All librarians will undoubtedly be receiving reams of material on the New York Library Association Conference in Lake Placid, October 21-25. As a native of the North Country, however, I feel I must provide some additional tips which you probably won't find in the guidebooks.

Let's start with the weather. I attended an NYLA Conference in New York City a few years ago. The temperature was in the 30's and 40's in December — a heat wave (I took off my coat) — yet I actually heard New Yorkers complaining about the cold. Therefore, this section is especially geared to those of you from the southern part of the state.

BRING COLD WEATHER GEAR. It is a proven fact the librarians always bring snow to Lake Placid. This is no lie; I know, from firsthand experience, that this has even happened in May.

Take a cue from the Jamaican apple pickers. They wear earlappers and overcoats in Indian summer, while we natives are walking around in shirt-sleeves. Come prepared.

Other than the weather, Lake Placid is a cosmopolitan sort of place and will probably offer you the amenities to which you are accustomed. Think twice, however, before you venture out into the hinterland. We have several prisons in the area. Very few inmates try to escape and those who do often give themselves up after a few days in the woods and countryside. This should tell you something.

There has been a rumor going around that Adirondackers sit around wood stoves and while away the time in quaint cracker-barrel sessions. This is untrue. Adirondackers go to bars. Every hamlet — no matter how small — has at least one local tavern. Should you be adventurous and decide to explore this aspect of local culture, I would suggest avoiding Friday and Saturday nights and not ordering a Perrier with a twist of lemon.

At some time or other during your stay, you will see unshaven men wearing plaid jackets and large tags, with numbers, on their backs. No, those are not the aforementioned prisoners. These are hunters — because you will be arriving during hunting season. Those sharp explosions you hear are gunshots, not firecrackers celebrating your arrival.
You may hike in the woods if you like, but hunters have been known to hit passing vehicles, mail boxes, cows and each other.

This reminds me of another North Country custom, pickup trucks with rifle racks in the rear window. Don't be alarmed. Most of these people are hunters, good old boys or outsiders trying to fit in. A few may be psychopaths—who knows—but if you're from New York that could be a plus. It will provide that familiar feeling of paranoia which tends to make every day an adventure.

I'll conclude with an explanation of a few North Country phrases, (although we have lost much of our rich linguistic heritage with the advent of TV and paved roads).

"Have a nice day" — as elsewhere, this is a meaningless expression.
"Down the road a little ways" — could mean anything from one to twenty miles.
"Hill" — mountain
"Cold" — frostbite will occur after five minutes exposure to the air

"Nightclub" — a bar with a live country-western band on weekends
"Town" — a settlement containing three or more houses
"Holsteins" — not German princlings, but large black and white cows. Always give them the right-of-way on North Country roads.
"Plage" — this French word meaning beach is commonly heard in Plattsburgh during the summer, but if you should hear this word in Placid during your stay you are being faced with a Canadian who has been lost for some time.

There, I've told you city slickers enough to equip you with minimal survival skills. To tell you more would spoil the challenge of the upcoming excursion. See you there!

Mary Shaw Hopkins
Editor

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

By now member librarians and trustees should have received two copies of the new publication, "Quality Public Library Service in New York State: Minimum Standards and Levels of Excellence." Please read these carefully and note what changes will be anticipated for your library. Then please attend the Standards Hearing which will take place from 7-10 p.m. on Thursday, October 8th, at the Saranac Lake Free Library, 100 Main Street, Saranac Lake, New York.

Present will be the Director of the Division of Library Development, Roberta Code; Elizabeth Manion, Chair of the Standards Committee; and I will also be there as a member of the Standards Committee and as C-E-F Director.

The presentation will cover the minimum standards and also the State aid which has been proposed to help meet the needs of local public libraries.

Of the 29 member libraries in the C-E-F System, ten, or one-third, do not meet the standard of being open 15 hours per week. One-half do not yet have the recommended number of volumes.

These are draft standards, and the Committee will meet in November to discuss any revisions or additions.

Your voice and your ideas are important. Please plan to attend on October 8th. For those who wish to bring dinner or a sandwich, the Saranac Lake Free Library's Board President, Janet Decker, invites you to use their meeting room before the meeting.

