilot program establishing RIF clubs in eight branch libraries in the Brooklyn system. This proved so successful that, within a year, RIF clubs were established in all 58 branch libraries in Brooklyn.

On the state level, Dr. Lopato is an active Director and Past President of the New York State Association of Library Boards, a statewide trustee association of over 3,400 members.

Dr. Lopato was instrumental in establishing the New York State program for a Library Trustee Institute, a highly successful program now in its seventh year.

Keela Rogers, President of the New York State Association of Library Boards announced that the Board of Directors of the Trustee Association had voted to bestow the Velma K. Moore Award on Dr. Lopato in recognition of her dedicated service at the local, state, and national levels.

CONGRATULATIONS, ESTHER!

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JOHN CRAGER A RUNNER-UP FOR GOLDEN HAMMER AWARD

We thought you might like to know what our retirees are doing, from time to time.

Mechanix Illustrated confers a monthly Golden Hammer Award for excellence at various crafts. John Crager, who has just recently retired from the system, was a runner-up for the award in September and won a Golden Hammer tie bar with his entry, a Pine Slab Table.

CONGRATULATIONS, John!
The Board of Trustees of the Plattsburgh Public Library recently selected Richard Ward, formerly of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System, to succeed Leah Miaskoff as Director. Dick began his new job on September 10.

Dick was originally from St. Johnsbury, Vermont. He had been on the System Staff since 1966. He was Reference and Interlibrary Loan Librarian for most of that time, although he also served for a brief time as Bookmobile and Young Adult Librarian.

Dick has a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Vermont, a master's degree in history from Clark University in Massachusetts and a master's degree in library science from Rutgers University in New Jersey. He has long been active in local community affairs, including the Boy Scouts of America, the Masonic Order and the Clinton County Historical Society.

We all congratulate Dick on his new position and we are sure he'll do a marvelous job!

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MEMBER LIBRARY PROFILE VI: THE AKWESASNE LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER

Editor's Note: I would especially like to thank the staff of the Akwesasne Library, Director Margaret Jacobs and Librarians Beatrice Cole and Carol White, for the generous gift of their time on the day Carol Bedore and I travelled to their library. We stayed for hours and would have liked to have stayed even longer there was so much to see and so much information to absorb.

I would also especially like to thank Carol White for the use of a paper she had written on the history and development of the Akwesasne Library. It has been a major reference source for my article.

The Akwesasne Library, on the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation, is unique in several respects. The most obvious of these is that it was established by Mohawks and its services are designed to best meet the needs of the people of the Reservation, including their special cultural needs.

This library is at the center of things in the community. There has been a lot of talk in recent years about making libraries information centers offering all kinds of non-traditional services. The Akwasasne Library, at the hub of a cluster of tribal offices, has played an integral part in community activities since its inception.

Also, there is another circumstance in which Akwesasne's type of service differs from most other libraries: it serves patrons on both the American and Canadian sides of the border. Moving around the Reservation, the international border is little more than a formality; on some parts of the reservation it is designated only by inconspicuous stone markers. The library belongs not only to the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System but also to the Eastern Ontario Library System.

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Planning for the library began in 1969. Faculty from St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York met frequently with the Reservation Education Committee in the early stages; the University had already been involved with the Reservation through a tutorial program for Indian students.

There were many fund raising activities at the grass roots level: lacrosse games, rummage sales, dinners and speaking engagements at local churches. The word spread and contributions rolled in from individuals and even from large corporations.

The ground breaking was held in 1970, even though there were insufficient funds to complete the work. The labor was supplied by Indian men, working in the Operation Mainstream program (of the Office of Economic Opportunity).

While the construction was going on, staff members were being trained by Ann Russell, librarian at the St. Regis Mohawk School (Ann is also a member of the C-E-F Board of Trustees); Sandra Kukie, librarian at the Salmon River Central School and Alice Bero, from the Massena Public Library.

