As 1986 is drawing to a close, 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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MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HANUKKAH AND BEST WISHES
FOR THE NEW YEAR

Mary Shaw Hopkins
Editor
FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Congratulations to our legislators, Senator Ronald Stafford and Assemblymen Chris Ortloff, Tony Casale and Glenn Harris upon their re-election. These are hardworking and conscientious public servants who have done much for our North Country region and for the State. We appreciate their continued support for libraries of all types.

Congratulations to Regent Laura B. Chodos of District IV, who received the Velma K. Moore Award for her outstanding contributions to the expansion and improvement of library service in New York State. All who know of her tireless efforts on behalf of libraries and her effective work as a member of the White House Conference on Libraries Task Force will applaud this recognition of her hard work. We appreciate the fine job you are doing, Mrs. Chodos!

Stanley A. Ransom
Director

BLACK POETRY DAY

Black Poetry Day was celebrated on October 15th, rather than October 17th this year, with the poetry reading of Sam Cornish. Mr. Cornish, who is professor of American Literature at Emerson College in Boston, read from his newest work "Songs of Jubilee," recently published by Unicorn Press. The event was held at Plattsburgh State University College. Afterwords Mr. Cornish answered questions and autographed copies of his books.

Bernard Finney, library consultant with the State Library's Division of Library Development, and a member of the Black Poetry Day Committee, spoke on Black Poetry both at the Plattsburgh Air Force Base and at St. John's School in Plattsburgh to a delighted audience.

Black Poetry Day is held on October 17th each year. It commemorates the birth in 1711 of Jupiter Hammon of Huntington, Long Island, first Black in America to publish his own verse. His work pre-dates by some ten years the work of the Boston poet, Phillis Wheatley.

Our thanks to the persons who worked on the Black Poetry Committee this year. They are Bernard Finney, Mary Hopkins of C-E-F, Alexis Levitin of PSUC, Stacey Wallace of Akeba Student Organization, Airman 1st Class Rhonda Butler, PAFB Librarian Edward Ruddy and Vivian Papson of PSUC. Stanley Ransom is Chairman of the Committee.

Stanley A. Ransom
1986 NYLA CONFERENCE IN LAKE PLACID

Good news, folks! The NYLA Annual Conference, which was celebrated in Rochester in 1986, is coming to Lake Placid October 22-25, 1987. The last two conferences in Lake Placid in 1969 and 1976 were accompanied by 4-6 inches of snow. We hope that the new Olympic and Winter Sports Museum will be open for visitors at that time. C-E-F Director Stanley Ransom is Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee. Any librarians, trustees or friends interested in serving on this committee should contact Stanley Ransom at 518-563-5190. We will be meeting soon to discuss library tours, receptions, hospitality and related matters.

Stanley A. Ransom

LEONA SALZMAN ELECTED

Leona Salzman, Assistant Director of C-E-F, was recently elected Vice-President and President Elect of the Public Library Section of the New York Library Association. This Section, one of the largest in NYLA, serves the needs of all public libraries and public library systems in New York State. Congratulations to you, Leona!

Leona is also Chair of the Vitality Committee, which will be presenting an exciting winter event at the forthcoming NYLA Conference October 22-25, 1987, at Lake Placid.

Stanley A. Ransom

C-E-F PUBLISHES TWO BOOKS

C-E-F Library System has ventured into the realm of the book industry with the publication of two books in 1986.

1. Posen, I. Sheldon
You Hear The Ice Talking: The Ways of People and Ice on Lake Champlain.

2. Church, Nancy J.

Please make checks payable to C-E-F Library System and send to P.O. Box 570, Plattsburgh, NY 12901.

The first book describes all types of activities relating to Lake Champlain ice — folklore, fishing stories, excerpts from diaries and historical accounts. It describes the once flourishing ice industry, as well as the role of ice boats on Lake Champlain. The well illustrated book was written by Folklorist I. Sheldon Posen who has studied Lake Champlain ice for over three years under a grant to the C-E-F Library System from the New York State Council on the Arts.
Dr. Nancy J. Church, Marketing Professor at the School of Business, Plattsburgh State University College, has authored a model marketing manual for nonprofit cultural organizations. This book, illustrated by cartoonist Sid Couchey, himself a library trustee, gives detailed advice on use of the media and on the preparation, implementation and evaluation of a marketing plan for your public library or arts organization. It was an outgrowth of the series of Marketing Training workshops held by the C-E-F Library System at Plattsburgh State University College.

The marketing book will have great usefulness to public libraries, who are included in the audience for whom the book was intended.

Stanley A. Ransom

MARKETING TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Thanks to a $25,000 grant from the N.Y.S. Council on the Arts, the C-E-F Library System has sponsored a series of 5 Marketing Workshops for nonprofit cultural organizations. From September 16th to November 18th, some 35 representatives of libraries, county arts councils and cultural organizations met at Plattsburgh State University College to learn how marketing techniques can increase their patrons or audience and also increase their local support. Reaching the Canadian visitor is a special interest of this group.

The first meeting was moderated by Gordon Devries, Data Services Manager for PSUC's Technical Assistance Center. Mr. Devries outlined the population characteristics of residents of the North Country and distributed copies of two studies, a 66 page "Cultural Attitudes Survey" of residents of the C-E-F area, and a 43 page "Demographic Profile of Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties." The demographic profile also included much valuable information on the Canadian population and its impact on the North Country. These may be borrowed on interlibrary loan.

Dr. Nancy J. Church, Marketing Professor from PSUC's School of Business, moderated the subsequent workshops. The first one was devoted to use of the media and discussed media alternatives. William Lundquel, Advertising Director of the Press-Republican newspaper; Gordie Little, Program Director of WIRY Radio Station and Mike Beaudoin, Sales Manager for WPTZ-TV-Channel 5 (NBC), spoke on the advantages of using their media and discussed their special rates for nonprofit organizations. Nancy Church also reviewed other media alternatives.

