LAWDY, MISS SCARLETT!

I feel as though this article should be bordered in black.

In 1937, Margaret Mitchell's Gone with the Wind won the Pulitzer prize for fiction. Two years later, the motion picture was released. I read recently that the Mitchell estate had authorized the writing of a sequel, with, of course, a film to follow. I was stunned.

I suppose, subconsciously, I'd always known that somebody would try to do this one day. Now, over a half-century after the publication of the book, the sad reality is here.

I'm assuming that all our readers have either read the book, seen the movie or at least have a passing acquaintance with the characters and story. I read the book during summer vacation when I was 12 or 13 - shut up in my room for the three days it took to finish the 1,038-page volume. Later, of course, I saw the movie - several times. After a while, for many of us, the book and film have become blurred together. Clark Gable and Vivian Leigh will forever be Rhett Butler and Scarlett O'Hara. Oh sure, I'll admit Gone with the Wind is so much a part of American culture that numerous comedians have parodied it over the years - but, still, nothing can diminish its magic.

And now they're going to tamper with it. I must acknowledge that GWTW, as a reflection of a different place and time, contains some scenes that are abhorrent to us now; I'm sure there are very few people who mourn the passing of slavery and racism.

But what of the story itself - what effect will the manners and mores of our time have on that? I can't really imagine what the original would have been like if written in our current climate, but I can hazard a few guesses.

Scarlett, I'm sure, would have been portrayed as the ultimate feminist, but I see Scarlett simply as a survivor. Whether survival necessitated seducing a man into marriage or committing murder - Scarlett just did it.

To illustrate this point, remember when Scarlett shot the Yankee? Scarlett didn't waste a lot of time weeping about the morality of the act. She and Miss Mellie (who was usually too icky-sweet for this life) went through the dead man's knapsack for food - always a good priority - then stripped the corpse of valuables and buried it in the garden. Things aren't that simple anymore.
Rhett probably wouldn't be allowed to smoke his cigar nowadays, because that would be seen as giving a boost to the tobacco industry.

Scarlett wouldn't have gone back to rebuild the ruins of Tara either; so much for all those wonderful scenes with a grubby Scarlett chopping cotton or shaking a fist at Heaven after wolfin down those disgusting radishes. Washington would have sent some sensible young professionals down South to persuade her and her neighbors that they needed to change their lifestyle and help them cope with appropriate career changes. The real Scarlett would have shot them too.

Now for sex and passion. Oh boy! Ashley would probably have bedded Scarlett early on, because men that noble don't exist anymore and guilt is an emotion which has been nearly eradicated in our time. So, there goes several years of sexual tension — and most of the story.

I'm also terrified that plump, comfortable Belle Watling, that quintessential whore-with-a-heart-of-gold, will come back as Sydney Biddle Barrows in a hoop skirt.

Rhett would probably have learned to be caring and sensitive and he and Scarlett would have spent hours negotiating the problems in their relationship instead of fighting. Back in the good old day, he just threw her over his shoulder and swept her, clawing and screeching, upstairs to the bedroom. We never really knew what went on behind that closed door except that Scarlett seemed mighty happy the next morning. Somebody (I can't remember who) once said there are two things nobody should attempt to describe — one of them is a sunset. I doubt that this kind of scene will be left to our imaginations the next time around.

So, what will happen in the sequel? I really hate to think about it. Will Scarlett open a boutique at Tara and discover personal fulfillment through financial independence? No, no, I simply just can't go on with this.

They should have left it this way —

She could get Rhett back. She knew she could. There had never been a man she couldn't get, once she set her mind upon him.

"I'll think of it all tomorrow, at Tara. I can stand it then. Tomorrow, I'll think of some way to get him back. After all, tomorrow is another day."

Mary Shaw Hopkins
Editor

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The Regents' Omnibus Bill is very important to the C-E-F Library System and to its member public libraries. We hope that all librarians and trustees will write to the Governor and to the legislative leadership for encouragement to include the Regents' Omnibus Bill in the Governor's and the legislative budget for 1987. This would give an increase to the C-E-F Library System in a number of ways. The minimum support for library systems would be increased, we hope, to $700,000 rather than the proposed $650,000. The Outreach portion of the funding would be increased, as would aid to central libraries. Direct aid to individual public libraries would be increased in the second year, and would be dependent upon libraries meeting upgraded standards, now in the process of formulation. There would be additional funding for serving inmates of State correctional facilities. There would also be a modest increase for libraries serving Native American reservations.

Library Day in Albany on March 10th was a great success. Many librarians and trustees came from all over New York State to discuss the needs of their library communities with our State legislators.

Anyone interested in further information about legislation should contact me at the C-E-F Library System.

Stanley A. Ransom
Director
LATIN AMERICAN REFUGEES

Since November of 1986, there have been a number of individuals and families from Chile, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala and other South and Central American countries who have been passing through the United States on their way to Canada to become citizens there. Canada had a policy of accepting as immigrants those persons from a certain number of countries which were designated as areas of political unrest. Normally these immigrants would be allowed into Canada where they waited until their hearing date came, after which time they usually would be permitted to enter legally as immigrants. Since then the numbers have started to grow until they were coming through at the rate of about 15 persons per week.

On February 20, 1987, the Canadian border was closed to these immigrants until the time of their hearing dates. This meant that for many persons who had spent all of their resources in coming to Canada they had no place to go. They were in the United States as illegal aliens on their way to Canada but would not be permitted to enter Canada. Around the first of March the numbers of immigrants grew until there were 150 persons waiting in the Plattsburgh area. The Clinton County Social Services Department, the Crisis Center and local churches assisted in putting up the immigrants. The cost rose as they started using local motels. The Salvation Army was contacted and the Latin American refugees were first placed in the Salvation Army headquarters in Plattsburgh, later using the local armory for a two week period. Finally, the local ARC decided to allow the refugees to use their new building which was hastily converted to add showers and cooking facilities. It was this building that Governor Cuomo visited several days ago to see for himself the plight of the refugees. As a result of this some State funding was released to help with payment for costs of housing and feeding the refugees.

