November/December 1985

Once again it is the holiday season and 1985 is almost over.

I would like to thank all the C-E-F Staff who helped at the various stages of the Trailblazer's production (typing, reproduction, assembly and mailing) during the year:

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I would also like to thank Dick Ward, Director of Plattsburgh Public Library for providing me with local newspaper clippings and helping me with research for our Member Library Profiles.

Director Stan Ransom recently brought a book to my attention—Holiday Tales: Christmas in the Adirondacks by W.H.H. ("Adirondack") Murray. Murray's books, published during the latter half of the nineteenth century, did much to popularize the Adirondacks.

This quote is from the story, "John Norton's Vagabond."

"Ah, friends, dear friends, as years go on and heads get gray — how fast the guests do go! Touch hands, touch hands with those that stay. Strong hands to weak, old hands to young, around the Christmas board, touch hands. The false forget, the foe forgive, for every guest will go and every fire burn low and cabin empty stand. Forget, forgive, for who may say that Christmas day may ever come to host or guest again. Touch hands."

MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HANUKKAH AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Mary Shaw Hopkins  
Editor
FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The New York State Association of Library Boards (NYSALB) will be meeting on December 7-8 in New York City prior to the NYLA Conference. We are pleased at the good work this dedicated group has done to promote library legislation, and especially to emphasize the great need for public library construction funds. We hope the legislators and the Governor will support this important legislation this fall.

NYSALB also sponsors jointly with the State Library the annual Library Trustee Institute held in September in Albany.

This is a "must" for new trustees and an important avenue of continuing education for more experienced trustees.

We are especially proud of the fine job done by Keela Rogers, President of NYSALB and a C-E-F Library Board member, during this past year. Keela also brought the current needs of our New York State libraries to the attention of the Board of Regents.

Stanley A. Ransom
Director

The NYSALB Song

There's a dedicated group
Of men and women in New York
Whose promotions and endeavors we acclaim.
Throughout the year, across the land
You will find this happy band
Promoting libraries, and NYSALB is their name.

CHORUS: They provide information,
And work for legislation
And give out recognition awards.
They're the best association
Of trustees in the nation
And they represent our library boards.

Now they recognize the need
For educating every board
So they hold an institute for our trustees.
For N-Y-S-A-L-B
Serves boards in each community
And helps them do their jobs with expertise.

CHORUS:

Now let us thank the NYSALB Board
For all the work that they have done
Which will help our New York State Communities.
Every service that's improved
And every budget that is won
Is a credit to this band of trustees.

CHORUS:

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On October 17, 1985, Black Poetry Day was celebrated in New York State, thanks to a Library Services and Construction Act Title I grant. Posters, designed by Rick Salzman, flyers and bookmarks were distributed to over 700 public libraries, along with a comprehensive 14-page bibliography on Black poetry prepared by Mary S. Hopkins, Trailblazer editor. We appreciated the cooperation of System Library Directors in distributing these materials.

Gwendolyn Brooks, 1950 Pulitzer prize winner and Poet Laureate of Illinois, spoke and read her poetry to an inspired and enthusiastic audience of 225 at Plattsburgh State University College. Earlier in the day she had addressed a group of 100 inmates at Clinton Correctional Facility.

Linda Cousins, Brooklyn poet, editor and publisher, read her poetry on October 16 at a program at Saranac Lake Free Library. Her talk was well received.

Bernard Finney, State Library consultant for the Black Poetry Day project, talked to groups of children at the Broad Street and Oak Street Elementary Schools and at the Plattsburgh Middle School. Linda Cousins and Bernard Finney met with Black college students, members of the student groups Akeba and El Pueblo, and Mr. Finney also presented a poetry program at the Plattsburgh Air Force Base Library.

The appearance of Ms. Brooks and Ms. Cousins was supported in part by a grant from Poets & Writers, Inc. which is supported by the Literature Program of the New York State Council on the Arts.

We were pleased that Governor Mario Cuomo and the mayors of New York City, Albany, Utica, Schenectady, Huntington and Plattsmouth all officially proclaimed October 17th, 1985, as Black Poetry Day.

Congressman Major Owens introduced H. J. Resolution 405 to designate October 17th as Black Poetry Day in the House of Representatives.

The Black Poetry Day Committee, 1985, consisted of Stanley Ransom, Leona Salzman and Mary Hopkins of the C-E-F staff and Pat Francis and Alexis Levitin of the PSUC English Department; Bernard Finney, State Library Consultant; David Murchison, Equal Opportunity Program and Vivian Papson, Director, Upward Bound Program—both from PSUC; Rose Paye of Akeba, Airman Wanda Banks and Edward Ruddy, Librarian—both from Plattsburgh Air Force Base. We appreciate the work of the Black Poetry Day Committee, the organizations they represent, and all others who contributed to the success of Black Poetry Day, 1985.