Dr. Church moderated the next three meetings on Developing, Implementing and Evaluating Your Marketing Plan. In the first meeting David Reid, Marketing Professor at Clarkson College, discussed the development of marketing strategy and sample plans. Nancy Church spoke on determining your organizations goals, missions and objectives and on designing your marketing mix, as well as how to write a marketing plan for your organization.

Bob Berger, Marketing Professor at North Country Community College, explained how to sell an intangible, (the services you offer), and how to set up an ad that sells or attracts. The final meeting on November 18th dealt with evaluating marketing plans, using questionnaires and a marketing audit. Dr. Church was joined by Dr. Jerry Rosenblatt, Marketing Professor at Concordia University in Montreal, who discussed the marketing audit.

Stanley A. Ransom
LAKE CHAMPLAIN ICE EXHIBITION

From January 9th through March 31st, 1987, the Clinton County Historical Museum will host an exhibit relating to ice on Lake Champlain. Folklorist I. Sheldon Posen has been gathering information, photos, diaries, oil paintings, ice fishing equipment, skate sails and a wide variety of other artifacts for this comprehensive exhibit at the Museum. Dr. Posen, and Museum Director Helen Allan, will be preparing the exhibit during the month of December.

This exhibit will offer views of ice shanty life and will note the various styles of ice fishing techniques. A half hour WCBE-TV special, produced by Tom Howie and Sheldon Posen, appeared last year as the Adirondack Journal program entitled "Shantytown."

Be sure to visit this exhibit and learn how one Lieutenant Everest escaped from his Indian captors on skates. Diaries tell of the ice road used by local residents to cross to Vermont. Ice harvesting, once an important industry, is documented.

The exhibit is sponsored by C-E-F Library System and funded in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts.

Dr. Posen has also written a book "You Hear The Ice Talking," telling stories about the ice and illustrated with many photographs.

Stanley A. Ransom

RURAL HEALTH INFORMATION DELIVERY GRANT

Thanks to Senator Ronald B. Stafford and the New York State Legislature, the C-E-F Library System will be able to continue its Rural Health Information Delivery Program. The grant of $20,000 will be administered by the New York State Department of Health.

The Health Information Delivery Program at C-E-F is one of our most successful services. It provides a variety of pamphlets, books, films and bibliographies on specified health problems, such as cancer, VD, anorexia, stress, physical fitness and senior citizen health. These collections are distributed to nursing homes, libraries, hospitals and health care agencies to supply to people who need accurate information in lay terms for better understanding. The materials have proven to be very popular in the three years of the program's existence.

The new funding ensures the continuation of this vital health information program to the residents of Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties. There is a special emphasis on preventive measures to keep people healthy, such as information on good nutrition and diet, exercise, stress avoidance and other forms of illness prevention.

Our thanks to Senator Stafford for recognizing the value of this program in our libraries.

Stanley A. Ransom
NYLA ADOPTS MINIMUM SALARY STANDARD

Following many months of study and discussion, the Council of the New York Library Association recently adopted a position on minimum salaries for professional librarians. The position reads as follows:

Entry level minimum salaries for MLS professional librarians should be at least equal to the comparable salaries of entry level public school teachers with a Masters Degree in the same community.

Based on 1986/87 salaries in Ausable, Dannemora, Northern Adirondack Central School, Northeastern Clinton Central School, Plattsburgh, Saranac and Crown Point, this means that the minimum professional salary for the C-E-F area should be approximately $18,337 per year.

UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION
BICENTENNIAL BOOKSHELF

The National Endowment for the Humanities is offering matching grants of $500 for public libraries to help establish a Bicentennial Bookshelf of reference works and other books about the U.S. Constitution. All public libraries are encouraged to apply; preference will be given to libraries with limited acquisition budgets.

The applications must reach NEH by December 15, 1986. Successful applicants will be notified before February 1, 1987.

For a copy of the application, including instructions and a bibliography, please contact ALA0595, or write or call GladysAnn Wells, New York State Library, Room 10D36 CEC, Albany, NY 12230, Phone (518) 474-4660.

LIBRARY OF AMERICA GRANTS

Four hundred and eighty-eight libraries in forty-seven states have been awarded 60-volume sets of the Library of America, the authoritative collection of our country's great literature. From Nome, Alaska to Sundance, Wyoming from Louisville, Georgia to Louisville, Kentucky, these libraries will be receiving the series that Newsweek called "the most important book-publishing project in the nation's history."

Through these awards, which have now been made to over 900 libraries over a two-year period, libraries will be acquiring this important collection of American literature with funds from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and matching funds pledged in their local communities.

The program was established, with a $500,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, because of the serious financial constraints on many libraries and their difficulties meeting needs with inadequate book budgets. The availability of the series in many public libraries will give the American public an opportunity to read and appreciate the essential writings that constitute our nation's literary heritage.

Each $500 pledged locally is being matched by $500 from the Mellon grant, making the cost of the entire collection $1,000. Additional grants are still available to libraries whose annual books budgets do not exceed $35,000. For information call or write Judy Nyren at The Library of America, 14 East 60th Street, New York, NY 10022, (212) 308-3360.
DOCTORS NEED LIBRARIES, TOO!

The following is a recent article from the Medical Library Association's MLA News:

"HARBESON VERSUS PARKE-DAVIS: AN OVERVIEW
by
Robert J. Sekerak, Dana Medical Library, University of Vermont

"In January 1983, the Supreme Court of the State of Washington found three physicians negligent in a case of wrongful birth. The decision in Harbeson v. Parke-Davis was based on their failure to conduct literature searches or consult other sources of specific information regarding the causal relationship between the drug Dilantin and birth defects. The court found that the physicians had breached the standard of care for the average physician acting under the same or similar circumstances. (Harbeson, an epileptic taking Dilantin on the advice of the physicians, subsequently gave birth to two children with fetal hydantion syndrome.)