The persons who are housed in the ARC building are those who have no funds or means to go elsewhere while they are waiting for up to a month for their hearing dates in Canada to take place. Those with money have usually returned to New York City or other areas to wait until their hearing dates.

The people of Plattsburgh have turned out in record numbers to help the Spanish refugees, as they are called locally. Many Spanish-speaking persons have volunteered to help as interpreters, and local churches have helped with food donations. There are also many donations of warm coats and winter clothing, which the Spanish refugees needed very much in our cold North Country climate. Local contractors have contributed time and have worked at cost to help make things better for the refugee housing.

The Spanish refugees themselves have organized cleaning, cooking and laundry committees. They work hard and are doing everything they can to help themselves. They are working to find a better life for themselves and their families. The Plattsburgh community has responded to this situation and have been assisting the refugees in any way they can.

The C-E-F Library System has provided films in English for the children and young people and adults to see. C-E-F Library System has no Spanish language films or videos. Social Services personnel have been showing films from the library system. Karen Ricketson, Children's Librarian at Plattsburgh Public Library, has given story hours for Spanish refugee children at the local Methodist Church. The C-E-F Library System Director has taken up about 100 Spanish books from the C-E-F and Plattsburgh Public Library collections for an initial library for the refugees. An appeal was made to library systems across New York State for additional books in Spanish. Books are on their way from the New York Public Library, Queens Borough Public Library, Upper Hudson Library System, the Onondaga Library System and the North Country Library System. There may be others on their way. We appreciate very much the active response of these library systems to our need for Spanish language materials.
The C-E-F Library System and Plattsburgh Public Library are also supplying materials for the Spanish refugees to learn English as a second language. There are also local classes in teaching French to the Spanish refugees, since most will be going to join the Spanish community in French-speaking Quebec Province, including Montreal.

We thank all those who have donated materials for us to use for the Spanish refugees and for the library systems which have sent materials. We appreciate it very much, and we know that the Spanish refugees are also very pleased to receive and use these materials.

Stanley A. Ransom

**IMAGINATION CELEBRATION AND STORYBOOK TRAIL**

May 13th to 15th will be the time in Clinton County when the Imagination Celebration will take place. There are eight sites in New York State, and Clinton County has been designated as the rural site for the Imagination Celebration. From the 13th to 15th of May, 20 local schools will take part in workshops and arts events with all of the students in the schools. On May 16th there will be a community day, with an invention convention, a zoarium and other activities involving the community with the arts. On Sunday, May 17th, there will be a youth arts festival, with creation stations for young people to become actively involved with arts and arts projects.

On Saturday, May 16th, there will also be an opportunity for libraries to participate in the community program through a "storybook trail." We invite all school and public libraries and bookmobile users to become involved in the storybook trail. We would like to have participants include children and adults and able and disabled students coming as pairs to take part in the storybook trail. Whether it is big people and little people or able or disabled or two persons together, we would like to have the teams sign up to take part in the storybook trail. We would like to have the participants dress up as their favorite storybook characters and take a trip around the Plattsburgh area, either walking or riding to go from station to station over the trail to six different locations, which might include the Plattsburgh Public Library, City Hall area, Trinity Park, Kent-Delord House Museum and the Federal Building. At each of these locations, the participants would be given a stamp for their passport, which they would receive through their local public library, school library or bookmobile. We anticipate that there would be some prizes for participants and incentives for all participants. There would be prizes for most creative and also an ending party at the Plattsburgh Public Library at 3 p.m. To participate, entrants would have to be dressed up as a storybook character and come to the party and register there at 3 p.m. for drawings and prizes. The intention is to encourage children and persons of all ages to enter, to read books and to obtain ideas about storybook characters, to dress up as the storybook characters and to take part in this event as part of the Imagination Celebration for Clinton County.

One component of the Imagination Celebration is the Very Special Arts Program, coordinated by Lee Salzman, which will offer opportunities for disabled and able students to participate in the creative process through a variety of arts opportunities and programs.

The Imagination Celebration is being coordinated by a committee under the sponsorship of the Clinton County Arts Council. Members of the committee are Marilyn Gibbons, Chair; Lola Johnson, Director of the Council on the Arts for Clinton County; Debra Van Mullem; Kathy Duley; and Lee Salzman and Stanley Ransom from C-E-F Library System. The Imagination Celebration is a replication of the John F. Kennedy Center's annual arts education program. Clinton County has been designated by the New York State Alliance for Arts Education, an arm of the Kennedy Center, as one of the selected regional sites for the Imagination Celebration.
While the Imagination Celebration in Clinton County has benefited from a $20,000 grant from the New York State legislature and a $10,000 grant from the Clinton County legislature, there is a need to raise some $10,000 additional from local businesses and individuals to assist in matching these funds and to help cover the costs of the five-day celebration of the arts.

Volunteers are urgently needed to assist with all phases of the arts programs. Anyone interested in volunteering to assist in any part of the celebration will be most welcome. Also, please consider gifts in any amount to the Imagination Celebration. Such gifts are tax deductible. For further information contact Stanley Ransom or Leona Salzman at 563-5190.