Stanley A. Ransom
VITALITY ON ICE! NYLA VITALITY FUND ICE SHOW

Attending the NYLA Vitality Fund Ice Show on Saturday, October 24 at 9 p.m. is like getting a "sneak preview" of the 1988 Olympic Winter Games. Why, you might ask. The answer is the skating pair of April Sargent and Russ Witherby. These two nationally ranked amateur competitors will be "going for the gold" next year in Calgary and thanks to the Follett Library Book Company, they'll be dazzling us with their ice dancing at this 94th NYLA Conference. April and Russ both train with the University of Delaware Figure Skating Club, working with such professionals as Ron Ludington, Robbie Kaine and Diane Agle. April Sargent brings an added bonus to the pair — her hometown is Ogdensburg, New York!

Appearing with April and Russ on the Olympic Arena rink will be local skating talent representing the Skating Club of Lake Placid. They bring with them a rich heritage, since the history of the Club can be traced back to 1920 when the Sno Birds of the Lake Placid Club commenced figure skating competitions on outdoor ice. Some of the talent you'll be seeing includes Doug Mattis (1985 Junior Men's National Champion), Kathleen Kelly (1987 Collegiate Senior Women's Champion) and Amy Payton (one of the Club's youngest representatives).

If you haven't purchased your ticket ($15) for the Ice Show, it's not too late. Tickets will be on sale at the registration area located at the Olympic/Convention Center during registration hours. And to top off the evening, why not try the ice yourself? Open ice time has been arranged on the Olympic Rink immediately following the show, but space is limited, so purchase your ticket ($2) at the Conference registration area early. If you forgot your skates, don't despair — the Cobbler Shop directly across from the Olympic Center has $3 rentals ready and waiting for you (ask for details when you purchase your ticket). SEE YOU AT THE SHOW!

Leona Salzman
Assistant Director/Head of Outreach

THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN LAKE PLACID


* Visit the Olympic sites, such as the Olympic Arena, where the U.S. hockey team beat the Soviets in 1980, the 70 and 90 metre olympic ski jumps (impressive view) and the speed skating oval, where Eric Heiden won 5 gold medals. Discount tickets $3.50 for ski jumps, with Conference or Exhibit badge.

* Boat tours of Lake Placid. Discount price $4.00 with Conference or Exhibit badge.

* Dance, theatre, movies and exhibits at the Lake Placid Center for the Arts.

* Visit North Country Crafts Center at Lake Placid Center for the Arts.

* Visit John Brown's grave and farmhouse adjacent to the 90 metre ski jump. (free)

* Hiking: two special hikes are planned, a flat walking hike in the Adirondacks and a more adventuresome climb up nearby Cobble Hill for a spectacular view of the Adirondack high peaks, both with expert local guides.
* Average mean temperature in October is 45 to 35 degrees, with some possibility of snow.

* Good shopping in Lake Placid at a variety of stores, some international branches of exclusive shops. Participate in special Merchant's Raffle. Look for your lucky number.

* Great dining in local restaurants, from the bleu cheeseburger and chocolate mousse at "Jimmy's 21" to the Adirondack flapjacks at Mirror Lake Inn, and the 24oz. T-bone steak at the Artist's Cafe.

* Paul Smith's College and North Country Community College nearby.

* Visit Mt. Van Hoevenberg Bobsled and Luge Run, where sleds careen down the bobsled at 90 miles an hour. Discount tickets $1.00, with Conference or Exhibit badge.

* Discos and pubs offer guaranteed fun time at night.

* Nearby is Santa's Village at the North Pole in Wilmington.

* To the north ten miles is Saranac Lake, with recently enlarged Saranac Lake Free Library, with a unique Adirondack wildlife room and Robert Louis Stevenson book collections.

* Visit Lake Placid's charming public library and browse among good books in your Adirondack rocking chair, or enjoy the view overlooking Mirror Lake. At the Lake Placid Public Library, note the special book exhibit, "With the Author's Regards..... An exhibit of Inscribed Books of the Adirondack Region," prepared by Breck Turner, proprietor of "With Pipe and Book" and Library Director Therese Patnode.