"In his incisive article analyzing the case, Skolnick summarizes the essential finding of the court: 'Failure to search the appropriate scientific literature is an obvious breach of the broader duty to perform at the level of knowledge and practice in the physician's clinical specialty. The duties defined by the doctrine of informed consent may be discharged only if the physician remains abreast of current information, and can communicate it to his patients.' (p. 288)

"Skolnick goes on to discuss the proliferation of scientific information and the application of new telecommunications and computer technologies to access and retrieve specific information. He blames memory-based, undergraduate medical education and training for the failure of many physicians to utilize these technologies. The item in Physician's Management concludes with this recommendation: 'If a physician finds little time to do medical research, he could hire another physician, a medical student, or a nursing student to do it.' That neither article mentions the potential role of the health sciences library is a telling comment on the awareness of health care practitioners about information resources and services available to them at medical libraries. Perhaps this case can be used to stimulate interest in the information search/retrieval services and/or training in end-user searching offered at many health sciences information centers."

Physicians, use your Medical Library!

Contributed by Stanley A. Ransom

JOHN ROTHMAN HEADS NEW YORK STATE REGENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES

John Rothman, Director of Archives for The New York Times, will serve as Chair of the New York State Regents Advisory Council on Libraries for the 1986-1987 year. Mrs. Jean St. Clair of Jamaica will serve as Vice-Chair of the nine-member Council.

The Regents have reappointed to the Council Zebulon Robbins, Director of The Educational Communications Services Division, Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady BOCES. The Regents have also appointed Ms. Evelyn Brandon, Professor Emeritus, Rochester Institute of Technology to the Council. Mr. Robbins and Ms. Brandon both will serve five-year terms ending September 30, 1991.

The Council advises the Regents on State policy regarding the New York State Library, library development, legislation, and library aid programs. Other members of the Council are: Helen Flowers, currently President of NYLA and media specialist of the Bay Shore High School, Long Island; Nancy C. Kranich, New York University; Elizabeth Manion, Trustee, Marlboro; Richard Panz, Finger Lakes Library System, Ithaca; and Nina Root, American Museum of Natural History.
I would like to thank Port Henry Librarian Kathleen Brooks and Trustee C. Eleanor Hall for devoting a large portion of an autumn afternoon showing Trailblazer photographer Carol Bedore and me around the library and for providing me with so much useful information on the history of the library. Miss Hall co-authored a book (with Dr. C.B. Warner), History of Port Henry, New York (which I referred to often) and she was able to recall many interesting anecdotes on the history of the library and the Port Henry - Moriah area as well. I am also grateful to another Port Henry trustee, Mary Considine, for providing me with a written history of the library from which I have drawn heavily in writing this article.

At one time, the town of Moriah, in which the village of Port Henry, is located, was one of the leading producers of iron ore and pig iron in the United States. During the heyday of mining prosperity in the latter half of the 19th century, one mine owner, George Riley Sherman decided to build Port Henry a library.

There had been earlier attempts at providing public libraries in the village. One library was in a private home (what was then the Foster house). The railroad YMCA provided a library for the use of roadmen. The Bay State Furnace Company also provided reading rooms and a library of several hundred books (which were later contributed to the Sherman Free Library).

George Riley Sherman was an owner of Witherbee, Sherman and Company, said to have been at one time the largest producer of magnetically concentrated iron ore in the world. Long noted for his philanthropic works in the area, Sherman built and endowed the Sherman Free Library.

The library was organized in 1887. A local newspaper reported, "Not withstanding the storm Monday night, January 17, 1887, the opera house was filled by the citizens of Port Henry, assembled to show their appreciation and gratitude to Mr. George Riley Sherman for his munificent gift of the Sherman Free Library and its privileges to the people of this village. The Port Henry Orchestra was in attendance and enlivened the occasion from time to time with a few of their choicest selections."

The original library collection contained about 2500 books, purchased at a cost of about $2000. A librarian from the University of Vermont was imported to catalog the books and set the library up.

A Miss Rose Foster became the first librarian. It is interesting to note that in nearly 100 years of existence the library has had only 10 librarians. Current Librarian Kathleen Brooks has held the position since 1972. Recently, Kathleen has been assisted by Peggy Woods, a Green Thumb worker.

Mr. Sherman had not intended that the village should have to support the library; he provided the library with a generous endowment which he thought would be adequate to maintain the library for all time.

He could not, however, have anticipated the effect that inflation would have on expenses. The cost of maintaining the library in its first year was only $556.91. The village and the town of Moriah eventually began to contribute to the library's support as operating costs rose.

Originally the library had been used only by residents of the village. Port Henry was an hour's trip for a Moriah farmer in the days of the horse and buggy. In the 1930's, however, a $1000 bond issue was passed in the town of Moriah and service was extended to that outlying district.
The Sherman Free Library
Port Henry, New York

The Sherman Free Library.

The main reading room and local reference collections.

Eleanor Hall.

Librarian Kathleen Brooks.
"Merry Christmas."

The Sherman Guards Flag

circulation desk,
Assistant Peggy Woods at the
Mention should also be made of Frank Spencer Witherbee, first President of the Board of Trustees of the Sherman Free Library, who served in that capacity for 30 years - until his death in 1917.

Besides having been President of the Witherbee, Sherman Mining Company, Mr. Witherbee (a staunch Republican) was a Presidential elector and a member of the Electoral College that named Benjamin Harrison president in 1888 and William Howard Taft in 1908.

Mr. Witherbee was also concerned that the pre-Revolutionary forts at nearby Crown Point were being allowed to fall into ruin. Therefore, he purchased the forts and garrison grounds and donated them to the State of New York.

After the turn of the century the library had begun to outgrow its original one room. In December, 1907 the library was closed for the purpose of building an extension.

A small boy was in the habit of watching the workmen through a mail slot in the front door; one day, six days after work had begun, he peeped in and saw fire. He hailed a passerby, who called the fire department. The library and its contents were badly damaged, but eight months later the library, twice its original size, reopened. The young boy went on to a career in New York City and the mail slot is still there.