Books were donated from many individuals, from the Reservation and from outside. St. Lawrence University provided equipment and other basic library materials.

Finally, in 1971, "the first Indian library east of the Mississippi" was ready to serve the public, but several years of uncertain funding followed.

Along the way, the library received financial help from the National Indian Education Association in Minnesota and from a Library Services and Construction Act Grant, after it became a member of the C-E-F System. The Canadian Band Council donated the Library's first bookmobile (a renovated school bus) and the services of a driver.

In 1975, a campaign began to obtain funding from New York State; in 1979, a bill providing permanent funding was passed. It should be noted that a Mohawk community leader, Minerva White, was awarded a special Regents medal earlier this year for her contributions in the field of education. Among her accomplishments were her successful efforts in the establishment of the library; she did a great deal of lobbying in Albany and she was also the library's first director.

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The library has not only survived, but flourished. The interior of the building is lovely and the book collection is extensive. There are a large number of books from Canadian publishers; the librarians regularly go to Ottawa on book-buying expeditions.

The library also has a film collection; most of these films are from the National Film Board of Canada and deal primarily with Indian culture and history.

A large up-to-date vertical file provides students with current information for term papers. There is also a coupon file, filed in alphabetical order by product.

The library now has a modern bookmobile, donated by a local industry. Carol White drives the bookmobile and distributes the books; it's a one-woman operation. The bookmobile carries about 2300 volumes, including a special section for Indian books and visits the three Canadian schools on the Reservations during the school year. During the summer months the bookmobile travels around the entire Reservation, averaging about 125 miles per week.

In rooms adjoining the library there are a doctor's and dentist's office, a lab and a pharmacy. Patrons can come to the library (which also has a corner furnished with couches and chairs) while waiting for relatives who are receiving medical attention. There is a children's area for the kids, too.

The Library provides educational
Akwesasne Library and Cultural Center

THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE LIBRARY.

FROM LEFT, MARY HOPKINS, MARGARET JACOBS AND BEATRICE COLE, INSIDE THE LIBRARY.

A TEACHER FROM MATER DEI CONDUCTS A CLASS IN THE LIBRARY

THE AKWESASNE BOOKMOBILE.
IN THE MUSEUM—A BIRCH BARK CANOE AND PART OF THE BASKET DISPLAY.

INTERIOR TRIBES. TIONAL GAME OF THE MOHAWKS AND THE OTHER DISPLAY IN THE MUSEUM. LACROSSE IS THE NA. Lacrosse (in Mohawk, Tewarathon) Sticks On AN EARLY AGE.

MINIATURE FURNITURE AND TOYS. THE CHILDREN'S CORNER, EQUIPPED WITH ACKWESEANSE KIDS DISCOVER THE WORLD OF BOOKS AT
opportunities; faculty from area colleges teach classes there. Associate degree programs are available from Mater Dei College in Ogdensburg. Both four-year and graduate degree programs are available through St. Lawrence. In addition, high school equivalency courses are taught in the Community Center next door to the Library.

Mohawk language courses for adults are also taught at the library (at the Head Start building behind the library children learn Mohawk at an early age). The children learn the language at school and many of the elderly grew up with it, but the middle-aged group had been brought up speaking English.

There is a long list of other services and activities provided at the Library. I will only name a few here: Lamaze classes, Red Cross First Aid classes, A.A., Alanon and Alateen meetings, Indian craft classes, home nursing classes, a car repair clinic and a weight reducing program.

There is even a mini-post office.

The library publishes a newsletter, KA RI WEN HA WI ("bringing the news") which contains not only library and community news, but college course schedules, consumer and health information, notices of job openings and a variety of other types of information. It also provides a tie with home for the Mohawk who has left the Reservation.