Stanley A. Ransom

MADGE MEHAN RETIREMENT

Madge Mehan, Senior Library Clerk on the Bookmobile, is retiring on March 21st after almost 29 years of service. Madge started working for the System on April 28, 1958, at a time when the System occupied quarters in the basement of the Plattsburgh Public Library. At that time the System was serving only the counties of Clinton and Essex. In 1962 the county of Franklin was added, which also brought new demands for bookmobile service. In 1969 the System moved into its new building.

Madge has worked on the bookmobile in all kinds of weather and under all kinds of adverse conditions. She has also made many friends among the bookmobile patrons.

In a letter to Madge, C-E-F Board of Trustees President Emily Castine said, "You have demonstrated a love of books and learning and have transmitted this love to many, many people all over the North Country. It should be very satisfying to you to consider how many people you have helped and how many lives you have touched."

We're going to miss Madge at the System, and her many bookmobile friends will miss her, too. Cards and letters may be sent to her in care of the C-E-F Library System.

Stanley A. Ransom

JANICE ALLEN NAMED TO STATE COMMITTEE

Librarian Janice Allen of the Paine Memorial Free Library has been appointed to a special State Library Committee to study Library System services. This committee will meet monthly for a year to review the present services provided through the Library System network, and make plans to meet the future information needs of the coming years.

The Paine Memorial Free Library is a member of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System located in Plattsburgh, New York.
System libraries are a vital link in the networking of libraries throughout New York State. Every person in New York State should have free access to information through their local library. This is made possible through a state-wide sharing of materials, and loaning them from one library to another. It is now time to review the present system and see that it meets the needs of tomorrow. It is great that our local library will have some input into this important review and present study of libraries. Janice welcomes any sharing from fellow librarians and patrons on the present service provided, and ideas of how you would like to see library service going in the 1990 and into the year 2000, give her a call at 963-4478 or drop in to the Library.

NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS
POSITION OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT:

MUSEUM AID PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The New York State Council on the Arts is recruiting for the position of Arts Program Analyst IV (APA IV), Director of the Museum Aid Program. The annual salary for the position is $41,725.

Candidates for the position should meet the following criteria: have a broad, general knowledge of the museum field; possess some knowledge of issues surrounding the not-for-profit museum constituency; hold a four-year college degree or equivalent experience, in addition to a minimum of five years of progressively responsible experience in the museum field, or, alternatively, hold an advanced degree in the museum field and have a minimum of four years experience. The Council is seeking a person with a firm, conceptual understanding of the role of the museum, including its responsibility to its collections and its public.

The position requires very strong administrative skills, and candidates should be prepared to demonstrate an ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing. One must be available and willing to attend museum-related activities and meet with constituents throughout the State. A knowledge of the New York State museum constituency is desirable, but not essential, and a valid New York State driver's license is useful.

The Director of the Program organizes and supervises the annual review process of approximately 650 project requests within the context of Council funding policies and procedures. Those requests come from a very broad range of art, history, science, and children's museums; the Program also receives requests from organizations that are not museums for their collections-related activities and for art historical and historical exhibitions. The Director advises the Council on policy as it relates to the Museum Aid Program and is the Council's principal representative to the museum constituency. The Director surveys state-wide arts services and needs of the field and proposes plans to meet those needs; assists in developing institutions within the constituency; supervises a staff of three; and is responsible to the Division Deputy Director.

Inquiries should be made, in writing, together with a resume of professional and educational background, and a writing sample to:

Al Berr, Deputy Director
New York State Council on the Arts
915 Broadway
New York, NY 10010

Deadline: May 4, 1987
MEMBER LIBRARY PROFILE XIX: THE KEESVILLE FREE LIBRARY

Editor's Note: I would like to thank Librarian Ann Garcia for her help with this profile. I had a great time talking with her and going through her scrapbook and old newspaper clippings.

There were several early attempts to provide library service to the residents of Keeseville. In the 1840's, the first library consisted of a few shelves of books in a grocery store belonging to Rodolphus Farnham, located near the Presbyterian Church on Main Street. Somewhat later, the King's Daughters of the Presbyterian Church operated a circulating library on Front Street. In 1889, there was a library in existence at the Keeseville Academy and the Keeseville Union Free Library circulated books at the Baldwin Art Gallery in 1895. In 1900, there was also a library at Hopkins' Drug Store.

In 1901, a building on Main Street was purchased by Mrs. Charles Lee of Boston, a Keeseville summer resident. The Lee Memorial Library was established there as a memorial to her husband.

The Lee Memorial was supported by subscriptions and memberships of one dollar annually. On Mrs. Lee's death, many books were removed from her estate to the library. She also left the library an endowment of $5,000.

The first librarian was Nellie Hopkins. Jane Garfield succeeded Miss Hopkins upon her death in 1910.

On October 28, 1926, the library received a State Charter and became the Keeseville Free Library, with a Board of Trustees as its governing body.

Velma Robarge became the librarian in 1929.

On November 22, 1933, Mrs. Alfred Baber, who lived next to the library, heard the sound of crackling flames — the flames were in the woodshed at the rear of the library. The fire caused $15,000 worth of damage and destroyed many of the valuable books bequeathed by Mrs. Lee. There was only $3,100 in insurance. Temporary emergency quarters were set up in the Presbyterian Church.

In 1935, the present library building on Front Street was built under a WPA project.

Gladys Smart became librarian in 1957 and Helga Peterson in 1960. Ann Garcia arrived in 1964 - but left for several years to raise her children (Olga Patnode and Helen Camelo took her place at the time). Ann returned in 1974. Fortunate among small North Country libraries, Keeseville has always been able to provide the librarian with an assistant. Mary Fowler has been Ann's assistant for several years.