Stanley A. Ransom
Dinner With the Poet
at Plattsburgh

(to Gwendolyn Brooks)

an unassuming fare
for her:

roast duck—crisply crisp
patiently awaited
  no salad
  no hors d'oeuvres
  no alcohol
  (not even the pretty pink
daquiri
  with whips of whipped cream
  and a courageous cherry
  perched precariously atop)

the elegant restaurant
overlooking a placid
    Plattsburgh river
a dinner in honor
    of the peaceful poet
    of gentle power
the pretentious-less Poet
    of persistent, prodding
    presence--
    quite positive

an illustrious company
in her honor here
yet the peaceful poet
    of gentle power
speaks not erudition
but wayshowing words
    of edifying elder—encouragement
to the shy golden children
across the table
    to the bright young boy
    with long-lashed downcast
    eyes
    and to the small girl
    who reveals that she creatively
    savors short stories
    in her soul

the children
taste the sweetness
of a poet/Spirit
at this dinner table
in Plattsburgh
and smile love
their young eyes
film
nourishing memories
to grow and travel
with them
through their to-be
years.

she radiates
a Life and a love
a living
and a loving
that particular way
this poet
in Plattsburgh
for a Black Poetry Day

amtrak-arrived
a mother-poet
of our poets
a decades-daughter here

yet for her
an unassuming fare:

roast duck—crisply crisp

no salad
no alcohol

just the children
here

and a peaceful river
over there

and the elder Poet
of our poets
the mother-Poet
of our poets
for Black Poetry Day
in Plattsburgh.

---Linda Cousins
Nov. 1, 1985

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ROBERT H. ("BOB") HARNDEN RETIRES
AFTER 30 YEARS AT C-E-F

Bob Harnden, C-E-F's first bookmobile driver will retire on December 30, 1985, after 30 years of dedicated service to the System.

Bob began working at C-E-F on August 22, 1955. At that time the System was still in its infancy and Bob was involved in planning bookmobile routes and developing what was then a pioneer service in the North Country.

Bob has many interesting stories to recount and has written an article, "Parnassus on Wheels," a lively account of his years on the bookmobile.

We are glad that Bob will now have more time to devote to his golf game, but we are sorry to see him go. C-E-F just won't be the same without him.

Bob Harnden at the wheel of Bookmobile B
JOYCE MEAGHER SELECTED AS 1985 RECIPIENT OF THE L. MARION MOSHER/ASA WYNKOOP AWARD

Joyce Meagher, Director of the Saranac Lake Free Library, has been selected as the 1985 recipient of the L. Marion Mosher/Asa Wynkoop Award for Distinguished Librarianship.

This award is given annually to honor a librarian in New York State who has given distinguished service in a community of 7,500 or less. Nominees were judged on such merits as quality of service, improvement of service, self-education and professional growth.

Joyce will receive the award at the December New York State Library Association Conference in New York City.

Congratulations, Joyce! We at System know what a splendid job you have done over the years. Saranac Lake Free Library is a beautiful library and a focal point of the community.

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ICE EXHIBITION GRANT

The New York State Council on the Arts has just notified C-E-F of the award of a grant to continue the exploration of ice ways.

The Lake Champlain Ice Ways Exhibit and Catalog, under of the direction of Dr. Sheldon Posen, will be funded in the amount of $18,000. This will provide for an exhibit of ice fishing, ice recreation and ice activities materials at the Clinton County Historical Museum in the late fall of 1986 and spring of 1987. Dr. Posen is now actively soliciting the loan of ice implements, skates, ice fishing gear, photos, diaries and any other pertinent materials for use in the exhibit. An illustrated catalog will also be issued.

Stanley A. Ransom

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MARKETING GRANT

C-E-F Library System has just received notice of the award of $25,000 from the New York State Council on the Arts to hold a series of marketing training workshops. With the cooperation of Nancy Church at the School of Business at Plattsburgh State University College and Gordon De Vries, director of the college's Technical Assistance Center, C-E-F will hold 5 marketing workshops for 50 representatives of nonprofit cultural and educational organizations in the C-E-F area. Topics to be covered include demographics, investigative media alternatives, developing a marketing program and implementing and evaluating the marketing program.

Included in the grant is funding for creating and distributing a training manual on marketing techniques for the small to medium sized cultural nonprofit organization, including libraries, museums and arts organizations.

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Professional evaluation of the marketing training program will be included from the beginning.

According to a NYSCA representative, the C-E-F Library System application was one of 5 projects chosen out of a field of 27 entries. The Council was interested in the relationship of the C-E-F Library System with other cultural organizations in our rural area. The representative also noted that C-E-F had a "good track record" and a "really smart application." Needless to say, the application and the planning involved a number of persons who did a fine job and who are now looking forward to the workshops and further cooperation with local cultural and educational organizations.

Stanley A. Ransom

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TRUSTEES IN THE NEWS

The Essex County Board of Supervisors recently appointed William Johnston of Westport to the C-E-F Board of Trustees.

William Johnston has been the Essex County Planner since 1974.

He is president and treasurer of the Housing Assistance Program of Essex County, Inc.; president of the Lee House Development Corporation, Inc.; and secretary of the Mountain and Valley In-Home Services, Inc.

Mr. Johnston is also treasurer of the Westport Library Association.

Mr. Johnston received his B.A. in English, from Union College in 1965. He was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Tanzania, East Africa, 1965 - 1967. He received his M.S. in City and Regional Planning from Pratt Institute in 1971 and went on to Advanced Studies in City and Regional Planning at the University of Pennsylvania, 1973 - 1974.

Mr. Johnston and his wife, Meredith, an art teacher and potter, have two children, Nicholas and Katharine.