The library made it through the next 80 years without serious mishap, except, possibly, for the bat infestation of 1951. The bats had made their way in through a window and the librarian, who wasn't about to share quarters with the creatures, threatened to quit unless something was done about the problem. Fortunately, exterminators were called in and life at the library went back to normal.

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I had been in the Sherman library before - actually many times before - but my last visit had been over 20 years ago when I used to accompany my grandfather who was then a library trustee. I was secretly hoping there wouldn't be any major changes. Happily, while library services are solidly in step with the 1980's, I found the building much as I remembered it. At first one object seemed to be missing, but then, to my relief I found it - the lifesize white marble statue of a little girl, with the words "Merrie Christmas" on its base which had always intrigued me as a child. I told Kathleen how much I had always liked the statue and she told me that all the kids who visited the library seemed to feel the same way. She said the statue had been given by the Francis family, relatives of Frank Witherbee, because they felt the little girl of the statue resembled a child they had lost.

The library is paneled in mellow wood - the 1907 addition the same as the original room. Had I not been told, I never would have guessed that their construction had been separated by two decades.

Bookcases surround one side of the main reading room. The library has an extensive collection of local history books - a researcher's dream. The Warner McLaughlin Collection contains books on the Adirondacks, Vermont and Lake Champlain. The nearby Witherbee Collection is a reference collection on iron, steel and local mining. Another valuable gift is a collection of mine and local land parcel maps and mine maps, as well as mining books donated by Patrick Farrell, former district superintendent of Republic Steel Corporation. That corporation was a successor of Witherbee, Sherman; it shut down its local operations in the 1970's. Mr. Farrell also presented the library with a heavy oak map case which matches the library's interior. In addition, he gave the library a large framed portrait of Frank Witherbee and several documents pertaining to Witherbee's career.

On a wall on the opposite side of the room one sees a large old, time-stained flag. This was the flag of the Sherman Guards, a National Guard unit formed in 1875. The unit only saw action once (if you could really call it that) when they were called out by the Governor in 1877 to quell a labor riot in Troy and Albany. The Fort Henry men, however, spent their stay in a loft where they were quartered.

The library was also presented with a
large collection of Civil War records. On yet another wall is a painting done by James Hope a 19th century artist of the Hudson River School. It is a picture of steamboats on Lake Champlain (the lake, by the way, is only about a couple of hundred yards walk from the library). In the painting, one can see Chimney Point across the Lake in Vermont, as well as railroad tracks on the Fort Henry side - a bustling mining town and shipping center of a bygone era.

Sherman Free Library will have another event to celebrate in the coming year - in addition to its Annual July book sale - its Centennial.

Last year the library's holdings totaled over 13,000 and its annual circulation approached 9,000. Built by a mining magnate in the confident days of an emerging industrial nation, the library witnessed the days when Grand Army of the Republic veterans marched in Memorial Day parades on the main street and ice cream cones were a novelty. It has slipped quietly and gently into an era of hi-tech and videocassettes. I can only hope that my little "Merrie Christmas" girl will still be there to greet children in 2087.

Mary S. Hopkins

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NEW BOOK BY LOCAL AUTHOR


Marge Lamy of Saranac Lake has had an extensive background in journalism and public relations. Among her many accomplishments, she has written for The Adirondack Daily Enterprise in Saranac Lake and she was formerly an editor of The Lake Placid News.

Marge has been an active volunteer at the Saranac Lake Free Library. She has done a number of presentations for the library, over the years, as part of their public programs. In 1981 she was coordinator of the National Endowment for the Humanities program on Adirondack history held by the library; she organized the special exhibition that opened the series and presented two of the programs - one on recreation and one on the health industry.

CROSS COUNTRY SKI INNS offers 25 of the best inns of Eastern United States and Canada (including three local inns - The Bark Eater in Keene, Garnet Hill Lodge in North River and the High Winds Inn in North Creek). Some 150 full-color photographs showing the outside and inside of the inns and nearby scenes of skiing and exploring help readers to visualize the setting while a lively text provides descriptive and detailed information on accommodations, the hosts, dining and wine cellar, and ski trails.

This book is a must for tourists seeking the best of country inn experiences and for cross-country ski enthusiasts (as well as downhillers, where facilities are closeby).
DONATIONS NEEDED FOR ICE BOOK

Donations from $50 to $200 are urgently needed to help defray expenses on the forthcoming Lake Champlain ice book. Authored by Dr. Sheldon Posen, Folklorist for the 1987 Lake Champlain Ice Exhibition, the book will present stories about Lake Champlain ice and the people who have been involved with ice. Ice industry, ice boating, ice fishing and travel on the ice are some of the topics covered. The stories are illustrated by sixty to seventy photographs. A copy of the book, "You Hear The Ice Talking," will be presented to each donor.

Donations are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System and sent to the System address.

Stanley A. Ransom

HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

LEE SALZMAN REPORTS:

The word is in! All of the adult literacy grants applied for have been approved and are as follows:

Adult Literacy Services Program (state aid) — C-E-F Library System, $11,047; Paine Memorial Library, $2,500; Wead Library, $17,000.

Library Literacy Program (LSCA Title VI) — C-E-F Library System, $23,581.

Literacy Volunteers Project (LSCA Title I) — C-E-F Library System, $5,000.

We are particularly pleased about the projects approved for our member libraries in Willsboro and Malone. We hope that our State legislature will approve appropriations for this program in 1987 and beyond, and that more of our member libraries will consider submitting applications. Congratulations to Janice Allen and Dave Minnich!

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When we say "welcome aboard" to Susan Therrian, we mean it literally. Susan is substituting on one of our bookmobiles while Madge Mehan is on sick leave.