In 1968, there was a large fire at the Prescott furniture factory behind the library. In 1974, Ann noticed a problem with flickering lights; the Prescott fire had scorched the back of the library building, melting some of the electrical wiring. The fused wires had not been detected before.

All seemed to be going well again at the library until the day before Mother's Day in 1978 when another fire caused $16,000 in damage.

Working at a furious pace, Ann Garcia, members of the C-E-F System staff and other concerned citizens managed to clean up and renovate the books and building in six weeks' time. This was quite a job as each book had to be cleaned with a special sponge which had been chemically treated to remove smoke. During this time the library operated from special quarters across the street in a vacant store owned by George Moore.

The library today is a pleasant building — neat red brick with blue and cream trim outside, high white walls and wooden bookcases inside. A large oil painting hangs over the fireplace by the circulation desk and local artists' paintings of Keeseville are hung on the walls.
Following the fire, in 1980, a children's room was built in the library basement.

The children's room is spacious and colorfully decorated. A Story Hour has been held since 1960 and the Summer Reading Club has become a tradition.

An interesting note, on the subject of tradition and dedicated service — one member of the Keeseville Board of Trustees, Philip Baber, has served in that capacity for over 40 years.

Ann says that the library patrons have been "super-supportive" of the library's Annual Fund Drive - both local and summer residents. Library holdings total 7,000 books and circulation is 17,000.

The library has bounced back again — stronger than ever, but we all hope that the library will never have to endure another fire.

Mary S. Hopkins

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

National Library Week is April 5-11 this year. President Reagan has declared 1987 as the "Year of the Reader." In conjunction with this observance, the American Library Association's theme for National Library Week is "Take Time to Read" and C-E-F has distributed colorful banners and bookmarks proclaiming this message to the System's bookmobiles and member libraries.

C-E-F CLASSIFIEDS: FREE GIVEAWAYS

STATUE OF LIBERTY EXHIBIT

The Statue of Liberty Exhibit which circulated to C-E-F member libraries during 1986, Lady Liberty's Centennial Year, will be given away to any library which would like to own it, on a first-come, first-serve basis. The exhibit contains 28 historical photographs of the construction of the Statue and the immigrant experience on Ellis Island. The photographs are mounted and ready for hanging. For further information, contact Mary Hopkins at System Headquarters. Phone: 563-5190.

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LIBRARY INDEX TABLE

One tan, metal slant-top library index table on wheels in excellent condition. The dimensions are 24" long and 36" high. Contact Stanley Ransom at System Headquarters. Phone: 563-5190.

REMINDER

THE DEADLINE FOR TRAILBLAZER NEWS
FOR THE MAY/JUNE ISSUE IS
MONDAY, MAY 11, 1987

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Keeseville Free Library
Keeseville, New York

The Keeseville Free Library.

Librarian Ann Garcia.
Assistant Mary Fowler at the circulation desk.
Libraries are for little people too!

A view of the fireplace.

A lovely front entrance invites patrons.

Theaessential: Thee Library
The new, expanded "American Dreams" humanities series have begun. Our present grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities enables us to help other library systems in New York State to present reading discussion programs. Ten libraries in the Mid-York System (Herkimer, Madison and Oneida Counties) are presenting "American Dreams" series in spring '87. Under the supervision of Mid-York System Director Al Hasemeier, Director of Adult Services Kathryn O'Connor coordinates the series locally, though CEF Acquisitions Librarian Carol Bedore ordered the books and CEF financial services people Hugh Starke and Claudine Kendig supervise the fiscal administration. CEF humanities Project Director Abby Zito gave a workshop for 35 librarians and library board members at Mid-York headquarters in Utica on January 7th. Before the workshop, copies of Tillie Olsen's collection of stories, Tell Me a Riddle were distributed. Well prepared, the audience first heard Ann Lane, Professor of History and Director of the Women's Studies Program at Colgate University, lecture on the set text. An energetic discussion ensued, followed by a session by Abby on how to administer a humanities series in a local library. Abby has written a short guide for the use of librarians presenting the series. The participating librarians in the Mid-York System were also given a Directory of Scholars willing to lecture in the series. As of February 23rd, 4,000 copies of a master calendar listing all 50 "American Dreams" lectures taking place in central New York have been distributed among the 43 libraries in the Mid-York System. The feedback is very positive so far from all constituencies: library administrators, scholars, the press and the general public.

The first series, "Transcending America," began on February 3rd in a huge, comfortable lounge on the campus of SUNY Morrisville with a lecture on Utopian Communities in New York State by Professor Michael Barkun of Syracuse University. Central New York was a hotbed of radicalism and religious innovation in the mid-nineteenth century. Many descendants of the founders of the Oneida Community still live in the region and will no doubt turn out to hear Professor Barkun speak on Utopia in the Oneida Library on March 31st. He'll be coming to the CEF region in the fall, probably to a series in the Ausable Forks Library. Pat Congdon, the librarian of the town of Morrisville who is running the first series, had the inspired idea to share the lectures with various sites in the community, thereby introducing the audience to the multiple reading facilities in town. That series will move from SUNY to the town library, to the high school library, and to the elementary school library before it's done.

Now that the Central New York programs are under way, we're beginning to schedule humanities series in the CEF region. Saranac Lake will present "Upward, Bound," a series on will, ambition and the myth of the self-made man, starting on April 2. The schedule and speakers are:
April 2 The Great Gatsby - F. Scott Fitzgerald
Janet Groth
Asst. Professor of English
SUNY Plattsburgh

April 16 The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin - Benjamin Franklin
Professor Douglas Skopp
History Department
SUNY Plattsburgh

April 30 The Narrative of Frederick Douglass - Frederick Douglass
Professor John Myers
Department of History
SUNY Plattsburgh

May 14 The Woman Warrior - Maxine Hong Kingston
Professor Susan Ward
English Department, St. Lawrence University

May 28 The House of Mirth - Edith Wharton
Ms. Pat Austin, Director of Public Relations
CYPH (and Instructor in English,
SUNY Plattsburgh)

Copies of the books for this series are available at the Saranac Lake Library. Lectures begin at 8 p.m. For information, call 891-4190.

