LET'S PARTY!

On the day after Christmas I decided that I was already thoroughly fed up with winter. This happened somewhat earlier in the season than usual, as I don't usually hit the advanced stages of cabin fever until February. Hence, the thought of sitting down and writing a chirpy article was more than I could stand; the only chirping I want to hear is the sound of robins on my lawn—telling me it's spring.

I don't know about the rest of you, but I'm sick of the cold, snow, ice and slush. What's worse is that I can't even put the kids out of the house most of the time.

I think bears have the right idea -- get fat in the fall, sleep through the winter and wake up thin.

Winter is also boring, unless you happen to be a winter sports enthusiast. I have watched joggers running in sub-zero temperatures and I can only assume that in their former lives these were the people who wore hair shirts and made barefoot pilgrimages in the snow.

No, I'll stay inside -- but I've reached the saturation point with television and even books are beginning to lose their appeal, so I know it's time to take action.

The problem, of course, is that the winters up here are too damned long—running roughly from October or November until the middle or end of April.

We obviously can't change our geography. I briefly considered abolishing February, but it does have two legal holidays . . . and that's when I arrived at the solution.

We need additional holidays between Christmas and Easter — and I mean zippy, festive occasions. Celebrating the birthdays of great Americans is fine and proper, but perhaps a trifle somber. We need a little frivolity at this time of year.

I have therefore, consulted the 1986 Chase's Annual Events and will now offer my proposals for your consideration.

January is PRUNE BREAKFAST MONTH. It's purpose is "to encourage Americans to start each day with a nutritious breakfast, to communicate the many benefits of prunes: their good taste, high nutrition and versatility, and to dispel misconceptions about prunes."

Well, I say it's high time we dispelled those misconceptions about prunes, but
I suggest we modify this concept and have a general PRUNE DAY on January 10th. Why just have prunes for breakfast when you can enjoy them all day long? Prizes can be given for the best prune recipes and the best new drinks made with prune juice. Some revelers may also need the following day off.

MAN WATCHERS WEEK. January 12-18. "Purpose: a week of appreciation for men who are well worth watching. Announcement of the ten most watchable men in the world."

We could modify this event by setting a day aside and holding a gala celebration announcing the names of the 10 most watchable men in the Tri-County area. Since this is my idea I feel I should be awarded a date with the 1st-prize winner.

UP HELLY AA. January 28. "Norse galley burned in impressive ceremony symbolizing sacrifice to sun. Old Viking custom."

Hey, wouldn't this be fun? Men would be required to wear those strange hats with horns. We could all gather on the shores of Lake Champlain, drink hot grog, then launch a raid on, say, Albany.

GROUNDHOG DAY. February 2. We all know this is the day on which it is predicted we will have six more weeks of winter if the groundhog emerges and sees his shadow. I think, however, this holiday should be accorded greater importance; if we play our cards right we might be able to end the whole business right here. If that little sucker should poke his head out of his burrow and find a .22 starring him in the face, I'm willing to bet he's not going to be coming up and mouthing off about seeing his shadow.

If that fails, though, there are still a few more holidays to fall back on.

MARDI GRAS. Date varies according to year.

All I can say is that I'm surprised no one around here has picked up on the limitless possibilities of this one before.

MYSTERY WEEKEND. February 28-March 2.

"Your own mystery to solve . . . live out your fantasies of being the 'Super Sleuth' as you investigate and gather clues to solve the mystery."

The first mystery is — Is Hitler really still alive and living in Peasleeville?

THE IDES OF MARCH (Remember Latin I or Shakespeare's Julius Caesar from high school?) March 15.

People in management positions should not go to the office without consulting their soothsayers beforehand. Just to be safe, we probably should all have the day off.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY, March 17. Being of Irish descent, I couldn't omit St. Patrick's Day. The potential for this holiday, however, seems to have been thoroughly explored in Plattsburgh.

Now, I'm just throwing these ideas out to you. I have already scratched such losers as NATIONAL CLEAN-OF-YOUR-DESK DAY — January 20 and "I AM IN CONTROL" DAY — March 30, the anniversary of former Secretary of State Alexander Haig's best known televised announcement (no, I didn't make that one up).

I would like to throw in an alternate:

MIDWIFE'S DAY — January 8, an old Macedonian custom. "Man must stay indoors while wives celebrate with food and wine. Gifts for the midwife, many interesting customs and songs. Men caught outside 'will be stripped and drenched with cold water.'

So there you are. We can adjust the dates for convenience and elaborate on themes. Perhaps you can come up with even better holidays. I'm all for anything which will break the monotony, but we have to hurry so that we can amend next year's calendar.