The Museum is on the lower level of the building. The first thing one notices on entering is the fresh scent of sweet grass from the basket display. The basketmakers of Akwesasne are noted for the intricacy and variety of the work and these baskets are beautiful creations. The museum contains all sorts of other Mohawk artifacts - canoes, paintings, examples of dress and jewelry. There is too much to describe, one must see the museum to appreciate it.

So, there you have it — a library which keeps alive the history and traditions of the Mohawks while providing the people of the Reservation with current knowledge and preparing the young for the future - the best of all worlds under one roof.

Mary S. Hopkins

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HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

OUTREACH NEWS

C-E-F is now officially a Sublending Agency of the New York State Library for the Blind & Visually Handicapped. Our present quota of cassette and disc players has been received, as well as a selection of talking books in both formats. We have also begun making arrangements for local repair of talking book machines. We wish to stress that this service is available not only for individuals who are visually impaired, but also for those who have physical limitations due to long-term disability or short-term illness, and are unable to hold a book. For more information, contact our Outreach Department.

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On September 19th, Lee Salzman and Stanley Ransom attended a regional meeting for correctional facility librarians held at Adirondack Correctional Facility, Raybrook. This was an initial step in formulating plans to implement the State Aid for providing services to our facilities under the Library Omnibus Bill. Since C-E-F has been cooperating with several of our prisons for some time now, we look forward to planning on "where do we go from here?" rather than "where do we start?"
Lee Salzman was invited to address the Keeseville Women's Club at their September meeting concerning System services and how to use them. Many members of the audience were amazed at the range of services available through their local libraries and bookmobiles. Lee will be speaking to this group again in November.

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C-E-F has received approval to submit applications for the following LSCA grant projects for 1985:

Black Poetry Day
Job Information Center
Lending Library for Disabled Children
Library Trustee Regional Workshops
Literacy Volunteers
Public Relations Training
Rural Health Information Delivery
Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf

The beginning date for all of these projects is January 1, 1985.

Leona Salzman
Assistant Director/
Head of Outreach

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STAFF CHANGES

Rosemary Burdo has been promoted to the position of Senior Library Clerk in the Reference and Interlibrary Loan Department.

Elsie Parsey joined the C-E-F Staff in July. She is the new typist in the Outreach Department.

Tracey LaBarge also joined the staff this summer, as the new typist in the Acquisitions Department. She occupies the position vacated by Kathleen Robblee earlier this summer. We were sorry to see Kathleen leave, but are glad to welcome Elsie and Tracey.

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CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WALRUS *

The time has come, the Walrus said,
to talk most seriously
Of floppy discs, computer chips,
advanced technology
And what is waiting for us
at the host facility
We mustn't lag behind, you know
Libraries far and wide
Are hastening with their project
to join the merry ride
We don't know where we're going
so we'll ask the Gaylord Guide
"If seven clerks with seven wands
Barcoding day and night
Should code the patrons in as well
Oh what a gaily plight
Will the Corvus then consume
With one enormous byte?"

Carol G. Bedore
Head of Acquisitions

* with apologies to Lewis Carroll
We are happy to welcome Brook Hobson to the staff of the JEIC. Brook's
primary areas of responsibility will be to work more closely with our member
libraries and to establish regular contact with the correctional facilities in our
area which have yet to be served by the JEIC staff.

Brook brings to the center a background in English, having earned
her B.A. from the University of Vermont. While at UVM, she was twice the recipient
of the Benjamin Wainwright Prize for Poetry. In addition, Brook has had
experience in library operations while working in the Glen Rock (N.J.) Public
Library and for the Frank Cubley Library of Paul Smiths College.

Recently, Brook offered a resume writing workshop on September 20th
at Plattsburgh Public Library. She has also begun to offer monthly job
readiness workshops to pre-release inmates at both Adirondack Correctional
Facility and Gabriels Correctional. While open to suggestions for other
types of programs, Brook has given some thought to such programming areas as Career Exploration for Teens and possibly a How To Get Published Workshop for writers.

Please feel free to contact Brook at the Center (563-8370) if she can be of service to your library.