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In Port Henry, a coalition made up of Sherman Free Library Director Kathleen Brooks, Moriah Central Schools Principal Dr. Marilyn Van Dyke, High School history teacher Kathryn Lecay and High School Librarian Gail Al-Refai has formed to present the series on rural life, "Figures in the Landscape," in the Moriah High School Library starting on April 28th. Dr. Van Dyke has an energetic agenda for adult education in the Town of Moriah and she's found a way to work the humanities series into it. Lectures begin at 7 in the High School Library at Moriah Central School. The schedule of books and scholars is:

April 28 - The Country of the Pointed Firs - Sarah Orne Jewett.
Lecture by Professor Brett Millier, Middlebury College

May 12 - Uncle Tom's Cabin - Harriet Beecher Stowe -
Lecture by Professor Barbara Bellows, Middlebury College

May 26 - A River Runs Through It - Norman Maclean
Lecture by Professor Sydney Lea, Middlebury College
Editor, New England Quarterly

June 9 - "Leaves of Grass" - Walt Whitman
Lecture by Professor Stephen Donadio, Middlebury College

June 23 - The Unsettling of America - Wendell Berry
Lecture by Professor Richard Sweterlitsch, folklorist, UVM

Admission to all humanities series programs is free. You can have a series in your library. Our NEH grant pays the scholars to lecture, provides the books, and gives you help in organizing and publicizing, skills that will be useful in administering any public programs you may have in mind for the future. Call Abby at (802) 388-7650 or write to RD 1, Box 244, Middlebury VT 05753. We'd like to have series in northern Clinton and western Franklin counties!
"Films in the Humanities"

Thanks to a generous grant from the New York Council for the Humanities, we'll be presenting ten exciting film/lecture programs in Essex County in spring and summer '87. Coordinator of the program for Project Director Abby Zito is Barbara Künzi of Whallonsburg, who became a working farmer at Black Kettle Farm after earning an M.A. in English Literature. Barbara has lived all over the world as a member of the diplomatic corps for her native Switzerland. Her diplomatic skills come in handy in the difficult job of bringing films, filmmakers and scholars together in the remote north country. There'll be a film shown in each program. Accompanying the film will be the filmmaker and, usually, also a scholar expert in the issues the film is concerned with. Admission is free. The schedule as it presently stands is as follows:

1. April 2. Wadhams Grange. "AMERICA AND LEWIS HINE" with Nina Rosenblum and Robert Westbrook (962-4514)
10. August 20. Persell Hall, Essex. A brand new film "THE ADIRONDACKS" by Lawrence Hott, who will appear with Adirondack Council Executive Director Gary Randorf

WE THANK THE MANY PEOPLE IN ESSEX, WILLSBORO, WESTPORT, WADHAMS AND KEEN VALLEY FOR THE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS THAT HAVE ENABLED US TO PRESENT "FILMS IN THE HUMANITIES."

Abby Zito
Humanities Project Director
IN MEMORIAM

The North Country has recently lost three women who have had a great impact on library service in our region.

JOYCE MEAGHER

Joyce Meagher, Director of the Saranac Lake Free Library, died March 1 at the age of 56.

Joyce came to work at the Library in 1949 and became its director in 1968.

Under Joyce's directorship, the library expanded with a two-story addition. She was a frequent speaker at meetings of local groups and under her leadership, the Saranac Lake Library sponsored a long list of art exhibits, lectures and special events. In spite of this busy schedule, the individual library patron remained important to her.

In 1985, Joyce received the L. Marion Moshier/Asa Wynkoop Award at the New York Library Association conference in New York City. This award is presented annually by NYLA's Public Libraries Section to a librarian who has given distinguished service in a community of 7,500 inhabitants or less.

Joyce will be long remembered for her dedication to library service - and also because she was a lovely and courageous person.

Contributions in her memory are requested to go the Saranac Lake Free Library.

MARGARET O'BRIEN

Margaret ("Peg") O'Brien, President of the Keene Valley Library Association, passed away on February 22 at the age of 73.

Peg had been primarily responsible for expanding and organizing the Keene Valley Library's historical collection.

In addition, she was active in many local and regional organizations, such as the Adirondack Mountain Club and the Adirondack Center Museum in Elizabethtown. She was also a noted authority on Adirondack artists and had published numerous articles on that subject.

Donations in Peg's memory may be sent to the Keene Valley Library Association.

RAE SILVERBERG

Another library trustee who will be missed is Rae Silverberg, Trustee of Crown Point's Hammond Library, who passed away last month. She had served on the library board for about five years. She was instrumental in the re-establishment of the Hammond Library as a school district public library and worked hard for the improvement of the library. The library is being relocated to a site on Main Street in a building soon to be refurbished.
HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

LEE SALZMAN REPORTS:

Literacy and adult learning activities are very much alive and well at C-E-F and at many of our member libraries. On January 28th and 29th, a workshop on "Marketing Your Adult Literacy Program" was presented as part of the "New York — You Can Read" campaign. Adult literacy providers developed plans of action that they could actually pursue, many of which will include library components. Everyone received a draft copy of a training manual, and a final copy will be available by this summer.

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Mary Fredericks, coordinator of GRASP (Giving Rural Adults a Study Program) through the Plattsburgh City School District, reported that over 90 students were enrolled in this program in February 1987. Of those students, approximately 35% were receiving their study packets through 12 libraries and 3 bookmobile stops in Clinton and Essex Counties.