Mary Shaw Hopkins
Editor

P.S. My next lead article will be in the spring, at which time I should be ready to enter my manic phase.
FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

I wish to extend my thanks to the NYSALB Board for presenting me with the Velma K. Moore Award. I appreciate the honor very much.

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Comet Halley is about to reach its closest point to the Sun, the perihelion. For the next several months there will be a flurry of activity as comet watchers view the heavens for a glimpse of this fugitive visitor.

There will also be a flurry of activity as we begin a new Legislative Session. We hope that the Omnibus Bill will streak through legislative skies, but that unlike Halley's Comet, it will not disappear. We expect that this year of the Comet will also be the year of the Omnibus Bill. We need it!

On March 11th librarians and trustees will gather in Albany for the annual Legislative Day, a time to learn about legislation and to meet our legislators. Please plan to attend and let legislators know your needs for public, school, system, 3 R's, hospital and other library legislation.

For those C-E-F member libraries which would like a free Halley's Comet poster, please call Mary Hopkins, who has 5 of them to distribute on a first come basis.

Stanley A. Ransom
Director

MARKETING TRAINING GRANT

C-E-F Library System is one of eight recipients of a special grant to offer Marketing Training to some 50 representatives of cultural and nonprofit organizations, including libraries, in the Clinton, Essex and Franklin area. The New York State Council on the Arts has awarded C-E-F $25,000 for the project which will include a demographic survey of the C-E-F area by the Technical Assistance Center of Plattsburgh State University College, directed by Gordon De Vries. Under the leadership of Nancy Church, doctoral candidate and member of the PSUC School of Business Faculty, the C-E-F Library System will present workshop programs on Demographics, Investigating Media Alternatives, Developing a Marketing Program, Implementing the Program and a Marketing Program Evaluation. Within the workshop, the 50 organization representatives will each develop a marketing program for their library or organization. Professional evaluators will be in on the project planning from the start, and evaluations will continue over the next two years.

A Marketing Training manual geared to small and medium sized institutions and organizations will be created and published as a by-product of the project. The manual will be used in the workshops and will be made available in the late Fall to other organizations.

It is expected that these workshops will assist each local arts and cultural organization to understand their clientele and to develop a specific marketing approach for their potential audience. One part of the approach will cover the marketing aspects of Canadian visitors, who account for 30-40% of the North Country economy. Bienvenue à nos amis Canadiens!

Stanley A. Ransom
LAKE CHAMPLAIN ICE EXHIBIT

C-E-F Library System has received $18,000 from the New York State Council on the Arts to complete work on the Ice Ways Exhibit, a product of the maritime culture study of Lake Champlain. The exhibit, under the curatorship of Dr. Sheldon Posen and in cooperation with Mrs. Helen Allan, Director of the Clinton County Historical Museum will be held January to March, 1987 at the museum.

Dr. Posen is presently gathering ice artifacts, diaries, photos, ice skates, ice fishing equipment and ice industry materials to show the importance of ice to residents of the communities bordering Lake Champlain.

A search is also under way to locate a corporate sponsor to assist in the completion of the extensive catalog for the exhibit.

Please let us know if you have information on ice items relating to Lake Champlain.

Stanley A. Ransom

"I'VE BEEN READING ..."

There's nothing like a good case of bronchitis to provide an excuse for reading. Or, if you like, the best way for a librarian confined to bed for a few days to spell relief is "R-E-A-D."

Nearly twenty years ago I remembered reading the early works of E.V. Cunningham and went to the C-E-F stacks in search of them. Some were on the shelves; some were in a box to be discarded, no longer appreciated by today's patrons. I took some 10 or 11 home and enjoyed them one by one. I took to bed with me "Phyllis," "Sally," "Samantha," "Penelope," "Millie," and the rest. As you may have gathered most of these early E.V. Cunningham books have women's names as titles and as central characters. Each woman is different; each is fascinating in her own way. Some are good, some bad, all are interesting to meet. I hereby introduce you to these wonderful women (in alphabetical order) and hope you pursue their acquaintance. E.V. Cunningham is perhaps better known as the author Howard Fast. These titles are all out of print, alas, but are available on interlibrary loan.

1. Alice. Doubleday. 1963
   A man jumps in front of a subway train— and Alice and her husband are marked for murder.
   A thriller.

2. Cynthia. Morrow. 1968
   Harvey Krim, the world's smartest and tightest insurance investigator, is hired to find
   Cynthia by her wealthy father. Harvey turns to Lucille, a librarian at the Donnell branch
   of the New York Public Library whose measurements are as impressive as her I.Q.
   Sample dialogue:
   "You're 38-24-38?"
   "Yes, Harvey."
   "That's a hell of a thing for a librarian to be."
   "The world changes, Harvey."