Kathie LaBombard
JEIC Librarian

was made possible with support from Poets & Writers, Inc., which is funded
by the Literature Program of the New York State Council on the Arts.

The Richard W. Lawrence Award
for outstanding contributions to Library
service in the North Country was
presented to Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Byrne
of Plattsburgh by Richard Lawrence,
who was the first president of the
System Board of Trustees and is now
President of the Bruce L. Crary
Foundation in Elizabethtown.

Wayne Byrne was on the System's
original Board of Trustees (he was
appointed to the Board in May, 1954
and retired from the Board in February
1970). Peg Byrne was a System
Trustee from June 1970 to December
1983. Both are past Presidents.

Certificates of Appreciation were
also presented to John Martin of
Schroon Lake, who recently retired
from the System Board of Trustees
and to John Crager, a recent retiree,
who had been employed by the System
for 18 years. Both were unable to attend the meeting.

A drawing was held for a $100.00 scholarship at this year's NYLA
Convention. The names were chosen from among those member librarians
who had attended all System workshops
during the past year. Congratulations
to Kathleen LeClair of Upper Jay,
who won again this year.

ANNUAL MEETING

The System's thirtieth Annual
Luncheon Meeting was held on August
6, 1984, at the Howard Johnson's
Conference Center in Lake Placid.
About 130 people attended.

The guest speaker was Robert B.
Parker, author of the popular "Spenser"
mysteries and other novels, who gave
a humorous talk on the perils of writing
for Hollywood. Mr. Parker's appearance

CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

A workshop, Conservation of
Printed Materials was held at C-E-F
Headquarters on September 25, 1984.

The speaker was Barbara E.
Kretzmann, Private Conservator
for the Rare Books Department of
Cornell University in Ithaca, New
York.

Mrs. Kretzmann discussed the
preservation and restoration of printed materials and also, bookbinding techniques. The last segment of the program was a discussion period with questions from the audience. Members of the audience had been asked to bring examples of materials needing restoration for demonstration purposes.

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

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NORTHERN ADIRONDACK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SUMMER SOCIAL

The Northern Adirondack Library Association held a summer social in Malone on August 21.

The day started with a business meeting at Wead Library in Malone, followed by a tour of the Library conducted by Wead Director, Dave Minnich.

The next stop was the Franklin House of History where the group viewed the Farmer Boy kitchen and Almanzo Wilder exhibit. (Laura Ingalls Wilder's husband, Almanzo, was raised in nearby Burke). There were also many other interesting objects and displays from the area's past.

The day was concluded with a visit to Ballard Mills, an Arts and Crafts Center in Malone.

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ELEANOR ROOSEVELT ON READING

October 11 is the centennial of the birth of Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of Franklin D. Roosevelt and a great social reformer in her own right. She was also an avid reader and supporter of libraries. Here are two quotes from her book Tomorrow is Now. (Harper, 1963):

"The reading of books should be a constant voyage of exploration, of adventure, of excitement. The habit of reading is man's bulwark against loneliness, his window opening on life, his unending delight. It is also an open door onto all the paths of knowledge and experience and beauty. But it should never be a chore. Reading should be an experience or it is nothing. As Robert Louis Stevenson said, "To miss the joy is to miss all."

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"Democracy and ignorance do not go together. The good citizen is an informed citizen. It is not enough to love democracy and to believe in it. The citizen has to understand it, to be familiar with his institutions and with his history. He has to be able to read—and think for himself about what he reads."

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CLASSIFIEDS

Does anyone have a card catalog which is no longer needed?

The new library being started in Ft. Covington needs a small card catalog. Contact System Director Stanley Ransom

(518) 561-5190

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If you've ever received a request for books on birds of the Adirondacks, plants of the Adirondacks, or animals of the Adirondacks, here is a new book that puts together, in a readable narrative, comprehensive information on every kind of wildlife found within the Adirondack Park. Besides an excellent and informative text, it is enhanced by outstanding illustrations in both color and black and white by artist Ann Long. I believe this book will become absolutely essential to any collections of books on our local area and should be purchased by every library in the North Country.