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As convener for the North Country Literacy Coalition, C-E-F plans to apply for a VISTA volunteer to assist in regional literacy efforts, including strengthening the networking between libraries and local literacy providers.

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Schools in Clinton County are busy preparing for the Imagination Celebration, a celebration of arts in education for all ages. As Very Special Arts coordinator for the Imagination Celebration, Lee Salzman showcased library resources for the disabled at a Teacher/School workshop presented on March 12. Resources demonstrated included books on tape, telecommunication devices for the deaf and C-E-F's toy lending library.

Lee Salzman
Assistant Director/Head of Outreach

OUTREACH NEWS

It appears that we have made it through another winter and I think few people are more thankful for this than are the bookmobile and delivery staff. Persistent mechanical problems afflicted both bookmobiles, and forced us to cancel what I hope was an unusual number of runs. Nevertheless, from January to March, the Reference/ILL Department filled almost 800 requests for bookmobile patrons who otherwise would have been stranded in a winter wonderland without a good book.

During the month of March, tours of the bookmobile were given to 300 students from Brushton-Moira Grade School as part of a Parents as Reading Partners program sponsored by the school. Mary Hopkins and Barbara Deyo of the C-E-F Outreach Department designed special bookmarks which were given to students to commemorate the occasion.

Increased publicity of the bookmobiles is planned for this spring and will culminate in a revised schedule format in June. Look for the dates, times, and exact location of the bookmobile stop nearest you in your local newspaper.

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Four state correctional facilities in our service area are participating in the 1987 Omnibus program. We look forward to Franklin Correctional (which recently opened in Malone) joining us in 1988.

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Librarians and Education Supervisors from Clinton Main, Clinton Annex, Adirondack, Altona and Franklin correctional facilities met in February with C-E-F Outreach staff to discuss library services provided under the current program. Few revisions were thought to be necessary in the 1986 service plan, which encourages us to believe we are providing a valuable service to inmates of these facilities.

Julie Weaver
Outreach Librarian
NEW FILMS AVAILABLE AT C-E-F

The Gift. 18 minutes. Color.

Unable to buy Christmas gifts, a young boy discovers the greatest gift of all: the giving of his time.

Lilith Summer. 28 minutes. Color.

Ellen is 11 and Lilith is 77. To earn money for a new bike Ellen agrees to be a companion helper for Lilith. Lilith agrees to "sit" Ellen. Neither is drawn to the other until they discover they're both part of a plot by Ellen's Mother and Lilith's daughter to solve two "companion" problems with one stroke.

Little Like Magic. 24 minutes. Color.

A sensitive, entertaining film features the Famous People Players, which is a theater troupe made up of handicapped young adults. Under the stern but loving direction of Diane Duprey, these young adults perform all over the world.

Luther Metke at 94. 27 minutes. Color.

Luther Metke has lived for the last 73 years in the Cascade Mountains of Oregon, where he came to homestead in 1907. A survivor of the Spanish-American War, he was an early labor organizer, a bridge contractor, a painter and carpenter. Luther is a vitally alive, spirited and lucid representative of the rural country ethic.

Molly's Pilgrim. 24 minutes. Color.

Molly is an eight-year-old Russian immigrant girl having trouble adapting to life in America and fitting in with some rather intolerant classmates. Molly finally gains acceptance among her peers in a moving way — by teaching her American classmates the true meaning of Thanksgiving.

Pocket for Corduroy. 20 minutes. Color.

"A Pocket for Corduroy" follows a little teddy bear's adventure after being lost in a Laundromat.

Puppy Who Wanted a Boy. 24 minutes. Color.

Sonny, a lovable little puppy has waited impatiently for that "big day" when he will be adopted by his very own boy. He watches longingly as his brothers and sisters are carried off while he is left behind. Heartsick, he runs away to find a boy for himself.

Marie D. Chauvin
Head, Film Department
HI-TECH REFERENCE SERVICE
AT C-E-F

There's a lot going on in the System's reference world these days — we're continuing to expand our services. Our latest enhancement is called "InfoTrac II," and is offered through the Reference Department of the Plattsburgh Public Library. Marketed by Information Access Company, this system offers an expansion of the Magazine Index (which is a microform index to periodical articles, also available at PPL).

InfoTrac II is a subject index which covers more than 400 magazines, as well as the previous 60 days of the New York Times. Many of these periodicals are available at PPL, so photocopies of the articles cited can be made. As always, if it's not available here, we're happy to try interlibrary loan!

Thousands of articles from 1984 to the present are included — the system is updated monthly. InfoTrac compliments our other database service, DIALOG, which is also available through the Plattsburgh Public Library.

One of the most exciting features of InfoTrac is its format — it's available on a compact disc. The equipment used includes a CD reader, a microcomputer system and a printer. Patrons can use the database themselves — the instructions are easy to understand and the commands are very simple. The patron can generate a printed copy at any point of the search. The keyboard is used to type the topic to be searched, then a single button is pushed and the search is underway.

Everyone is encouraged to come to PPL to try out InfoTrac II — it's located next to the Reference desk. Sharon Habich, the Head of Reference at PPL, will be happy to help (although we're confident the system's so simple you won't need any help).

We're pleased with our new gadget — few public libraries in the northern part of New York have this yet, and it's an easy-to-use and valuable resource.

Although much has been said about our automated circulation system (everyone's been snarling "Gaylord" for quite some time), as our understanding of its potential grows, there always seems to be more to say.