3. Helen. Doubleday. 1966
   Attorney Blake Eddyman is told to defend a hopeless case, a prostitute who murdered the
   city's leading citizen. Who is Helen Pilasky? A study of a strange and beautiful woman
   who acts out a parable of our time.
4. **Lydia.** Doubleday. 1964
   There’s something very phony about Mark Sarbine’s maid, Lydia, but soon Lydia and Harvey Krim are racing through the back alleys of New York City on the trail of a $250,000 necklace with a sinister past. Lucille, the librarian, appears in this one, too.

5. **Margie.** Morrow. 1966
   Margie Beck, a high class and slightly wacky model, walks off inadvertently with a $17,000 mink coat and a $90,000 bracelet belonging to the wife of the very wealthy New York State Governor. Her day also includes various unsavory characters with plans of their own.

6. **Millie.** Morrow. 1973
   Al Brody, a Hollywood public relations man, decides he is in love with his beautiful assistant, Millie. Then his life becomes a nightmare, with Millie at his side, until the shocking and chilling denouement.

7. **Penelope.** Doubleday. 1965
   Penelope Hastings, a charming but bored socialite, decides to liven things up by robbing her husband’s bank and separating her friends from their jewelry.

8. **Phyllis.** Doubleday. 1962
   Two physicists, one American and one Russian, threaten to destroy New York and Moscow unless the two governments agree to ban nuclear weapons. Tom Clancy, a physicist turned policeman, seeks to win the confidence of Phyllis Goldmark, a colleague of the American physicist. As the day of the threatened bombing draws near, Tom and Phyllis are in constant danger.

9. **Sally.** Morrow. 1967
   Sally Dillman, a lovely schoolteacher, mistakes Detective Gonzalez for an unknown assassin she hired to commit murder, her own. For Detective Gonzalez it is the start of a deadly duel with a crazed professional gunman out to get Sally, who now desperately wants to live.

10. **Samantha.** Morrow. 1967
    Al Greenberg, Hollywood producer, is dead. The killer announces to all that her name is Samantha, now out to kill each one of the men who raped her eleven years ago. It’s up to Detective Masao Masuto to stop the killings.

11. **Shirley.** Doubleday. 1964
    Shirley has no enemies, as far as she knows. When two men threaten to kill her, she realizes it’s a case for the police. But how can they protect her? She is tough, funny and wonderful, and Lt. Burton can’t understand why she should be a target for murder.

12. **Sylvia.** Doubleday. 1960
    Who is Sylvia? The story of a man’s search into the past of a beautiful and enigmatic woman. This one also involves a children’s librarian, Miss Olanski. This is the only one I didn’t get to read, I’ve just picked it up for 45¢ at our Cornerstone Used Book Store. What a treat!

   Stanley A. Ransom
"CHANGING TIMES"

LIBRARY LETTER RESPONSE

C-E-F Director Stanley Ransom wrote to "Changing Times" magazine which had printed an article about reading problems which made no mention of libraries. In the "Readers Talk Back" section of "Changing Times" for January the following excerpt appeared under the heading Reading Problems:

"You give some excellent advice on where parents with children with reading difficulties can turn ("Heading Off Reading Problems," Nov. 1985), but nowhere is there a mention of the very fine programs offered by public libraries.

"For the preschooler, some libraries provide an excellent preschool story hour for 3- to 5-year olds. Picture book programs help children increase their attention span and prepare them for later formal schooling.

"School-age students, especially those in the first three grades, can benefit from the summer reading programs offered by many libraries. Designed to stimulate and encourage reading but not by competition to read the most books, these summer programs almost always provide reading improvement.

"One series of suggestions, a "Parents as Reading Partners Idea Sheet," is available free of charge from the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System, P.O. Box 570, Plattsburgh, NY 12901. Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope."

Since the appearance of this letter, the C-E-F Library System has received 102 requests for the Parents as Reading Partners Idea Sheet from libraries, schools, doctors, businesses, cancer centers, universities and individuals from 30 states. The largest number of requests, totaling 15, came from California.

The Idea Sheet was prepared for distribution at Senator James Donovan's Parents as Reading Partners Conference a few years ago. We are also sending out a copy of Senator Donovan's pamphlet, called "15 Minutes a Day" along with the C-E-F Idea Sheet.

Stanley A. Ransom

NEWSMAKERS

Jerome Yavarkovsky is now Director of the State Library, succeeding Peter Paulson, who is now Executive Director of Forest Press.