ATLAS OF LAKE CHAMPLAIN: 1779-1780 by William Chambers, with an introductory essay by J. Kevin Graffagnino. Vermont Heritage Press and Vermont Historical Society, 1894. $45.00

Despite the high price this beautiful, large sized atlas ought to be purchased by every library in the Champlain Valley. Captain William Chambers of the British Navy was in charge of that country's ships on Lake Champlain during the latter part of the American Revolution. Finding there were no accurate charts of Lake Champlain he directed his men in doing a detailed survey of Lake Champlain and from this produced a large atlas of detailed maps. Only two copies are known to have been produced of the original, one of which is in England and one at the Vermont Historical Society Library. Kevin Graffagnino of the University of Vermont has published the historically significant and artistically drawn atlas with an introduction of thirty pages explaining the maps and placing them in historical perspective. Copies may be obtained through William T. Parkinson, Rural Route #1, Box 110-D, Shelburne, Vermont, 05482, at the reduced price of $45.00. If your budget is small perhaps you can find some historical minded patron to donate a copy — in any case, this outstanding book belongs in all libraries in the Valley.


Another good town history with lots of information about the ordinary people as well as genealogical information about their families. We learn that St. Regis Falls in earlier times had quite a bit of industry, now mostly gone, and Mrs. Trim tells a lot about it. She also gives interesting stories of the life of the people in this Adirondack foothills village. An excellent addition to the many recent local histories of our region.

Richard W. Ward


This book contains the results of interviews with a number of Clinton County Senior Citizens. Most of the 56 articles are two or three pages long and the longest is only about seven pages. There is great variety in the reminiscences. A centenarian remembers the Plattsburgh of 100 years ago. A man from Mooers Forks talks about his mother's collie-powered (dog treadle) washing machine. A bootlegger from Rouses Point recalls the tricks of his former trade. All in all, this book provides a very human look at a bygone age.

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This small paperbound book contains a large number of short articles on interesting and, often forgotten happenings in the history of Essex County.

Among the items mentioned are an attempted stage coach hold-up on the road between Westport and Elizabethtown in 1895 and the sighting of a large alligator (Champy?) on the shores of Lake Champlain near Cheever.

Mary S. Hopkins

******************************************REMINDER******************************
THE DEADLINE FOR THE TRAILBLAZER NEWS FOR THE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ISSUE IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1984
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MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

AKWESASNE LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER

From the KA RI WEN HA WI Newsletter:

Maurice Kenny, a poet of Mohawk decent, gave a reading of his poetry at the Akwesasne Library on July 18, 1984. The program was sponsored by the Akwesasne Museum.

The author read selections from his works to an audience of about thirty people from Akwesasne and surrounding communities.

The library thanks each of these generous donors.

The Library Staff also wishes to thank two people who are regularly donating to the library — Elizabeth Tarbell for her seemingly endless supply of paperbacks and Janice Tarbell Tallett for books and also for her holiday crocheted crafts for children (she also donates to the Head Start Program)

The Akwesasne Library was the recipient of a large number of books which were donated by the River Rover Chapter of Watertown, New York, of the National Hikers and Campers Association.
When the books arrived on August 14th, the library staff was happy to meet Bill Schwauber, President of River Rover Chapter; Bob Arquitt, District Conservation Chairman, member of River Rover Chapter; and Marion LaRue, Ogdensburg, member of RRC. Also present was Chief Lawrence Pyke to accept the books on behalf of the community.

These books came from a bookstore which had closed and the River Rover Chapter graciously delivered them to the Akwesasne Library. The Library received such a large number that they were shared with the town of Fort Covington. Fort Covington is in the process of starting its own library and museum. Mrs. Carleen Burditt, Fort Covington Historian, came to collect the books.