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HOPKINS AND BEDORE REPORT ON THE FALL LITERARY CONFERENCE
AT ADIRONDACK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

On October 26th, we attended the Annual Fall Literary Conference at Adirondack Community College. We've attended several literary conferences at ACC and have found them to be truly rewarding experiences.

The conferences are hosted by Jean Rikhoff of ACC’s English department and were also sponsored by Expressions Literary Magazine and the Friends of Crandall Library. Ms. Rikhoff herself is a noted Adirondack author.

Guest speakers covered several genres and different aspects of getting a book published.
Paul Pines spoke on Mystery/Detective writing. He is the author of The Tin Angel, a mystery set in New York's East Village. Mr. Pines maintained that the elements of a good mystery can be found in many other types of writing, including the Greek Myths, that a good mystery contains more than a "whodunit" plot. He believes the great mysteries qualify as serious literature in their character development and exploration of universal themes. In his opinion, Dashiell Hammett's Maltese Falcon ranked in importance with anything Hemingway did.

He recommended Ross Mac Donald's book on crime writing to all aspiring mystery authors.

Charles Rothman spoke on Science Fiction writing - both magazine stories and novels. He discussed the difficulty of creating something new and original in this genre and warned the audience not to look to Sci-Fi movies for inspiration as they are always outdated in comparison to Science Fiction writing. Science Fiction writers face the added difficulty of having to create an entire new world, but that world must be a logical one.

Howard Rayfield spoke on writing screenplays. He worked for Desilu Studios for many years and has written for such TV programs as "The Odd Couple" and "The Wild, Wild West." He is now a consultant at Paramount.

Fran Weaver spoke on writing book proposals. Knowing how to write a 35 - 70 page book proposal, containing an outline and examples of chapters is a must for those who wish to publish non-fiction books.

Denise Marcil, a literary agent, spoke on how to get an agent and the agent/author relationship.

We also viewed a film of the Writers' Conference at Santa Barbara, California, which was hosted by Barnaby Conrad and included such literary luminaries as Ray Bradbury. With swimming pools and cocktails it was all very, well..."California."

It was a great day and we learned a lot. We would also like to commend ACC's Cooking Club who prepared lunch - we certainly chowed down in style (and I'm afraid quantity).

Mary Hopkins
and
Carol Bedore

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MEMBER LIBRARY PROFILE XII: PAINE MEMORIAL FREE LIBRARY, WILLSBORO

Editor's Note: I would like to thank Librarian Janice Allen for her help in writing this article. In addition to talking with me about the Library, she supplied me with several reference sources which I have drawn upon heavily: an August, 1931 article on the Paine Library from New York Libraries magazine; an article, "Big Things in Small Packages," by Janice Allen, which appeared in CLIC Quarterly in March, 1984 and the 50th Anniversary Celebration pamphlet produced by the Paine Memorial Free Library in 1980.
The Paine Memorial Free Library was a gift to the community of Willsboro from Augustus G. Paine, Jr., in memory of his parents, Augustus G. Paine and Charlotte M. Paine. Augustus Paine, Sr. had been the owner of the New York Penn Company Paper Mill, a leading local industry.

The site of the library, which was built in 1929, is near the banks of the Bouquet River (the North Country pronunciation is Bo kwet). A few feet away from the Library is the spot where British General John ("Gentleman Johnny") Burgoyne camped in June of 1777 and made a treaty with nearby Indian tribes to enlist their aid in fighting the American Revolutionaries.

Augustus Paine, Jr. wished to provide a library which would not be a burden to the small community—the building was to be debt-free, completely furnished and fireproof. The library opened with a starter collection of 5,000 volumes. A generous trust fund was established to ensure the continued operation and growth after Mr. Paine's death.

The library association was also formed in 1929 and the library building was officially turned over to the community. Mr. Paine was a member of the first Board of Trustees.

The library was granted its charter by the New York State Education Department on January 16, 1930.

The final step in readying the library for the public was collection development, which was done under the direction of two librarians from the Brooklyn Public Library, along with Marion Mason of nearby Essex. The library was dedicated in August of 1930.

The "pioneer" librarian, Marion Mason ran the library single-handedly for over forty years. She retired as full-time librarian in 1970, but remained on hand to help out at the library for two afternoons a week. Her full retirement, after 50 years of service, was commemorated at a public reception in 1979.

It should be noted at this point that the Paine family still maintains ties with the library. The family is still represented on the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Peter Paine Jr. is president. Peter Paine Sr. is vice-president. Hugh Paine, Jr. is also a Board member. An open house and cocktail hour at the library was the first stop at the Paine Family Reunion held during the summer of 1985.

The library also possesses the extensive collection of stuffed birds which was the boyhood hobby of the library's founder. This collection is of scientific value, as Mr. Paine kept detailed records of his finds. Part of the collection is kept on display in a glass case near the front entrance.

Janice Allen, the present librarian was appointed to her position on January 1, 1971. Janice's assistant, Janet Tucker, has been with the library since 1974.

To say that Janice has expanded library service would be an understatement. Janice is a warm, friendly lady and also a veritable human dynamo. I have always been in awe of her apparently limitless energy, her organizational abilities and her capacity to develop fresh, new ideas. I'm obviously not alone in my admiration; Janice received the Marion Mosher/Asa Wynkoop Award for Distinguished Librarianship in 1981.