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Janet Welch, Director of the Rochester Regional 3R's Council, is now Chair of the Regents' Advisory Council.

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Carol Sheffer, of Library Development, is the new State Library Consultant for the C-E-F area. (518-474-6971)

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John McAvin, former C-E-F State Library Consultant, is still the contact person for public library construction projects. (518-474-6971)

Stanley A. Ransom
KODAK INSTANT CAMERA OPTIONS

According to a current news release, Eastman Kodak is terminating their instant camera business. Libraries which have Kodak Instant Cameras may select one of the following options:

1. Exchange it for a new disc camera with telephoto lens and twin pack of film.
2. Exchange for $50 rebates on other Kodak products.
3. Exchange for one share of Kodak stock, currently listing at $48.62.

Further information: Call 1-800-792-3000.

Stanley A. Ransom

ADIRONDACK STORYTELLER RETURNING

John Vinton, the Adirondack Storyteller, will be touring the North Country area early in May.

He has announced his availability to do fund raising programs for libraries, civic and service organizations and churches. He would like to tell stories before audiences who would pay $5 or more as a benefit for the organization.

John Vinton's requirement would be meals and lodging and $50 for transportation costs.

This is an excellent chance to raise funds and also to hear some of John Vinton's spell-binding stories, such as camping trip and Tug Hill legends, and especially ones like "The Ghost of Phantom Falls."

Please contact John directly:

Mr. John Vinton  
167 Hicks Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Stanley A. Ransom

VELMA K. MOORE AWARD TO STANLEY A. RANSOM

Public Library Trustees in New York State conferred their highest honor, the Velma K. Moore Award, upon Stanley A. Ransom, Director of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System, at the annual Trustee Dinner at the Princeton Club in New York City on December 7, 1985.

The Velma K. Moore Award was established in 1961 to honor the memory of the late Mrs. Frank C. Moore, a dedicated public library trustee and the wife of former Lt. Governor Frank C. Moore.

Mr. Ransom has a distinguished record of public library service. He was active in the formation of the Suffolk Cooperative Library System, the Suffolk County Library Association, and the Long Island Library Resources Council where he served as a trustee from 1966 through 1971.
Ransom is past president of the Northern Adirondack Library Association, a past trustee of
the North Country Reference and Research Resources Council, and a charter trustee and prime
mover in the development of the Olympic and Winter Sports Museum at Lake Placid.

He served as chairman of the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries 1981-82, a member of
the LSCA Advisory Council 1980-84, and a member of the State Education Department Special
Committee on Indian Libraries. He was also a delegate to the Governor's Conference on Libraries
and to the White House Conference on Libraries.

Ransom originated Black Poetry Day, which nationally recognizes the birthday of 18th-century
black poet Jupiter Hammon on October 17. Ransom also collects and composes North Country
folk music, and is a member of the Plattsburgh Rotary Club.

Keela Rogers, president of the New York State Association of Library Boards, said that the
board of directors of the Association had voted to give the award to Ransom "in recognition of
his dedicated service to public libraries at the local, state, and national levels."

JOYCE MEAGHER RECEIVES

L. MARION MOSHER/ASA WYNKOOP AWARD

Saranac Lake Free Library Director Joyce Meagher received the L. Marion Mosher/Asa Wynkoop
Award for Distinguished Librarianship at the New York State Library Association's Awards
Ceremony on December 10, 1985 at the Marriot-Marquis Hotel in New York City.

This award is given annually by the Public Libraries Section of NYLA to a librarian who has
given distinguished service in a community of 7,500 or less.

During Joyce's 30 years of service (18 as library director, preceded by 12 years as assistant
librarian), she has been extremely successful in improving and expanding the library's services.

The Saranac Lake Library has long enjoyed a high degree of community involvement and support.
Joyce has done much to promote library services, attract new readers and give the community
the best of both worlds — solid, traditional library service combined with the advantages of new
technology.

In 1984 a two-story addition provided extra space for library services and programs.

Joyce has instituted lecture series, offering the community the opportunity to hear speakers
on a variety of subjects; the newest is the "Brown Bag Lunch" lecture series which takes place
at the library at noon every other Tuesday. By offering new and different programs, Joyce hopes
to attract community residents who are not in the habit of using the library. Joyce herself often
speaks to other community organizations about library services.

As if Joyce weren't busy enough, she is a member of the North Country Library Association,
Members Advisory Council for the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System, Champlain-Adirondack
Interlibrary Loan Network, New York State Library Association, The Reviewers Club of Saranac
Lake, The Friends of the Library, Village Improvement Society and Adirondack
Genealogical-Historical Society.