In Reference we're expanding our use of the system to include interlibrary loan functions. We're beginning to figure out just how this works, and are placing our reserves with reckless abandon. I'm not sure we're aware of the consequences, and we're a bit shaky on what to do when the books come in, but so far things seem to be working smoothly.

We have access to two systems, since our bookmobiles are using our original system, while PPL and other C-E-F terminals are on-line with another Gaylord system. Since the two systems can't "talk" to each other, it's up to the humans to communicate. We discover information in one system and transfer it to the other system. If it all works, we'll be able to trap books as they are being returned to bookmobiles, C-E-F and Plattsburgh Public.

What are the benefits of "book trapping?" No, not cellophane jackets — it's the books we have received requests for. The systems allow us to prevent circulation of books which patrons have requested through our department. The books are delivered to our department and we can then send them along to the soon-to-be-satisfied patron. Sounds good.

Elizabeth S. Rogers
Head of Reference and
Interlibrary Loan
AUSABLE FORKS FREE LIBRARY

The annual meeting of the AuSable Forks Free Library was held at the Library on January 13th, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. Officers elected for 1987 were Abe Lincoln, president; Daniel T. Manning, 1st vice president; Angie Whisher, 2nd vice president; Helen Douglass, secretary; Anne Betters, treasurer; Margaret Nolan and Helen Douglass, trustees. Nora Horstmyer, Kenneth Laundry, Ethel Manning and Ann Straight continue as trustees and Barbara Pelkey as librarian.

Among the highlights of the year:

- Circulation for the year was over 12,000
- More than 500 books were added - many donated by friends, others by Giltz Trust Fund.
- Through C-E-F rotation system, 562 books were received.
- 21 children participated in summer reading program.
- Volunteers, (a dedicated group of workers) served more than 200 hours during the last quarter. A tea honoring them was held.
- Several exhibits have been housed in the display case.
- A series of lectures sponsored by C-E-F was held during the winter. A committee has been appointed to select a 1987 program.
- Bridge lessons were held. Weekly games followed and are continuing.
- Holy Name School classes visit weekly for a reading hour and to borrow books.
- During Holiday Season Christmas and Hanukkah exhibits were on display.
- Several memorial gifts were received. They are a valuable source of income.

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The AuSable Forks Library celebrated Valentine's Day with an early valentines display through the courtesy of Marg Denette and Connie Dagley, local antique shop owners and valentine collectors. "You are preserving things that were precious to people generations ago and sharing, in a way, their romances," Denette said.

The display included Kewpie dolls, porcelain valentines, old post cards, lacy valentines purchased prior to 1920, a harlequin doll and teddy bears.

The exhibit was open to the public daily during library hours through mid-March.

CHATEAUGAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Tennyson wrote in The Idylls of the King, "The old order changeth, yielding place to new." That is a phrase that sticks in the mind these days - not only on a world and national level, but in our own little village and its own little library.

Two Board members resigned - two new ones to be found - and, biggest change of all - the retirement of our beloved, longtime library director!

It was with regret that the Chateaugay Memorial Library Board accepted the resignation of Library Director, Frances ("Frankie") Jarvis. Frankie was, for several years, a volunteer librarian at the nascent facility before being hired as the first paid library director. She has held that position since 1966 and has fulfilled the responsibilities of that position capably, efficiently and with commendable loyalty. The patrons, as well as the Board of Trustees, will miss her cordial welcome, friendly smile and consistent willingness to be of service. We wish Frankie much happiness in her retirement and know she will make the most of her freedom from scheduled days and weeks. Library Board members, past and present, honored Frankie on March 4th with a gift of an engraved clock and a gathering over a very special cake and coffee.

Jeanette Hotchkiss, a member of the library board for the past eleven years, has accepted the position of library director. Mrs. Hotchkiss brings to the library the benefits of 16 years experience as School
Library Media Specialist at Chateaugay Central School. She also served on the advisory council of the CHAIN School Library System and was, for 6 months, in 1985, Interim Coordinator of CHAIN in the Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES district. She hopes to continue the services of the Chateaugay Memorial Library in the tradition established over the years by its many excellent volunteers and by former library director, Frankie Jarvis.

Jeanette Hotchkiss has resigned from the library board of trustees to assume her duties as library director. Her position on the Board, as well as one other, are to be filled following the next board meeting.

BELDEN-NOBLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
ESSEX

Officers were elected and new by-laws adopted at the annual meeting, January 14, of the Board of Trustees of the Belden-Noble Memorial Library.

The officers include Fern M. Cunnion, president; Nancy Hopper, vice president; Jani Spurgeon, treasurer; Janice Moran, secretary. Arline Leaning continues as librarian.

The new by-laws, replacing those dating back to 1959, provide for nine trustees instead of seven. The revisions were prepared by trustees Moran and Spurgeon.

A planning committee met March 2 to set up programs for 1987. The first event will be a decorated Easter egg contest to take place at an open house April 11.

SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

The annual meeting of the Saranac Lake Free Library took place Wednesday, January 21, in the Cantwell Community Room of the library.

Since 1909, members of the Library Association have gathered to hear the annual report of the library director and listen to a prominent guest speaker.

This year Dr. Edwin Ketchledge, distinguished professor emeritus of the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse, presented an illustrated talk on the impact of acid rain and the spruce decline in the Adirondacks. Dr. Ketchledge brought to this lecture his 37 years of professional and personal experience with the natural history and resources of the Adirondacks.

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A microfilm reel containing 82 sheets of Sanborn Fire Insurance maps for the village of Saranac Lake for the period between 1895 and 1931 has just been purchased for the Saranac Lake Free Library.

Much of the village history is told in these maps. Growth is reflected in the number of sheets for each of the seven years the maps were made.