Janice realized early on that the impressive brick Colonial library building could be a bit overwhelming to the very young and to local people who were not regular library users.

So, Janice initiated a series of new activities - hoping to find something which would appeal to every age and every interest. Her goal is to provide programs that will entice even non-library-users to visit the library at least once a year.

The list of services is impressive. It's impossible to record everything which
The Paine Memorial Free Library
Willsboro, New York

The Paine Memorial Free Library.
The interior of the library.

Librarian Janice Allen comforts young Smurf at library Halloween party.
Assistant Janet Tucker at circulation desk.
has been done at Paine, but I'll try to illustrate what a busy place it is by a few examples.

Early in her career, Janice established a close connection with Willsboro Central School (which is next door to the library). Janice teaches the school children library skills and the kids make heavy use of the library to research term papers and school projects. Remedial reading classes are held in a room on the library's second floor.

There are storytime and summer reading enrichment programs. The kids are often brought on outings—such as a visit to a farm or a ride on a train.

The library sponsors classes in such diverse skills as quilting, yoga and chess. There is a summer nature study series. There are lecture programs on everything from solar energy to birds and local history (including a session on Champ, the Lake Champlain monster). This year the library has been hosting lectures in the Essex Humanities Series.

There have been a multitude of exhibits—art exhibits by local artists; a detailed exhibit on making maple syrup and a World War II exhibit to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the end of that war.

The public also has been treated to music concerts at the library.

Then, there are the annual events! In July the library sponsors the Old Time Folkcraft Fair. Craftspeople display examples of every type of craft one could imagine on the library lawn. Some exhibitors show how they actually work—bringing spinning wheels, looms and quilting frames with them.

There is an Annual Book Sale and there is also an Annual Christmas Craft Show, which will be held this year on December 7, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. The show features Christmas wreaths, dolls, quilts and knitted, crocheted and woven goods.

Of course there are also holiday parties for the kids. Christmas trees in the library are probably commonplace; Paine Library also has an Egg Tree for Easter decorated with 50 dozen eggs.

The library, of course, provides solid, traditional library service. The library is developing a new rare book collection on the second floor. Many of these are important local history works and are extremely useful for reference work. Paine Trustee Koert Burnham has donated a large number of these books. The community has access to a Xerox copier at the library.

Janice also publishes a library newsletter.

Other new services are being added. The library started a books on tape service. The core collection was donated by the children of Mr. and Mrs. Festus Smith to celebrate their parents 50th Wedding Anniversary. The Friends of the Library contributed a display rack and additional cassettes. It is expected that the collection will grow from memorial donations.

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Carol Bedore and I attended a Halloween party for the preschool children's story hour. No, we weren't in costume. I'll tell you a little bit about the party because it demonstrates the secret of Janice's success.

Janice greeted all the kids at the front door. Now, the main room is quite grand, with its large fireplace, chandelier and second floor balcony. Large oils of Augustus and Charlotte Paine are at each side of the main entrance. The room, however, seems very cozy. Neither the tiny witches nor the little ladybug who scurried about on the floor seemed intimidated by their surroundings.
The kids trooped noisily down to the gaily decorated basement Children's Room for their party. Janice held the hand of a little boy who was afraid of stairs.

Janice paid special attention to each child's costume; they all had their moment of glory in front of the group.

Carol and I watched as Janice told the kids stories. (Actually we were also eyeing the goodies that part-time helper Lori Ashline and a mother were distributing on the kiddies' plates). The group sang songs and played games. As time went on the kids could scarcely contain their enthusiasm; by the time Janice asked them if they could give Mr. Pumpkin a happy face they were yelling, "Yeah!" "Yeah!" "Yeah." "We can do it!" "Make a face on him!"

I had heard Janice say earlier, as she admired a child's prairie-girl costume, "Boys and girls, when you get bigger, we have some nice stories about prairie girls."

I'm sure the prairie-girl—and the bats, ballerina, clown, cowboy, Smurf and witches—will be back to read those books. And I'm willing to bet they'll be returning with their kids in 20 years or so, because Janice and the rest of the library staff, made the library a nice place to visit.

Mary S. Hopkins

NORTHERN ADIRONDACK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NEWS

The fall meeting of NALA was held on October 19th in the Children's Room of Plattsburgh Public Library. Author Jean Rikhoff was the guest speaker. Her advice to would-be writers is to write about those things that you know best. She delighted the audience with tales of her own family that formed the inspiration for her novels Dear Ones All, Rites of Passage, and Voyage In and Voyage Out.

This program 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.

An election of officers was held at the business meeting that preceded Mrs. Rikhoff's talk. The Executive Board is as follows:

President - Carol Bedore
Vice-President - Mary Hopkins
Secretary - Linda Masters
Treasurer - Mary Ellen Martin
Corresponding Secretary - Kathy Cayea
Past President - Karen Ricketson
Membership - Jane Sweeney
Legislative - Sara Brenizer
Program - Tracey LaBarge
Publicity - Mary Leggett

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1986 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The Regents have recently unveiled their proposals for library legislation for 1986, now undergoing final revision by Counsel. The components of the bill include a $14.2 million increase for public libraries and public library systems. C-E-F would receive a $50,000 increase as one of the systems qualifying for the state aid minimum. Coordinated outreach would increase from $40,000 minimum and 6¢ per capita to $44,500 and 18¢ per capita. Central Library minimum aid would increase from $85,000 to $95,000, while the Central Book Aid portion would be increased by $8,800. Local Library Incentive Aid would stay at the same level of 7¢ per $1 of tax support.