Leona Salzman
Assistant Director/Head of Outreach
AUTOMATION PLANS AT THE C-E-F LIBRARY

We have been excited recently by the grants we have received to automate the member libraries. We have received recently two major grants: one for training adults in microcomputer literacy and one for general automation of all our library activities, with a strong emphasis on data storage and retrieval, particularly card catalog information for common use.

The microcomputer literacy grant will provide Apple IIe microcomputers for 9 of our larger libraries. These computers will come with Appleworks software and other software programs suitable for use with adults in the community. We will first have two workshops at C-E-F headquarters for each of the libraries involved. At these workshops the librarians will be introduced to the computers, the equipment that comes with them, and how they are interfaced. Then we will be training the librarians in basic information about the operation of these computers and the software that comes with them.

After the librarians have received the basic training at C-E-F, we will take a computer to each library and set it up for use. At that time the librarians will have additional opportunity to obtain further training as needed to meet their local needs.

Each of the 9 microcomputer literacy grant libraries will then be contacting local computer experts to train the general public in the use of the microcomputer. The sessions will be held in the local library, and will be open to all adult patrons who wish to attend the sessions. Many of the details from this point will be handled by each of the local libraries.

Each of the librarians of the 9 libraries in this grant have been personally contacted by me and have given their approval to this project. These libraries are: Akwesasne, Malone, Saranac Lake, Tupper Lake, Lake Placid, Ticonderoga, Willsboro, Peru, and Plattsburgh. Other librarians and trustees of all the libraries may wish to watch for announcements of classes to be given in these libraries and get in on the fun.

The other grant is a much larger and far reaching grant than the grant just mentioned. Details of the grant for the 1986 fiscal year are just now taking place; therefore, the individual libraries have not yet been contacted or given their approval. Accordingly, no library names can yet be given. However, present plans are to have all the remaining libraries included in this grant by the end of 1987 if they wish to take advantage of this opportunity. The first 8 libraries will be started on this project during the end of 1986 or very early in 1987. Computers for these 8 libraries are already on order, along with the Appleworks software.

The project will work for these libraries in somewhat the same fashion as the first 9 libraries in the initial stages. The librarians of these libraries will be invited to come to one or two workshops at the C-E-F headquarters, following which the computers will be installed in the 8 libraries. The difference is that these computers will be aimed at the automation needs of the library first, and will only be made available for public use if the local library decides to do so. The first project that will be on tap for these libraries will be a hook-up with the reference department, at C-E-F by direct contact with the Gaylord circulation computer and through electronic mail. Modems which will make this type of communication possible will be supplied with all the computers given on either grant. We believe that this will enable us all to enter a new era of greatly improved delivery of books requested from our reference department.

This is only the beginning of the second grant. It goes far beyond the supply of the initial microcomputers to our member libraries, as this grant is a multi-year grant from the State of New York. In future years we hope to use the funds from this grant to convert the catalog holdings of the member libraries to a circulation control data base, likely the same Gaylord system that is currently being installed at the C-E-F Library and the Plattsburgh Public Library. Our dream — and perhaps this is only a dream — is to have all our member libraries on a common database. Then each library will be able at any time to find out which other libraries have
a book that is needed ON THE SHELF at the
time of the query. True this is only a dream
for now, but without dreams we will never
go anywhere.

Hugh R. Starke
Administrative Assistant

REFERENCE/INTERLIBRARY LOAN
NEWS

We're moving full-tilt into our fall activities
in Reference and Interlibrary Loan. The ILL
pace is picking up as school projects get
underway, and as our readers start thinking
of those long winter hours to spend reading.
We get lots of "Can we have it tomorrow?"
phone calls.

Rosemary, Lettie and I spend our time
thinking of creative ways to play "Find The
Book," usually with pretty good success. It's
just one of the things that keeps our jobs
interesting.

We distributed our new and improved ILL
forms to member libraries in October, and
so far we've not received many complaints.
We're pleased with them, and find them easier
to use. Next we take on the Bookmobile
forms...

We've also begun sending overdue notices,
courtesy of the Gaylord offices. This has
been greeted with mixed reactions from book-
mobile patrons and member libraries. For
the most part people have been cooperative
and friendly — and best of all, understanding.
The net result is an improvement in service,
since the number of overdue items is beginning
to drop. Just the start of good things to
come.

Electronic mail is changing at the North
Country 3R's Council, which impacts on all
C-E-F libraries. A bigger and better e-mail
system has been implemented as of
November 3. The system, called "Hobo,"
is home-grown by Tom Blauvelt at NC3R's,
and represents the best of several systems
we've been using. We'll be expanding our
use of electronic mail using this system,
as will other NC3R's members.

As of November 13, the Goff-Nelson
Memorial Library in Tupper Lake has joined
the ranks of the electronically communicative
( along with Malone, Saranac Lake and Keene
Valley). More C-E-F libraries will follow
in 1987.

We continue to expand our reference
services at C-E-F, through bibliographies,
increased use of data base searching,
improvements in our access materials —
we'll be making greater efforts to offer more
in 1987, so don't touch that dial.

Meanwhile keep keeping us busy — we
might not always be able to find what you're
looking for (we never did figure out how many
people visited the Grand Canyon last year),
but we're happy to give it our best shot (we
do know the address of the Canadian Alliance
in Solidarity with the Native People).

Elizabeth S. Rogers
Head of Reference and
Interlibrary Loan

REMINDER

THE DEADLINE FOR THE TRAILBLAZER
NEWS FOR THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY ISSUE
IS MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 1987
AKWESASNE LIBRARY
AND CULTURAL CENTER

The Akwesasne Library and Cultural Center has been clearing land and laying the foundation for the new library along Route 37. This has been an exciting endeavor for the library staff, the Board of Directors, the Tribal Council and the community.

The major contributor of funds has been the U.S. Department of Education with a grant of $197,000. The State of New York is contributing $25,000 toward our project. The Council is helping out with staff and equipment for clearing and improving the land. These grants will pay for the building and some furnishings, but other monies and services will be needed to complete the library.