Once again, congratulations, Joyce! The award is well-deserved.
Paul and Betty Vogan were recently honored by the Mooers Free Library Board of Trustees, the Mooers Friends of the Library and the community.

The newly remodeled library basement, which has been converted into a reading room and which will also be used for library programs, was dedicated in the Vogans' honor.

Mooers Board President Reggie Barcomb made a surprise presentation of a plaque to the Vogans; it designates the new room as the Paul and Elizabeth Vogan Reading Room.

Betty has been the librarian in Mooers since 1948. Paul Vogan retired from the C-E-F Library System's Board of Trustees in 1984, after 25 years of service. The Vogans are to be commended for many years of dedicated service to the Mooers Free Library and, indeed, to library service in the entire North Country.

LIBRARIES MAY BENEFIT UNDER PROPOSED LIABILITY REFORM ACT

Municipalities, school districts, libraries and other public entities across the State have experienced problems finding and affording liability insurance. A bill has been drafted by the New York State Senate to address the insurance problem.

In brief, the bill (S-6769) would:

Establish a separate rating classification for property and casualty insurance for public entities, thereby separating and protecting these entities from the precipitous fluctuations in the marketplace.

Establish minimum standards for all liability insurance contracts for public entities by prohibiting mid-term cancellations except under specified circumstances, set a 120 day notice requirement for increases and a 120 day notice for nonrenewals. Also, the bill stipulates a minimum contract period of one year for such policies.

Set a limit on the amount a public entity might pay to settle a lawsuit.

Allows periodic (installment) payments of judgments when a public entity is found liable in a lawsuit.

—from Mid-Hudson Library System News

SON OF RAW FISH

The staff of Plattsburgh Alive recently presented the System and the Plattsburgh Public Library with copies of a book, Son of Raw Fish, written by Don Maloney. Don is well-known for his humorous column in Plattsburgh Alive, "I'm Not From Around Here."

Son of Raw Fish is the sequel to Japan: It's Not All Raw Fish. It is based on the author's experiences as an executive with Harris Corporation in Tokyo.
Editor's Note: I would like to thank Rouses Point Librarian Mary Ann Tremblay for giving Carol Bedore and me a tour of her library.

I am also grateful to C-E-F Trustee Mary Leggett for her help; Mary had done some research on Dodge Memorial several years ago and she has supplied me with important facts regarding the early days of that library.

I have also consulted two local history sources: History of Clinton & Franklin Counties, New York, by Duane H. Hurd and Rouses Point by Peg Barcomb.

We have often mentioned the importance of proximity to Canada as an influence on the System and several of its member libraries. Rouses Point, right next to the Canadian border, owes much of its unique—and sometimes wild and wooly—history to its geographical position.

The village received its name from a somewhat picaresque character—its founder, Captain Jacques Rouse. Rouse was a captain in the American army during the Revolutionary War, but it is thought that he was a spy for both sides. In the 1790's he was again a double agent—hired as an agent provocateur in Canada by both the British and the French. Later on he may also have spied for the British during the War of 1812.

One of the best Rouses Point stories is about "Fort Blunder." In 1816 the U.S. government decided to build a fort near the Canadian border. There were building problems and soldiers sent to work on the fort were rapidly deserting to Canada. Then came the last straw—an 1818 survey revealed that the fort was being constructed about a mile north of the U.S. border—in Canada. The land became part of the U.S. again by a treaty in the 1840's and Fort Montgomery was built on the site of the abandoned fort. Fort Montgomery was never used and it also fell into ruin. Like the earlier fort its stones were used in the construction of many local homes and also in the construction of the bridge to Vermont (which is across Lake Champlain from Rouses Point).

As is the case with any international frontier, there was smuggling in this area throughout the years. Local residents, for example, defied an embargo on trade with Canada during the War of 1812. The village, however, saw its wildest times during Prohibition when Rouses Point was a major point in the smuggling of beer, wine and whiskey into the United States.

Of course there were more respectable advantages in being close to Canada. Ayerst Laboratories, a Canadian pharmaceutical company, came to Rouses Point in 1934 and continues to be a major area employer.

Many famous people have passed through the village on their way to Canada including Presidents Eisenhower and Truman, Winston Churchill, King George and Queen Mary of England—and the Dionne Quintuplets.

The Dodge Memorial Library owes its existence to a country doctor (and early mayor of Rouses Point). In 1905, Dr. Lyndhurst C. Dodge bequeathed $9,000 to the village of Rouses Point to build and maintain a library. The Dodge Library in nearby West Chazy was also established with money left by Dr. Dodge.