Indian libraries would increase from $13,000 per reservation to $16,250 per reservation; the per capita amount would increase from $13 to $16.25; and the per acre amount would increase from $1 to $1.25.

A new proposal would provide grants to be awarded to public library systems and to member libraries which assist adults to increase their literary skills and for cooperation with schools, community organizations and public and non-governmental agencies in library programs tailored to meet special community needs.

Other provisions of CE-86 would supply additional funds for school library systems, reference and research library systems, regional data bases, preservation and hospital libraries.

For public library construction the amount of $4 million is proposed.

The Regents bill would continue these funds for a second year, with additional increases.

We urge librarians, trustees, legislators and friends of libraries to support this legislation, which is so urgently needed. The C-E-F Library System, like the other systems, is facing increasing insurance and health insurance costs and will be forced to further curtail services if this legislative proposal is not passed in 1986.

Stanley A. Ransom
Director

Libraries, and especially libraries for the blind and handicapped, may be facing severe financial problems if postal subsidies for library materials and materials for the handicapped are discontinued.

We urge our Congressmen to consider the needs of libraries and of blind and handicapped persons and help to provide an exclusion for these groups.

Stanley A. Ransom
THE McMASTERS PRIZE FOR THE WRITING OF HISTORY

The Clinton County Historical Association offers an annual prize of $150 for good writing about New York's North Country. The purpose of the prize, the eleventh to be offered in as many years, is to encourage and reward historical writing about this area. It will be given to the best composition on a theme based upon Clinton, Essex or Franklin Counties, and it need not be authored by a resident of these counties.

The paper should have a minimum length of 3,000 words and be of high literary quality, original and soundly researched, and it may be a piece of historical fiction if clearly indicated by the author. The manuscript must be completed, not merely in progress. All manuscripts become the property of the Clinton County Historical Association, which reserves the right to publish them in whole or in part.

Miss Emily McMasters, whose estate provided the endowment for the prize, died in 1972 and was the last of three generations of her prominent family to live in the Plattsburgh area. She was an active member of the Historical Association, which she served for many years as Curator of its museum.

The McMasters Committee of the Historical Association may decline to make an award in a year when no paper reaches the minimum standards. The Committee consists of Margaret Byrne, author of numerous articles in Adirondack Life and other journals; James Dynko, editor of the Plattsburgh Press-Republican; Allan Everest, professor emeritus of history at the State University College in Plattsburgh, and David Martin, teacher at the Chazy Central Rural School.

The deadline for submission of papers is February 1, 1986 and the winning paper will be announced in April. Further information can be obtained from any committee member or from the person listed below. Identification of the author of the paper, whether it is mailed or hand-delivered, should be made by a cover letter. Manuscripts themselves should not reveal the author's identity. They should be sent any time before February 1 to:

Mrs. Helen Allan
Clinton County Historical Association
P.O. Box 332
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

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REMINDER

THE DEADLINE FOR THE TRAILBLAZER
NEWS FOR THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY
ISSUE IS MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1986
HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

LEE SALZMAN REPORTS:

WORKSHOP: LIBRARY SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED

A system workshop entitled "Library Services to the Elderly and Disabled" was held on October 28th, and was attended by over 25 member library and community agency representatives. Lee Salzman of our System staff examined the need for evaluating our communities' needs in terms of aging and disabled populations, including using demographics and considering social, emotional and physical barriers that confront these populations in using library services. She then presented an overview of library and community resources available for the aged and disabled. Karen Keefer-Johnson, home coordinator for the Children's Corner of the Franklin County ARC, provided perspectives on the needs of the disabled from the standpoint of an agency provider and family advocate. She particularly emphasized the importance of promoting the availability of services, both inside and outside of the library. Karen recommended the periodical "The Exceptional Parent" for all public library collections. Jane Somers, regional librarian for the New York State Library for the Blind & Visually Handicapped concluded our workshop with a description of this agency's services, and practical advice on how these services apply to libraries and community agencies/institutions. The success of the workshop can be summed up by one of the comments received in our workshop evaluation -- "The workshop covered more than what I expected. There is much more librarians can do in a community than I dreamed."

LENDING LIBRARY FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

Our Lending Library for Disabled Children, funded by a Library Services and Construction Act grant, has finally begun operation through the Children's Department of the Plattsburgh Public Library. Toys and games are the focus of the collection, all of which were selected to encourage development in the creative process and to encourage the development of social and physical skills. Examples include special stuffed animals which promote an understanding of physical disabilities for both disabled and non-disabled children (e.g., an elephant with hearing aids)! These toys are available for use by individuals, member libraries and local agencies throughout the tri-county area. The borrower must be over the age of 18, and may borrow the toys for a 28-day period. Karen Ricketson, PPL's children's librarian, is in the process of putting together a picture catalog that designates each toy by particular skill areas. This catalog will be reproduced and distributed to local libraries and agencies. For more information, contact either Karen Ricketson at Plattsburgh Public Library, 563-0921 or C-E-F's Outreach Department.

TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES FOR THE DEAF

C-E-F now has four telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD's) for loan to individuals and agencies. Through a very simple connection process, these keyboard based machines allow people to type in messages and send them over telephone lines to another TDD. The model that C-E-F purchased (Porta Printer Plus/Model 40) is very portable, and can be run either off a wall outlet or
through its battery option. It can even be used to communicate with computers. The purchase of these TDD's was made possible by a Library Services and Construction Act grant.

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WORKSHOPS

Two excellent training workshops have been attended recently by various C-E-F staff members. Betty Collins and Lee Salzman traveled to Syracuse on October 31 for an Education Information Center training session. The highlight of this meeting was a presentation on the educational/employment needs of older adults. On November 7 and 8, Stanley Ransom, Lee Salzman, Kathie LaBombard and John Brisbin attended the Workshop on Institution Library Services in Albany. Lee Salzman participated as a presenter for a group session on Outreach services to institutional libraries. Other session topics included literacy, assertiveness, bureaucracy, communication skills and grantsmanship.

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CONSULTANT VISIT

Stanley Ransom, Elizabeth Rogers and Lee Salzman had the pleasure of making a consultant visit to the AuSable Forks Free Library on November 6th. The purpose of the trip was to evaluate the need for any reorganization of the library's book collection and files. Two bonuses of the trip were seeing the results of the expansion of the library's space (made possible by State and local support), and sharing a home cooked meal with library staff and Board members.

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RECENT BOOKS OF LOCAL INTEREST:

HOLIDAY STOCKING STUFFERS

WHISTLING GIRLS AND JUMPING SHEEP by Edith E. Cutting - sketches by Erwin H. Austin.
Cooperstown, New York: Farmers Museum. $6.95 paper

"A whistling woman and jumping sheep are the poorest property a man can keep. The dire warning here is to avoid fence jumping sheep, the why for the whistling woman remains unknown. It is just one of the many folk sayings in this lovely little book on old time farming in the North Country. Tall tales and legends about the local folk, the yearly cycle of plowing, planting and harvesting with some advise on livestock purchases and just plain living make this a good gift for anyone interested in this part of the state.

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A LADY IN THE LAKE: A TRUE ACCOUNT OF DEATH AND DISCOVERY IN LAKE PLACID
by George Christian Ortloff.
Lake Placid, New York: With Pipe and Book. $3.95

On September 15, 1963, skin divers discovered the body of a woman in Lake Placid. She had been there for 30 years, held in place by a rope that was wound around her neck and weighted. The subsequent investigation into the circumstances surrounding her death involved searching through old newspapers and interviewing people who were around at that time in an attempt to put the pieces of this puzzle in their proper place. Conflicting statements would indicate that there is still some mystery involved in this case.

It is particularly interesting to read this book in light of the novel, Dancehall, by Bernard F. Conners. Mr. Conners takes the same event and weaves it into a masterful tale of murder, deceit and capital punishment.

Carol G. Bedore
Head, Acquisitions
NEW SERVICE UNDERWAY IN REFERENCE AND INTER-LIBRARY LOAN

It's hard to believe that it's been a year since I started here at C-E-F. A lot has happened, and I've enjoyed being involved in so many different aspects of library service.

We've been busy in Reference and Inter-Library Loan, working on a number of different projects, as well as keeping up with our workload. Rosemary Burdo and Lettie Liberty have helped a great deal, keeping the department running smoothly while we all work on different things.

Our latest project has been data base searching, and I'm very excited about being able to offer this important service. Sharon Habich, Reference Librarian at Plattsburgh Public, has worked hard on this, and the two of us have enjoyed this opportunity to develop new skills in setting up the service.

We have selected DIALOG, and have installed the necessary hardware (thanks to Hugh Starke's help) at PPL, have attended the training seminar, and are nearly ready to roll.

This new service will enable us to improve service by searching the nearly 200 data bases accessed through DIALOG. We will be able to provide citations to fill subject requests as well as use the data base to answer ready reference questions.

We are initially offering the service free of charge, with C-E-F covering costs—prices for searching the data bases range from $25-$125 per hour.

Sharon and I will perform the searches, following the guidelines of our written policy. We're currently working on the policy, using examples from other libraries offering this service.

I am very pleased that we are able to provide this service, and expect to put it to good use. We will be keeping you all posted as service gets underway.

Elizabeth S. Rogers
Reference and Inter-Library Loan Librarian

JEIC NEWS

REFERENCE GIFT

Under Education Information Centers funding for 1985-86, we have once again been able to offer each member library their choice of a reference resource related to occupational or educational topics as a gift. If your library chose the College Blue Book, the Macmillan Guide to Correspondence Study, or the Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance, you should have received your selection by now. Hopefully, all other choices will be received soon.