Our library started with the books donated to us from very generous people and we wish the community of Fort Covington success in their new library.

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CHAZY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Twenty-six youngsters were awarded books and Reading Achievement certificates at a party marking the end of Summer Reading Program, sponsored by the Chazy Friends of the Library.

Each participant read a minimum of five books at his or her grade level and submitted a brief report to librarian Helen Sweet. The theme was "Shuttle to the Stars."

Assisting Mrs. Sweet were Friends members Emily Castine, Josie Langevin and Charlotte Daley.

Awarded certificates were Susan Sweet, Debbie Knapp, Leigh Ann Dragoon, Rosa Bond, Tammy Pace, Yoanna Maitre, Trisha Dubanovich, Kathy Costella, Mimi Starr, Heidi Hamelin, Amanda Brombery, David Hofer, Keith Bechard, Scott Bechard, Chris Gondek, Jason Fleurey, Ben Margerum, Michael Randy, Matthew Randy, Curtis Gore, Benjamin Maitre, Sean Dubanovich, Shane Hamlin and Ben Starr.

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LAKE PLACID PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Public was invited to see improvements at the 100-year old Lake Placid Library at an open house Wednesday, August 22.

Improvements in the library's centennial year were made with money raised in a community-wide fund drive.

Although costs have gone beyond the $15,000 announced by the trustees last December, according to the board president Mrs. Robert Madden, they are pleased with the response they've had and will continue the appeal through the end of the year.

As a final project, the Board would like to assemble a centennial publication to bring the library's history up-to-date. "We would have something to mark this milestone in the library's continuing service to the people of Lake Placid," said librarian Therese Patnode.

The building remains much as it was when first constructed on Main Street. This spring, stack space and the seating area overlooking the lake on the main level were expanded by moving the former office to the lowest floor. Part of that level has been finished off for the librarian's work space. The middle level will continue to be used for the children's book section and a research and reading room.

The Open House also celebrated the establishment of the Melvil Dewey Collection, which is housed in a glass case in the library.

Melvil Dewey devised the Dewey Decimal System of library classification and was a founder of the American Library Association. He also founded the Lake Placid Club.

Much of the Dewey Collection, including papers and historical documents, was donated by Deo B. Colburn, a long-time associate of Dewey. Mr. Colburn attended the open house. System Board trustee,
Mary Leggett, had also donated some letters which Dewey had written to her father, Judge Ernest Gordon of Plattsburgh.

System Director Stanley Ransom, Richard Ward, Carol Bedore and Mary Hopkins from Headquarters also attended this open house.

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WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

Director Dave Minnich Reports:

This summer has been an excellent one to demonstrate the "need" for air-conditioning in public buildings. The Wead Library building's main floor—the reading rooms, stack rooms, and the Director's office/workroom are now air-conditioned. All the units have been fully operational since mid-July, and with the extreme humidity encountered this summer season, they were appreciated by both the library's patrons and staff, although the process of installation was a bit noisy. Masonry can't be cut like soft butter.

This summer, like many past summers, since Alex Haley's comet found its ROOTS, has been one in which we've been visited by many genealogists, from many places, either in person, or through correspondence—from Santa Barbara, California, to Montreal, and many places in-between. Speaking of visits, on August 21, we hosted a meeting of the Northern Adirondack Library Association. The members present were favorably impressed with the library building, its atmosphere, its collection, its history, and its Director's knowledge about most of the former. They were quite kind, not to remind him that, after more than a quarter century of dealing with such matters, he really ought to be familiar with them.

This seemed to be the summer when our patrons wanted addresses, or other very specific information. Of course, it's easier to locate that type of answer than to locate the answer to the query as to which came first: the chicken or the egg. It's no trouble to put the cart before the horse, in that instance. One patron was quite surprised that there were a variety of interpretations of dreams. We didn't recommend Freud; maybe that was a slip.