These libraries were to be memorials to Dr. Daniel G. Dodge, the benefactor's father, who had also practiced medicine in both Rouses Point and West Chazy. The elder Dr. Dodge had been a member of the Assembly for Clinton County. He had also, at one point in his career, been the
The Dodge Memorial Library
Rouses Point, New York

Dodge Memorial Library.

Librarian Mary Ann Tremblay.

The Children's Room.

Mary Ann chats with a patron at the circulation desk.

Photos by Carol G. Bedore
Voge presents commemorative plaque to Betty and Paul Moore Free Library Board President Reggie Barcomb (at right)
Superintendent of the New York State Inebriate Asylum at Binghamton; as an expert in his field, in 1972, had given information before the British House of Commons on his methods in running inebriate asylums.

At a legal meeting of the village of Rouses Point, 98 legal voters voted on the proposition of establishing a library in the village in accordance with State Library laws and the conditions and provisions of the bequest. Although 45 voted against the library, 53 voted in the affirmative and plans began for the library. Five trustees were elected for five-year terms.

These trustees applied for a charter on December 30, 1905 and the charter was granted April 26, 1906.

The trustees advertised for a lot to be purchased—and the present site, a short distance from the shores of Lake Champlain, was purchased for $1750. Bonds were purchased from $100 which had been set aside to match $100 from the State. The imposing brick library building was opened on January 30, 1907 — and has been in operation since that time. As has been the case with many North Country libraries, it faced hard times during the Depression. For a short time in 1931, because of the failure of the bank in Rouses Point, the library was temporarily out of funds, but it did survive. The Rouses Point library, in 1954, became one of the C-E-F Library System's original members.

The library's turn-of-the-century decor has been kept intact. Oil portraits of the Dodge family grace a reading room which doubles as a board meeting room. This room also contains the original librarian's desk and chair, as well as a handsome antique rolltop desk used by a former Village Clerk. The original green-tile, mission style fireplace still adorns a corner of the room. In contrast, a large periodical rack, holds modern magazines - many donated by Mary Ann Tremblay and library patrons.

In the hall there is a large glass display case. The exhibits are changed on a regular basis. On the day we were there the theme was "A Walk to the Library," and the display featured art work by local school children. In the past, historical documents and the private collections of villagers have also been displayed.

The main reading room contains the horseshoe-shaped circulation desk which was fashioned by a local craftsman, Marc Chapman, to match the original wainscotting. Historical photographs and framed documents are displayed on top of the tall bookcases.

There is also a separate children's reading room; the furniture is kid-sized and the picture books are gaily displayed on shelves made from huge building blocks.

The Dodge Library now contains over 14,000 books and book circulation runs about 19,000 per year.

Librarian Mary Ann Tremblay's first experience with libraries was here; she was brought to the library by her grandmother when she was five years old. In 1962, Mary Ann substituted for a librarian who was going on vacation. The other librarian stayed in California but, happily, Mary Ann remained!

Mary S. Hopkins

LEE SALZMAN A CONTRIBUTOR
TO AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MANUAL

Lee Salzman was a contributor to the newly published ALA manual entitled Job and Career Information Centers for Public Libraries. The material she contributed deals with the creation of original information files. The purpose of such files is to provide access to information not readily available in some other format either within the library or from another agency. Lee was a co-presenter on this topic during a 1983 ALA Conference workshop entitled "Elements and Techniques for Establishing a Job Information Center in the Public Library."
NOMINATIONS FOR THE 1986
VELMA K. MOORE AWARD

The Board of Directors of the New York State Association of Library boards is now accepting
nominations for the 1986 Award.

The Velma K. Moore Award was established in 1961 by the Library Trustees Foundation of
New York State to honor the memory of the late Mrs. Frank C. Moore, one of the founders and
early officers of the Foundation. Awards have been made annually since 1962 to individuals who
have made a major contribution to the development of library service in New York State.

It is important to note that the basic purpose of the Award is to honor individuals who have
made notable contributions to the development of library service throughout the state. For this
reason, activities on behalf of libraries in communities or regions, while important, are not key
factors in determining the Award winner.

Persons or organizations wishing to make nominations should submit them prior to May 15th
and should support the nomination with specific information regarding the nominee’s activities
in such areas as:

SERVICE TO STATE AND NATIONAL LIBRARY ORGANIZATIONS, e.g. New York State
Association of Library Boards, New York Library Association, American Library Association,
National Citizens Emergency Committee to Save Our Public Libraries.

SERVICE IN THE LEGISLATIVE AREA, e.g. activities on behalf of Libraries with the New
York State Legislature, the Congress, the National Commission on Libraries and Information
Sciences.