The new building will also house the museum and there will be a separate room for craftsmen.

CHATEAUGAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Trustee Jeannette Hotchkiss reports:

A photography exhibit produced by the Statue of Liberty – Ellis Island Foundation was displayed at the Chateaugay Memorial Library in September. The exhibit explored, through large photographs, the origin of the Statue of Liberty and her symbolic connection with Ellis Island and the immigrant experience.

The exhibit was made possible through the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System and was at the Library from September 15 through September 24th.

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The Chateaugay Memorial Library Board of Trustees welcomed a new Trustee as of September, 1986. Marie Thomas, daughter of Chateaugay Central School librarian for 30 years, Julia Harrica, has returned to Chateaugay after a career as Assistant Supervisor in the surgical department at North Tarrytown. We are very happy to have the advantage of her experience, expertise and enthusiasm as a member of the Board of Trustees.

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We are sorry to lose the valuable service and presence of Catherine Doige from the Board of Trustees. Catherine has served on the Board for 11 years, during 10 years of which she had been Treasurer. We thank Catherine for her competent, faithful service and look forward to continued contacts with her as a library user. This is a "given" service since she is an avid reader, as well as accomplished musician.

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The Board has held two special meetings in which to discuss and review the ideas for development, growth and improvement gathered by Trustee Jeanette Hotchkiss at the Trustee Workshop at Lake Placid on September 5th and 6th. The Board has decided on a course of action which will result in several efforts toward revitalized services.

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The By-laws are being reviewed and updated and committees have been formed to deal with budget, book review, and planning and publicity. More detailed plans for the agenda will be prepared prior to each Board meeting.

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We were delighted with the profile of the library featured in the September/October issue of the C-E-F Trailblazer, thanks to Mary Hopkins and Carol Bedore. Much to our surprise, the article was highlighted on WICY Radio, Malone, on the very day when it arrived in our mail. The Library Board was pleased with this valuable exposure which has prompted many comments of interest from local area citizens.

WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

Wead Library in Malone has been awarded a grant of $17,000, one of the highest in the state, to help the literacy effort in this county, state librarian Joseph F. Shubert said.

A total of $400,000 in state aid has been awarded to 49 library-based literacy projects, with Wead Library receiving the fifth largest award.
Upon the announcement of the grant, Dave Minnich, Wead Library director, said, "I hope to see the day when the number of people with literacy problems is reduced to a barely discernible number."

Minnich said part of the grant will be used to purchase $9,000 worth of materials such as books, printed matter, pamphlets etc., used in the literacy program. Minicomputers and software to help the literacy program will be purchased with $5,000 of the grant, he said. The rest of the money will be used for publicity and clerical items, he said.

Commenting on the sizable award, Minnich said that one of the reasons the Wead Library received that amount was because the money would be put into materials which would be used constantly over a long period of time by a "goodly number of people."

Minnich said this program is a concerted effort by the library and the Franklin County Literacy Program. Preston Miller is the program coordinator.

"We can't blame the schools or society for this (illiteracy) problem," Minnich said. "It's just something when people need help, they need help, and we just hope they get their day in the sun," he said.

"Maybe somewhere down the road . . . maybe not in my lifetime . . . people will accept the fact that reading is essential to a reasonably good quality life," Minnich said.

The 49 projects range in size from $600 to $20,000. This state program complements nearly $500,000 invested annually in local library-based adult learning and literacy programs through the Federal Library Services and Construction Act.

According to Librarian Elizabeth Vogan, this year money is needed to help pay for the drilling of a new well at the library and piping the water into the building.

Library trustees and members of the Friends of the Library support group have been conducting and will continue their door-to-door fund drive throughout the former Mooers School District, collecting donations. The drive ends later in November.

Donations can also be dropped off at the library, which is open on Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m., or mailed to Treasurer Amos Mousaw of Mooers.

"Many new borrowers have been registered in recent months. Many special requests are filled and many students assisted with research. The library also welcomes contributions of books and magazines and receives many," Vogan added.

Two new names were added to the libraries Memorial Plaques in 1986, Catherine H. Baker and James C. Fitch. Donations of more than $50 were made to the library in their memory.

The memorial plaques were established by Harold Boire in 1977 in memory of his mother, Eva D. Boire.

It has been a year of growth and improvement at the library.

Marilyn Babka, president of the Friends of the Library, conducted a new and very successful summer reading program for elementary school students.

Beverly Sears of Mooers, who decorates and maintains the library bulletin board, and her husband, Don, donated white shutters for the front windows of the library. Leonard Rascoe of Mooers donated a new library sign.

In addition, a community service inmate work crew cleaned and painted the interior of the library and graded some topsoil, donated by the Town of Mooers, along the rear and sides of the building. This newly graded area has now been seeded.

In addition to Mousaw, library board
include: President Reginald Barcomb, Vice-President Sue Evans and Trustees Lois Marnes, Lorraine Orr, Willard Orr Sr. and Helen Garrison.

PERU FREE LIBRARY

Coffey, Edwards and Williams Associates have donated a Xerox copying machine to the library for the use of library patrons.

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The library board has undergone several changes: The 1986 officers are Jackie Sabourin, President; Patrick Andrews, Vice-president; Jean Etesse, Treasurer and Terry Sweeney, Secretary. Lee Phillips, Jane Campas and Peg Ston are the trustees.

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The building project funding looks secure. Ron DeLair from Saranac Lake has been retained as architect and blueprints for the new addition should be ready in December. It is expected that the ground breaking will take place in the spring.

The extension will give the library more than double the space it has now. Librarian and Director May Kay Rillahan said there will be a great emphasis on a student area and resource room.

The Peru Free Library Board would like to thank Senator Ronald Stafford for his hard work and support in paving the way for the $75,000 grant from the State legislature. The library has also received a matching $21,000 grant from C-E-F. Fund raising projects have netted $28,000 during the 1985-86 year.

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The fall-winter film program will begin October 25. Films will be shown the last Saturday of each month.