In August, the Director was a guest on WICY's "Forum," and conversed with Monte Coughlin about various aspects of services offered by the Wead Library, which is a good lead-in to the fact that, as in the past, the local news outlets have been most helpful in promoting our activities, for which we are duly thankful.

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MOOERS FREE LIBRARY

Mooers Free Library regrets to report the death, September 2, 1984, of a longtime Trustee of its library, Jean W. Stewart died suddenly in her Hyde Park apartment. A memorial fund in her memory has been established at Mooers Library.

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SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

Adirondack songs were featured Thursday evening, July 5, in the Cantwell Community Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library. Robin Schade, the New York Troubadour, presented "I Love New York and I Sing About It." Adirondack songs included "The Adirondack Railway" (which Schade wrote when the line was restored), "Bert LaFountain's Packard," "Adirondack Lady," and "Chester Gillette and Grace 'BILLY' Brown."

Mr. Schade, who performs with the 5-string banjo and guitar, has presented his songfest for state legislative receptions, at the Empire State Plaza, at the New York State
Fair, and at the 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, where he was a performing artist in the National Fine Arts Program.

"Nature’s Images," an art exhibit featuring works by local artist, Chrys Dudbridge and Dickie Jenkins, opened August 13, in the Cantwell Community Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library.

Corey’s resident, Chrys Dudbridge, included over 20 works in pen and ink with watercolor, prisma color pencil, and cut paper.

Over 20 works by Dickie Jenkins depicted flowers painted around the area where Mrs. Jenkins lives on Upper Saranac.

The show was part of the library’s special membership series. The theme for the 1984 Membership Campaign is Growing with the Information Age.

Are the rocks of the Adirondack Mountains the oldest in North America? Will wolves or moose ever be able to return here? Why is acid precipitation so devastating to the Park? These, and many other questions, were answered in a 45 minute slide program, "A Natural History of the Adirondack Park," presented by Mike Storey, on August 23, at 8:00 P.M. in the Cantwell Community Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library.

Starting with the geologic background, glaciation and forest development, the series wove the natural and historical aspects of the region into a comprehensive and comprehensible picture of how the area came to be, what we can now experience, and what changes may await us in the future.

The program was presented without charge as part of the Library’s special membership series.

Reminder letters for donations have been sent out by the Saranac Lake Free Library as it continues its 1984 membership campaign.

According to campaign chairman Mrs. Jeanne DeMattos the drive had taken in over $13,600 to date and should reach its $15,000 goal.

About 20 percent of the total receipts from membership thus far have come from out of the area.

Membership funds assist with a variety of library expenditures, including salaries, utilities, and purchase of books, magazines and supplies.

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PAINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY
WILLSBORO

Librarian Janice Allen reports:

The Board of Trustees of the Paine Memorial Free Library held their Annual Library Association meeting on Thursday, August 16th. The scheduled meeting was from 1:30 to 2:30; the rest of the meeting was an open house with several exhibits.

We now have a new supply of the magazine "Adirondack Bits & Pieces" for sale. This is a fairly new publication. The cost is $2.95 per issue.

We wish to extend our thanks to all the Campbell’s label savers. Your devotion is most rewarding and has us well into this year’s goal. We have received large donations all summer and will continue to save through to next spring. Keep them coming, as we will be using them to redeem some special toys for the basement area, where we have the children’s program.
Cartoonist Sid Couchey's unique works of art have graced many local homes over these past few years. We here at the Paine Memorial Library felt it was time to put some of these privately owned rare gems on public exhibition and our request for owners to share Sid's work was truly rewarding. His works were exhibited at the Library July 26 through August 2.

Mr. Couchey was also a featured guest at the Old Time Folkcraft Fair on, July 28.

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Summer book circulation was heavy for both adults and the children. We had a wonderful response to the Summer Reading Program, as the enrollment in this program has reached an all-time high. The nature study classes and the quilting classes were filled to capacity.