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ADULT LEARNING WEEK

During the month of November, the Center presented a series of three workshops for Adult Learners at Plattsburgh Public Library. It culminated
with a program during Adult Learning Week (November 17-23) on Time Management presented by Dr. Marty Frost, Assistant Professor, Center for Human Resources, PSUC. Among the other excellent speakers were Bette S. Brohel, Coordinator for Adult Learning Service, Center for Lifelong Learning, PSUC, and Darrell Leavitt, Mentor/Coordinator, Empire State College, who spoke on choices for Adult Learners, and Laura Dominy, Financial Aid Advisor, PSUC, and Gary Robinson, Educational Opportunities Program, PSUC, who gave ideas on sources for financial aids.

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COLLEGE COST VIDEOTAPE

New resources at the Center include a videotape, The Affordable Choice, which helps to take some of the mystery out of securing the money for college. It is available for use through the film department at C-E-F and is ½" VHS format. Among the new titles added to the Center collection and ready for borrowing are: The Almanac of American Employers; A Guide to America's 500 Most Successful Large Corporations by Jack W. Plunkett, Taking Care of Business; A Psychiatrist's Guide for True Career Success by David Viscott, and Peter F. Drucker's newest book, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Practice and Principles.

SIGI

Use of SIGI PLUS continues to grow and we are very happy to schedule free 1½ hour appointments for anyone interested in this fun way to explore new careers.
JOB OPENING
CIRCUIT RIDER LIBRARIAN

Responsible for information services to 6 hospital libraries in C-E-F area.

Qualifications: ALA accredited MLS
Excellent communications skills
Experience in medical on-line searching, prefer BRS
Prefer experience as a circuit rider librarian, hospital
librarian or special librarian

To start January 1, 1986
Application deadline: December 15, 1985

Send resume and references to: Hanna Hanford
Personnel
CVPH Medical Center
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

AUSABLE FORKS FREE LIBRARY

With glowing memories of a special
woman, an expansion of the AuSable Forks
Free Library was dedicated Sunday as the
"Leah B. Giltz Room."

Preceding the ribbon cutting with
a prepared speech, longtime friend Ethel B.
Manning spoke of Mrs. Giltz.

"During all these years Mrs. Giltz was
our treasurer. By her reports, we got bigger
and better as the years went by. When
funds got low, she tactfully suggested another
food sale. The AuSable Forks Library kept
our townspeople well fed," Mrs. Manning joked.

In fact, Mrs. Giltz continued to serve
as treasurer of the library for several years
after moving from AuSable Forks to
Plattsburgh.

Also an organizer and charter member
of the library, Mrs. Manning herself was
honored during the ceremony. The main
room of the library was dedicated the
"Ethel B. Manning Room."

Speaking Sunday, Mrs. Manning credited
Mrs. Giltz with the continued growth
of the library: "Under her guidance
we saved, and grew, and became an
integral part of the community."

About five years ago, Mrs. Giltz
also donated an endowment fund to the
library, making the purchase of many
books possible, Mrs. Manning added.

At their last meeting, the AuSable
Forks Free Library Board of Trustees
passed resolutions dedicating the new
expansion in honor of Mrs. Giltz and
the main room in honor of Mrs. Manning.

CHAMPLAIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Currently on display at the Champlain
Library is a window arranged by Donna
Gero which consists of a number of antique
toys on loan from Mrs. Richard Eddy.
The toys are of the wind-up variety.

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The Library has a new book drop located at the front of the library for the patrons’ convenience and the Library’s security. A new entrance ramp also has been installed for the handicapped.

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Mrs. Elma Markowitz, our green thumb patron, donated and repotted a thriving Tree Rhododendron, which now occupies a corner of the Library.

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The Village of Champlain made a gift to the library of ten small evergreens, which have been planted in the back.

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The Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library recently received a donation of paperback books from Champlain, as a result of this summer’s inventory and consolidation done by Mrs. Smith.

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Champlain Memorial Library’s fund-raising drive is off to an encouraging start. At present, the ongoing drive shows signs of being another big success for our Library.

The Library recently sold its 1971 Encyclopedia Britannica and also donated its 1971 Americana Encyclopedia to the local school system (NCCS). We now boast a new 1985 World Book Encyclopedia set in its place.

**CHAZY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The Chazy Friends of the Library are looking for a 16mm sound movie projector, either at a nominal fee or as a donation.

Donations and memorials to establish a fund for the projector were suggested at the group’s regular meeting Wednesday at the Chazy Central Rural School Library. Donations of any type are tax deductible.

The projector would be used for the children’s programs, regular group sessions and be available to residents for use in the library.

Anyone with a projector to sell or give or with a donation may contact President Lucille Czarnetzky at 846-7283.

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School librarian Emily Castine gave an update on plans for the school’s new library media center pointing out changes already made in the library to facilitate the new equipment. The three-year, ongoing project is funded by the William H. Miner Foundation.

She also mentioned that displays by the school’s art classes are being used to brighten the rooms, a teen bulletin board has been added along with additional book racks and drops to display books and magazines.

Members of the community often donate copies of magazines so more than one copy is available for students. Nancy Margerum made banners designating specific areas.


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The Chazy Friends of the Library annual Christmas coffee will be held Sunday, December 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chazy Public Library.

Barbara Hubert and Jean Marleau are co-chairmen for the event.

Traditional breads will be served and sold. Coffee and tea will be served with punch for youngsters.