Anyone interested in the history of Saranac Lake will find this addition to the Adirondack Collection invaluable and a source of pleasure as well.

Because the microfilm reels of the Sanborn maps are arranged alphabetically, a few other North Country communities such as Rouses Point, Sackets Harbor and St. Regis Falls are included in the library's reel.

Another recent addition to the library's audio-visual equipment, a microfilm reader-printer, represents a cooperative funding by the Saranac Lake Rotary Club, the Friends of the Library and the Wigmore Foundation. Thus the Sanborn maps and early editions of the Adirondack Daily Enterprise can be viewed as well as the census rolls donated to the library by the Genealogical Society.

Historical Saranac Lake made possible the insurance maps acquisition.

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Fort Drum's expansion and its impact across the North Country was the subject of an illustrated talk on Thursday, March 5, in the Cantwell Community Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library.

Fort Drum Community Relations Specialist Peter Kenney spoke about the issues involved in the activation of the 10th Mountain Division (light infantry).
He showed slides highlighting the rehabilitation of present buildings, army family housing, and an overview of the master plan of the new Fort Drum area.


"Stages in the Life of a Young Artist," an exhibition of 50 works by Robert "Nip" Rogers, was open to the public during March in the Cantwell Community Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library.

A 1979 graduate of Lake Placid Central School, Rogers studied at the Lake Placid School of Art and North Country Community College. He later studied art and played Division I basketball at George Washington University.

After graduating in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in art and a teaching certificate, Rogers taught art and coached jayvee basketball at Lake Placid High School for a year. He then returned to Washington, D.C. to work on his master's degree in art.

PAINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILLSBORO

Librarian Janice Allen reports:

The Paine Memorial Library extends birthday wishes to the Girl Scouts organization, its girls and leaders for 75 successful years of service and good will. We are proud to be a part of their program by offering space for some of their activities, a weekly meeting place for the Daisy Scout group, and offering special book badge work. Congratulations to Nicole Belzile and Bobby Joe Trombley for the completion of their book badge awarded for 1987.

Our preschool children are enjoying the new Beatrix Potter books by way of filmstrips. These are the Peter Rabbit, Tom Kitten, Benjamin Bunny stories, done from the beautiful Beatrix Potter illustrations found in her books. These filmstrips were purchased by the Friends of the Library funds.

Also available now is a new collection of paperbacks of special interest to the teen-age girl readers. This purchase was made possible through special funds given to us from the employees of Tambrand Corporation.

Exciting things coming up at the library include, putting up our Easter Egg tree, and getting ready for a big event to celebrate National Library Week in early April.

Paine Memorial Library hosted a very interesting local history program on March 1. Jim Kinley and Mary Bell, Co-Directors of the Essex County Museum, pulled out many exciting and interesting events from our past Essex County history. The material shared came from the new book, titled "Compendium of Local History for Essex County." Some 25 people braved the bad weather and had a most enjoyable time.

The Friends of the Library held their Annual meeting on March 5. President Sarah Disney reported the group activities for the past year. The activities include a used book sale, saving Campbell labels, providing hostesses and refreshments for library activities, Christmas Holiday Exhibit, Folk Craft Fair, and awarding of the senior scholarship. They also reported purchasing a speaker's rostrum with microphone, two computer tables, a set of filmstrips for children, artificial poinsettia plants for the mantle, memorial books, books on tape and several other small projects which benefited the library. Genevieve Blaise reported the membership files have been put on to a Rolodex file and the list updated. The program was concluded with a report from Anne Mesrop, from Essex County Literacy Volunteers. She told of the work now being offered to interested students in Essex County. The Library also had available the new computer and software that can be used to assist any student in the literacy program.

The Paine Memorial Library announces a new exhibit is now available for viewing - a beautiful collection of dolls from Thailand dressed in the native tribal costumes. Along with the dolls are several other items made by the people of Thailand. The collection is on loan from Mr. & Mrs. Donald Cunnion of Essex.

The Cunnion's visited their son and his family in Bangkok, Thailand last January and February. There are six tribes living in Thailand; each one has a colorful
ceremonial dress and much jewelry. These costumes are well displayed on the dolls. The exhibit also includes some other items made by the people of Thailand.

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The Paine Memorial Library is now making plans for the 5th annual OLD TIME FOLKCRAFT FAIR. This year the fair will be held on Saturday, July 25th, with high hopes that it will be a beautiful summer day, and the fair can be outdoors again this year. Registrations have been sent this month to area craft persons. If other craft persons are interested and did not receive our mailing, contact Janice Allen, at the library or call 963-4478. We are limited to a set number of exhibitors, so don't delay in mailing back your registrations. Note, only new craft items will be accepted for exhibit and sale. Mark your calendar this is a big event now in the North Country and we wouldn't want you to miss it.

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Our many thanks to the faithful Campbell label savers. We have reached our goal for this year, the order was placed this week. We were able to get several items for our children's room. We hope you will keep on saving the labels for us as we will now start on next years goal. We like to get them on a regular basis, this way we can cut and count as they come in and avoid the huge job at the very end of our drive.

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The library will accept paperback donations. We find that many of our patrons enjoy the paperback books and we keep our supply up by donations. Romance, westerns, novels are the most popular, but we will accept all donations.

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We have 38 families who have been participating, in our eight week sessions on "Parents as Reading Partners." During this time parents or family read to their child at least 15 minutes a day, this is then recorded on a chart, brought back to us each week to be placed on a large master chart, with prizes to be given at the conclusion of the program. Reading to the young is the start of something great, the love of books and the written word.

Keep reading the winter away, before we know it spring will arrive.

Stanley A. Ransom, Director
Mary S. Hopkins, Editor
Take Time To Read

National Library Week

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