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A display of antique collectible banks set up by Mary Bartlett is being featured in the historical room.

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The Peru Library Board notes with sadness the passing of George Rogers Copeland who had served on the board for 45 years.

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A Friends of the Library group has been started by Board Member Jane Campas and has been met with much enthusiasm and interest. The President of the new group is Nan Mitchell and the Secretary is Betty Meisner.

The first planned function is a Christmas Tea for the community to be held at the library on December 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Another proposed project is an Outreach program for the Apple Valley Senior Citizens Housing and Valehaven Home for Senior Citizens which would involve film programs and a book exchange.

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Wood toys, decoys and wood carvings by Joe Shvokevich will be on display at the library until Christmas.

SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

Even if he did not leave Russia with love, Bill Labounty experienced an exciting 18 days this past summer touring the Soviet Union and Mongolia. His trip was the subject of an illustrated talk on October 16, in the Cantwell Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library.

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An exhibition of 25 watercolor, pencil, and pen and ink works by Anne E. Lacy opened October 20, in the Cantwell Community Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library and ran through November 15.

Anne moved to the Adirondacks in 1981 to illustrate and design the Adirondack Wildguide, by Michael DiNunzio. She continues to live in Westport as a self-employed illustrator and designer. Among her recent projects are 14 watercolors of Central Park for the Central Park Conservancy in New York City. She has also designed brochures
for the National Audubon Society and the Adirondack Council.

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Helen Demong, local songstress and guitarist, presented "Stories and Songs with Helen Demong" November 15, in the Cantwell Community Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library.

A graduate of the Crane School of Music, this is Mrs. Demong's 11th year teaching music to kindergarten through fifth grades in Saranac Lake. She also leads the Fourth and Fifth Grade Chorus.

She has performed traditional and contemporary songs in many weddings, and this past summer sang on Tim Doyle's tourboat, "Miss Saranac."

The program, recommended for ages four and up, was presented without charge. Popcorn was served after the program.

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Upcoming events:

November 22 – January 3
4th Annual Paint and Palette Winter Show

Tuesday, December 2
Noon
Brown Bag Luncheon Discussions
Why I Love New York
Betsy Boyd, I Love New York Tourism Director, Adirondack Region

Tuesday, December 16
Noon
Brown Bag Luncheon Discussions
Good Nutrition
Sharon Sorgule, Nutritionist

Thursday, December 18
5:00 p.m.
6th Annual Christmas Carol Sing
Hotel Saranac

January 5 – 30, 1987
Adirondack Scenes
Oil and Acrylic Paintings
Daniel Vacek

Tuesday, January 6
Noon
Brown Bag Luncheon Discussions
Planning After School Activities for Children
Bobbi Damp

Tuesday, January 20
Noon
Brown Bag Luncheon Discussions
Our Schools – Saranac Lake Central School District – Leslie Handler

Wednesday, January 28
8:00 p.m.
Saranac Lake Free Library
Annual Meeting

February 2 – 28
Art Exhibit
Adult Center Artists

March 2 – 31
Art Exhibit
"Stages in the life of a young artist"
Robert (Nip) Rogers

CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR
EVERY THURSDAY MORNING
10:30 a.m.

All programs and activities will take place in the Cantwell Community Room.

GOFF-NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
TUPPER LAKE

Librarian Chalice Dechene reports:

Life at Goff-Nelson Memorial Library these days is a far cry from the old stereotyped libraries ... we're alive & well and busy ... and noisy! Much of this activity is the result of our closing our Branch library last June. Many, many hours were spent during the summer doing the 1001 things necessary ... going through each book to decide whether or not to keep it, pulling cards, packing, sorting, etc. ... and ending the summer with a public book sale ... and that was just the beginning! Then we had to incorporate the books into the main library, which involved a major renovation job. We've added 4 large shelving units, which resulted in having to reposition the existing shelving, and rewire and add more lighting. All during our regular working hours!!
Also as a result of the closing we've added hours for the convenience of our patrons, especially those who no longer have the service of the Branch library. We are now open from 10 to 5:30 Monday through Friday, and 7 to 9 Monday through Thursday.

The Annual Tupper Lake Art Exhibit was held in the Community Room of the library from July 20th to the 27th. We had 150 entrants, and was very well attended by both the local people and tourists from near and far. In conjunction with the Art Show, we raffled a painting donated by Richard Trick entitled "Back Wash as Chases," and netted a record $270 for the library.

Our summer patrons have left, the students are back full-force, and winter in moving in ... but there is never a dull moment at Goff-Nelson Memorial Library. One of our patrons who spent an hour or so at the library this week and thus observed us at our work summed it up nicely by saying "Boy, you people are really busy here!"

P.S. Our new computer will be coming this week! We're looking forward to learning how to use it. Should be very interesting, in more ways than one!

WELLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY, UPPER JAY

Librarian Kay LeClair reports:

A Minolta copier was recently given to the Wells Memorial Library in memory of the late Francis Torrance, by his wife Rose N. Torrance. This is a much needed addition to our Library and one from which the trustees hope the community will benefit.

We also now have a new book-drop which we've been looking forward to for some time.

We are also saddened by the death of another long-time friend and former trustee of Wells Memorial Library, Clark W. Nye on October 31, 1986.

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Twelve children finished our reading program this past summer.

We have had quite a collection of games donated to our Library which we lend out, as well as sewing patterns and jigsaw puzzles. These have proven quite popular.

We're on our winter hours, as of November 1; Tuesday and Saturday, 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

We've also had an ongoing old book and magazine sale for some weeks which has been quite successful.

PAINE MEMORIAL FREE LIBRARY
WILLSBORO

From Librarian Janice Allen:

In October, the Paine Memorial Library featured a special exhibit of photographs, taken by Barry Whitman, Grand Union Manager. These photos were taken on his trip to the July 4th Statue of Liberty celebration in New York City.