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WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

Director Dave Minnich reports:

On October 5, the Wead Library held another in its series of Children's Film Programs. Two films were shown to an audience numbering 20. We had about the same size audience for a film showing held on November 2. Another such program is scheduled for Saturday, December 14. Two more Disney classics are available.

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As the Board of Trustees requested, the subject of the installation of a smoke, fire, and ion detector system for the building is being investigated. The representative of one highly recommended system is expected this week.

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Thursday, November 28 is the Day all rational Turkeys dread. Even Ben Franklin, that devotee of turkeys, didn't seem to have an answer to the dichotomy: does one eat the national bird? Perhaps that's why it's not.

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As we do periodically, we should note our appreciation for the support we receive from the local news media, WICY Radio and the Malone Evening Telegram. Without that, fewer people would be aware of our activities, abilities, and collections - book and otherwise.

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As Thomas Fuller said in GNOMOLOGIA: "A book that is shut is but a block."

PERU FREE LIBRARY

Librarian Mary Kay Rillahan reports:

The Peru Free Library board has undergone several changes in the past year: retiring board members are George Copland - 45 years, Gail Morin - 15 years and Jack Johnston 5 years. Hats off to these wonderful people who gave tirelessly of their time and talent! New board members are Jackie Sabourin, John Scherer and Patrick Andrews.

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The board has embarked on an active fund raising campaign to raise money for a much needed addition to the existing library structure. Door to door canvassing is underway and a 20 panel "Scenes and Seasons of Peru" quilt, handmade by a score of talented Peruvians will be raffled off at noon, December 21st at the library. Tickets are $1 each or 6/$5.00 and may be purchased at the library, from board members or at City Florist in Plattsburgh.

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The Children's winter film schedule has resumed and will continue the last Saturday of each month through March.

The library has also, effective September 3rd, increased its hours. New hours are:

Tues., Wed., Thurs., 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
and 7 - 9 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Happy Holidays to all!

SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

Mr. Howard Maat presented a slide talk, "Teaching and Traveling in China, 1984 - 1985," Thursday, September 26, 8 p.m., in the Cantwell Community Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library.

He explained his responsibilities, privileges, and living conditions as a teacher in Nanjing University.

A resident of Saranac Lake since 1968, Maat is a teacher and Humanities Division Chairperson at North Country Community College. In 1980, he taught and traveled in the British Isles and Scandanavia.
An exhibit, "Adult Center Artists," ran from October 10 to November 19 in the Cantwell Community Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library. This included works in acrylic oil, pastel and charcoal.

All the artists participate in a class at the Saranac Lake Adult Center Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., taught by Mrs. Peggy Hunt and Mrs. Doris Richter. From 15-25 men and women, including beginners and experienced artists attend these classes. Some come from as far as Tupper Lake and Wilmington.

This was the group's first art show at the library.

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Author and environmentalist James E. Connolly of Saranac Lake presented a children's program, "Indian Animal Stories" Saturday, Nov. 9, at 10:30 a.m. at the Saranac Lake Free Library.

After presenting background information, he read from his book, "Why The Possum's Tail Is Bare and Other North American Indian Nature Tales."

Published in 1985, the book contains 14 nature tales and myths taken from the traditions of nine tribes of eastern and western North America.

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On Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1985, the Saranac Lake Free Library began a series of brown bag luncheon discussions for all residents and visitors to the area. The programs will begin at 12:15 p.m. and will include a short presentation on the topic of the day followed by a question and answer period.

Mrs. Joyce Meagher, Library director, hopes to invite many knowledgeable persons from the region to present various subjects that would be of interest to all. Those attending the first session will be given an opportunity to express their preferences for future programs as well as suggesting experts to lead general interest themes.

The first bi-weekly program was conducted by Fr. Emil Tomaskovic, executive director of St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center, who outlined the functions of that institution and answered questions. Fr. Emil is the past president of the New York State Federation of Alcohol Counselors.

The Cantwell Community Room will be open at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 19, for participants to supplement their sandwiches with cookies plus coffee and/or tea provided by the library.

The next programs in the series will be:

Dec. 3 - Stretch Your Imagination conducted by Marge Lamy

Dec. 17 - Christmas Memories

Jan. 7, 1986 - North Country Home Services conducted by Bill Plumb

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The Paint and Palette Association is holding its annual winter art show at the Saranac Lake Free Library Nov. 24 to Jan. 6.

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The Library Membership Campaign total is now $19,500.00!

WESTPORT LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Librarian Lucile Carpenter writes:

The Westport Library has added a part-time associate librarian to the staff. Mary Heald is quite well known as the "Spinning Lady" around the North Country. Mary worked at the library while Marilyn Trienens was on maternity leave. Now that Marilyn is back, Mary will be available as a substitute. She lives at Sylvan Spinnery on the Fitzgerald Road in Westport where she gives spinning lessons and the Adirondack Spinning Guild meets.
FLASH!

We regret to report that Bookmobile B has again thrown a bearing and the motor is shot. It may take some time to repair it. We are waiting to see.

Since we will be using one bookmobile to do all routes, service will be affected for the entire Tri-County area.

We ask patrons to bear with us during this difficult time. We will be happy to send and receive books by mail in the interim.

Stanley A. Ransom

Stanley A. Ransom, Director
Mary S. Hopkins, Editor