SERVICE ON STATE STUDY COMMITTEES, e.g. published articles given state wide distribution,
talks to library and/or lay groups outside own system territory, involvement in state wide and/or
national activities supporting Libraries.

Please submit your nominations for the 1986 Velma K. Moore Award to the Secretary of the
Awards Committee, at the following address, not later than May 15, 1986.

Allan Boudreau, Secretary
Velma K. Moore Award Committee
71 West 23rd Street
New York, NY 10010

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REMINDER

THE DEADLINE FOR THE TRAILBLAZER
NEWS FOR THE MARCH/APRIL
ISSUE IS MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1986

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HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

LEE SALZMAN REPORTS:

Due to the efforts of its Volunteer Services unit, Adirondack Correctional Facility is eager and ready to provide for the repair and maintenance of talking-book and cassette-book machines which are loaned to eligible local residents through the New York State Library for the Blind and Visually Handicapped. With the facility's assistance, repair backlogs can be greatly diminished, and North Country residents should receive speedier and more continuous service. All requests for repair/maintenance should be processed through C-E-F Library System for the 3-County area, or through RSVP/Essex county for nearby Essex County residents. This service will be available during the school calendar year, September-June. C-E-F wishes to thank Adirondack Correctional Facility for recognizing the need for this vital program, and being willing to participate in fulfilling its goals.

Lee Salzman
Assistant Director/Head of Outreach

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REFERENCE/INTERLIBRARY LOAN

News

We've survived the end of 1985, and are now well into 1986 and its projects. The Christmas season brought no real surprises in Reference, although there was one request that really stumped us—does anyone have any information on an early 20th century Christmas story entitled "Grumpy's Christmas?" If so, please let us know, we weren't able to find anything on it.

The new year brings some changes, as well as more of the same at C-E-F:

—Automation continues to play an important role in reference work—we're getting used to our new data base searching service, continuing to expand our use of automated systems in transmission of requests to our 3R's Council and the state network, and look forward to the changes our online circulation system will bring in the near future.

—We're gearing up for our annual term paper crunch, already underway. We've been working on our book collection and vertical files, getting ready, so I think we're pretty well prepared. Of course, we always have some topics catch us off guard . . .

This sounds like a pretty good lineup for 1986 -- one which will grow as the year progresses. There's always something interesting going on!

Elizabeth S. Rogers
Head of Reference and
Interlibrary Loan
GIVEAWAYS FROM HEADQUARTERS
REFERENCE BOOKS AVAILABLE:

JEIC NEWS

The Job and Education Information Center is happy to announce that a resume writing workshop will be held on February 4 from 7-8 p.m. at the Saranac Lake Library. Staff members Betty Collins and Judy Menard are looking forward to their trip to Saranac Lake and would be happy to present a workshop for any other member library, if desired.

SIGI Plus, our computerized guidance system, is becoming more and more popular. Reaction to this new service seems to be very favorable, with comments from users about how much they learned about themselves to how much fun it was! Anyone is welcome to schedule an appointment by calling the Center, Phone: 563-8370.

Kathie LaBombard
JEIC Librarian

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Director Richard Ward reports:

Shahin Shoar joined the staff on January 6th. She will be technical services librarian in charge of cataloging and processing books. She received her Master's in Library Service in 1979 from the School of Information Studies at Syracuse University and has had some library work experience in the Syracuse area and in Tehran, Iran.

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We have received an unrestricted bequest of $5,000 from the estate of Elva Guilbault of South Plattsburgh.

DODGE MEMORIAL LIBRARY
ROUSES POINT

The library has a handy new book drop. The books drop from the return slot into a book truck with a collapsible floor.

SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

Director Joyce Meagher reports:

Creta Chase of Saranac Lake has donated a pictured embroidery to the Saranac Lake Free Library and to the Harrietstown Board. It will hang at the library.

The embroidery is a picture of Independence Hall in Philadelphia, the building after which the Harrietstown Town Hall is modeled. The inscription notes that the embroidery is donated in honor of the Reviewers' Club and that the time on the tower clock in the embroidery is set for 7:30 p.m., the time of the club's meetings in Saranac Lake. Ms. Chase is president of the book review club.

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On January 9, Dr. Thomas Minehan gave a talk on Halley's Comet at the Cantwell Community Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library. He gave the audience valuable information on skywatching, to help them appreciate this once-in-a-lifetime phenomenon.

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Many donations have been made to the Memorial Fund of the Saranac Lake Free Library during the past year and this enables us to purchase additional books for our collection. A suitable book is purchased and recognition is made in the form of a bookplate in each volume.