The Grand Union Company was an official sponsor to collect funds toward the restoration of the Statue of Liberty. Each store was given a goal to reach; the Willsboro store went over their goal. Thus, our store manager Barry Whitman, along with 19 other store managers and their wives were awarded an all expense paid trip to the celebration.

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We conducted the last two of our lectures in this fall series during the month of November. We have enjoyed this timely study of our countries immigrant population and the impact they have played on our country's history. This series was made possible through a special LIFT grant from the Essex County Art Council and in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities Foundation. We have had excellent college professors conduct the four lectures, all based on a given title. Books were also made available to all interested readers and those attending the lectures. The other two lecture sessions were movies presenting the subject matter, with discussions following each showing. All sessions conclude the evening
with an informal time with the speaker, and light refreshments being served by the Friends.

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We here at the Paine Memorial Library are cooperating in the Nation wide Literacy Program, PLUS. This is an all out effort to encourage persons of any age, that can not read to now seek assistance in leaning this important skill. All forms of media, T.V., radio, magazines, newspapers and etc. are joining together to help get the message out that help is as available as your own local community.

We are prepared to assist any interested student. We can put them in touch with local tutors, provide needed materials, provide space for instruction if desired and help to get the program started for each individual. Also as an added bonus, we applied for and received a special grant from the New York State Education Department for a computer and software to assist the literacy student. These students in the Willsboro and Essex area have first opportunity to use the computer. This will be in addition to the one on one instruction from a tutor.

As the very people, we hope to interest and serve with this program are non-readers, we need your help. We need family and friends to encourage any possible student to first, now that help is available, second, to come in for more information, third, to seek assistance while it is available. Now with the national push, many programs and materials are made available free of charge. We have several tutors trained and available here in this area. Many special television programs are planned to highlight and assist in this program will be coming up in the next few months, so don't delay SPREAD THE WORD TO THOSE IN NEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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We have two very full and busy groups of pre-school children enjoying the Storytime sessions. Each group has 20 children enrolled and they meet weekly, either on Wednesday or Friday mornings between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. This program serves the children from ages three to five years old.

We had a fun filled Halloween party, where each child came in costume, then we played games and enjoyed many goodies. Also, thanks to the local Fire Department, we also offered a couple weeks of fire prevention materials to the children in these groups. We also had a brief visit from Smokey the Bear on one of the story days.

We are now working on learning our colors and some of the other basic skills. Our parents and children are nearing the completion of a special eight week program called Parents as Reading Partners. During these eight weeks, parents are asked to read 15 minutes a day to their child, keep track of it and return the forms each week. We then record their progress on a large chart here in the library. We will have another eight week session after the holidays.

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Mr. Bruce Patnode's 6th grade class just recently completed a class project of collecting seeds and seed pods from around the students homes. They then brought them into study and put together on a poster for display. We were so proud of their work that we have made a special exhibit of their finished work here at the library. Parents and friends are welcome to drop in to view them during our regular hours, until Thanksgiving. They are now making castles, these will also be on display when finished in the near future.

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Fire Prevention Week was observed October 5-11 here in the Willsboro Central School, Kindergarten through 12th grade; and Paine Memorial Library storyhours this week.

Through the cooperative efforts of the Willsboro/Reber Fire Departments and the Paine Memorial Library, a program was planned to assist the children in learning about fire safety. The program included films, firemen sharing safety tips, a poster contest, a visit from Smokey the Bear and the sharing of other information on fire safety.

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The Paine Memorial Library gratefully accepts many new memorial books given to the library. These books were given in loving memory of departed loved ones by their family and friends.

Three very extensive horticulture reference books have been given by Mrs. Francisica Irwin of Essex, in memory of her mother, Mrs. A.G. (Francisica) Paine. They include Alfred Graf, Two volumes of Exotica, Series 4 and L.H. Bailey’s Hortus Third. These are dictionary and encyclopedia format and will be very helpful in the identification of plants in North America. As these are reference materials, they will need to be used here in the library, needed information can be photo copied.

We have also added many new volumes of children’s books to our collection in memory of Mrs. Mary Choate, mother of Lauren Choate of Willsboro; and Miss Kathy Ann Walsh, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Walsh, summer residents of Willsboro for many years. Also, several books were given in memory of Mrs. Marion Selzer by her daughter Carol O’Brien. These books were on gardening and birds, which were her joys in life.

These are welcome gifts to our collection and we are hopeful that our patrons will receive much enjoyment in the years ahead as they read these special books.

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CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

December 6th 1:00-4:00 p.m.

PAINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Knitting . Crocheting . Wreaths
Dolls . Quilts . Weaving

Annually the Friends of the Library hold this one day exhibit. This event is held at the same time and day as the Annual Green’s Tea, held at the United Church of Christ. It is a chance to share ideas, and observe the beautiful handiwork of people from our community.

HUMANITIES SERIES NEWS

C-E-F Library has been awarded a grant of $100,000 from the Humanities Programs in Libraries Division of the National Endowment for the Humanities. We shall be exporting our successful "American Dreams" program to ten member libraries of the Mid-York System located in Utica.

We shall expand humanities programs in the C-E-F System during the grant period, which runs until April, 1988. We can provide books, lecturers, publicity and training free of charge to 15 C-E-F member libraries. We'll be starting the series in February, 1987. So far only AuSable Forks and Saranac Lake have asked for series.

These are wonderful programs that have had a great deal of public acclaim. Call Abby Zito at 518-963-7352 to discuss starting humanities lecture/reading/discussion groups in your library. Give your community some live entertainment and an exciting intellectual experience as well!

The New York Council for the Humanities has awarded Essex Humanities Series a grant to show ten "Films in the Humanities." The films are all documentaries produced with aid from the New York Council. Each film comes with the live appearance of the filmmaker and a scholar expert in the field under consideration. "Films in the Humanities" are tentatively scheduled to be shown from April thru August in Wadhams, Westport, Keene Valley and Essex.

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