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On August 3, guest lecturer Eric Smith of Marquette, Michigan presented a slide talk, entitled "Isle Royale Shipwrecks."

Eric is the son of the Rev. & Mrs. Robert Smith, who have vacation on Willsboro Point for over 30 years.

The wrecks highlighted on the slide presentation date back to 1884 and call attention to one of the most important periods of Great Lakes maritime history. In addition to the underwater photographs there are pictures of each vessel sailing prior to their tragic loss along the coast of what is now Isle Royale National Park.

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Patricia Reynolds, of East Side Studio on Willsboro, exhibited her water colors the week of August 6-11. In conjunction with the week-long exhibit, Ms. Reynolds opened her studio.

Ms. Reynolds' work is known and appreciated around the world. Her work has been exhibited in all sections of the United States, in Canada and many European countries. She featured many of her award winning watercolors at this exhibit.

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Artist John Hunt exhibited his work at Paine Memorial Library on the week of August 20-25.

John Legus Hunt was born in Elizabethtown, New York, and reared in Cambridge, New York and Flushing, Long Island. John and his wife now spend most of the summer months in Westport, New York.

His works are in private collections in various areas of New York, Vermont, and Florida and have exhibited in art shows. Mr. Hunt has also had a number of one-man exhibits.

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The Library's closing exhibit for the summer Art Exhibit series features the work of Evelyn Bender of Westport, New York. The exhibit ran from August 27-31.

The artist paints realistically in landscape and still life, but portraiture is her greatest interest.

Her work has been exhibited in many area galleries, and she has also had many special exhibits.

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The Paine Memorial Library concluded its summer lecture series with an outstanding slide presentation by Betsy McCamic Tisdale. Her presentation, entitled "The Bouquet River" was shown on Wednesday, August 15, in the Library's main room.

She has over the last twelve years captured the river in all its seasonal changes, gone to its very source and followed it into Lake Champlain. She shows the wildflowers, and wildlife along the river corridor, its commercial and recreational use, and it also includes some of its present day problems.
Betsy McCamic Tisdale also conducted four evening workshops this summer. Subjects that were covered were hiking with a camera and children, Adirondack wildflowers, travel photography, making an album of your favorite subjects.

Betsy's work has appeared in several Adirondack publications, including Adirondack Life.

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WILMINGTON E.M. COOPER MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Librarian Adeline Jaques reports:

How to get involvement was the aim of the Wilmington Library during the month of August! The children came first so two important events took place. For the first, on August 15, High Falls Gorge hosted a tour of the magnificent falls which was then followed by a picnic.

Most of the children had never seen one of the most scenic views in the Northeast so they were thrilled.

Ages ranged from five years of age to eighty-six providing that age is all in the mind.

Then on August 23, the 5th annual party was held at Santa's Workshop. Thirty-three attended and enjoyed the rides and the animals. The picnic was held at Mother Hubbard's.

The highlight of the week of August 25-September 1, was its title "LIBRARY WEEK." On August 25, a food and book sale was held. The food sale, under the direction of Andrea Lawrence, amounted to $204.00. Then, all during the week a house to house canvass was made for donations. As the money is being counted, the Board of Trustees is proud to announce about $600.00 was raised. As Emerson so aptly said: "Nothing succeeds like success," so the Wilmington Library feels proud of its accomplishments.

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Stanley A. Ransom, Director
Mary S. Hopkins, Editor
LAKE CHAMPLAIN
FOLKLORE STUDY

The C-E-F Library System has received a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts for a study of the Maritime Folk Culture of Lake Champlain. Dr. L Sheldon Posen, Folklore Consultant for this project, welcomes any information concerning stories, songs, skills, crafts and traditions which have developed in Lake Champlain communities.

If you have information to share please contact Dr. Posen at System Headquarters, (518) 563-5190 — or notify your local Member Library of the C-E-F System.