We encourage this form of memorial because it benefits the entire community.

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SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY
1986 PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, EXHIBITS
CANTWELL COMMUNITY ROOM

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May 15 thru June 15

Sixteenth Annual Children's Art Exhibit
Coordinated by Virginia Jakobe

May 27
Noon
Tuesday
Brown Bag Luncheon Program
Regional Theater in America - Robert Rutland

NYLA COOKBOOK A SUCCESS

Some 360 out of 500 cookbooks have been sold to date. Librarians from Connecticut to Oregon responded to the notice in Library Journal and there is a steady level of sales.

The NYLA Cookbooks have now been transferred to the NYLA offices. The cookbook is still available at the price of $9, $8.50 for the cookbook and 50¢ for postage. Please make checks payable to NYLA and send to:

New York Library Association
15 Park Row, Suite 434
New York, NY 10038

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

National Library Week is April 6-12 this year. The System will be distributing posters and bookmarks to the member libraries and bookmobiles.
ESSEX HUMANITIES SERIES

Upcoming programs in the Tri-County area are:

The "American Dreams" Series

#3 "Figures in the Landscape"
Winter/Spring 1986 at The Wadham's Grange

February 27
The Country of the Pointed Firs by Sarah Orne Jewett: Joanne Jacobson, poet and Professor of English, Middlebury College.

March 13
Essays by Ralph Waldo Emerson: Stuart Voss, Professor of History, SUNY Plattsburgh.

March 27
Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe: Deborah Clifford, President, Vermont Historical Society and biographer of Julia Ward Howe.

April 10
Let Us Now Praise Famous Men by James Agee and Walker Evans: Richard Sweterlitzsch, Professor of English (Oral History and Folklore) University of Vermont.

April 24
The Unsettling of America by Wendell Berry: John Elder, Professor of English, Middlebury College.

Lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Wadham's Grange

GRAND OPENING DINNER AT THE GRANGE
February 27th - 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Liz Rapalee, Librarian
Wadham's Free Library
Phone: (518) 962-4514
(518) 962-4378

#4 "Empires" in the Keene Valley Library

May 5
Thoreau's Walden as Utopia: Professor Robert Gross, Amherst

May 19
Nathaniel West, A Cool Million: Professor Morris Dickstein, Queens

June 2

June 16
Saul Bellow, Henderson the Rain King: Professor Tom Smith, Associate Director, the Writers' Center, SUNY Albany

Nancy Edmonds, Librarian
Keene Valley Library
Phone: (518) 576-4335
"Readings in American History" Series:

#1: Malone, NY - Wead Library. David W. Minnich, Librarian: "Rebirth" (518-483-5251)

February 20
Oates on Lincoln: Professor Jack Myers, SUNY Plattsburgh
March 6
Lincoln II: Professor Jack Myers, SUNY Plattsburgh
March 20
Uncle Tom: Professor Marli Weiner, St. Lawrence University
April 3
D.W. Griffith: Barry Snyder, Vermont
April 17
Stamp: Professor Bernard Lammers, St. Lawrence University

#2: Saranac Lake, NY Joyce Meagher, Librarian: "Rebirth" (518-891-4190)

April 24
Lincoln: Myers, SUNY Plattsburgh
May 8
Lincoln II: Myers, SUNY Plattsburgh
May 22
Uncle Tom: Weiner, St. Lawrence
June 5
D.W. Griffith: Snyder, Vermont
June 19
Stamp: Marshall True, UVM

#3: Ausable Forks, Margaret Nolan, Mrs. Manning, Librarian and Board Chairman: "Constitution" (518-647-5936, 647-8150)

March 20
Washington: Norbert Kuntz, St. Michael's College
April 3
Adams Chronicle film: Eric Davis, Middlebury
April 17
Crisis in Freedom: Marshall True, UVM
May 1
Burr: Beth Bates, Vermont
May 22
(note 3 week hiatus) Republic in Peril: Mark Stoler, UVM

#4: Plattsburgh Public Library, Richard Ward, Director (518-563-0921) "Constitution"

April 23
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Admission to these programs is free; everyone is welcome. Books for the discussions are available through the librarians. Programs are also being planned for Westport and Ticonderoga; however, dates have not yet been set.

The programs are sponsored by the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System and funded by the New York State Council for the Humanities.

These programs have been very well received. Janice Allen, Librarian of Paine Memorial Library in Willsboro, so enjoyed the "American Dreams" lectures (held in Willsboro last fall) that she is planning a new series on her own. She will be using books from the Vermont Library Association and discussion leaders from the community.

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

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