* Visit Lake Placid Club (if re-opened), the creation of Melvil Dewey in the early 1900's. See the grounds and golf course.

* Several public golf courses available.

* Carriage rides around Mirror Lake, starting at Mirror Lake Inn.

* For other opportunities, consult the Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce in the Olympic Arena.

Stanley A. Ransom

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

The Local Arrangements Committee has been hard at work and is ready for the NYLA Annual Conference. A Local Arrangements Booth staffed by the Committee will be set up near the Registration Booth. The Committee also is preparing materials to help you enjoy your stay in the Adirondacks. Members of the Committee are as follows: Stanley A. Ransom, Chairman; Leona Salzman, Elizabeth Rogers, Hugh Starke, Kathie LaBombard, Carol Bedore, Mary S. Hopkins, Emily Castine, Janet Decker, Mary Leggett, Keela Rogers, Nancy Kress, Donna S. Oesch, Patrick McIntyre, Mary Kay Rillahan, Tim Hartnett, Anne Rowland, Leah Monger, Gail M. Staines, Kathy

See you at the Conference!

Stanley A. Ransom

FREE NYLA EXHIBITS

At the NYLA Conference in Lake Placid, October 21-25, there will be two hundred library vendor exhibits, a record number. For the first time, NYLA Conference leaders have announced no charge for those persons wishing to see the exhibits only. An exhibits only pass is required, which may be obtained at the NYLA registration desk in the Olympic Arena. Plan to visit these 200 vendors during exhibit hours, which are:

Thursday, October 22, 3-7 p.m.
Friday, October 23, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-5 p.m.
Saturday, October 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sign up for valuable prizes, too!

Note: All persons who sign up to see the exhibits, and all residents of the Lake Placid area, are invited to hear the NYLA keynote speaker, Jimmy Breslin, on Thursday, October 22nd at 4:30 p.m.

Stanley A. Ransom

1988 LEGISLATION

1988 will be a critical year for C-E-F. Our proposed budget shows an $89,000 deficit, and we need to receive increases in aid from our three county legislatures and increased State aid in 1988.

The Regents will be proposing legislation of approximately 26.5 million dollars to improve library services in New York State. There will be direct aid to public libraries which meet or plan to meet the new minimum public library standards.

The New York Library Association is proposing its own Omnibus Bill in the amount of 35.1 million dollars.

We like the NYLA bill. The minimum proposed aid for Public Library Systems is $770,000, up from $615,000 currently received. This would enable C-E-F to cover its deficit and actually move ahead with library services. We hope the Regent's bill will follow this direction when deciding on minimum aid to public library systems.

Other components of the NYLA bill are direct aid to public libraries, at a lower level than that proposed by the Regents. There is a new proposed $50,000 grant which could provide C-E-F with a needed Children's Consultant and stimulate a program of joint cooperation between public and school libraries.
There is 4 million dollars for public library construction, also much needed in the C-E-F area. The Literacy Grant would be made an annual grant.

Libraries on Indian Reservations would receive an increase. School library systems and reference and research resources councils would also receive increases.

Funds would also be appropriated to use for scholarships for persons wishing to enter the public or school library field. There is a continuing shortage of trained professional librarians which needs to be addressed.

Stanley A. Ransom

BLACK POETRY DAY

Nikki Giovanni, noted Black poet and author, will be the featured speaker for Black Poetry Day in Plattsburgh. Ms. Giovanni will be speaking at 7:45 p.m. on Friday, October 16th, in the Orchard Room at the Angell Student Center at Plattsburgh State University College. Ms. Giovanni's recent books include Gemini, an autobiography, and two books of poems, Spin a Soft Black Song, for children, and Cotton Candy on a Rainy Day, for adults. The program is free and families are invited. A reception hosted by Akeba, the Black students' organization, will follow.

Black Poetry Day is held on October 17th, the birth date of Jupiter Hammon, first Black in America to publish his own verses. The Black Poetry Day celebration is funded by the New York State Council on the Arts. A special poster, designed by PSUC artist Rick Salzman, a bibliography compiled by Mary S. Hopkins, and flyers and bookmarks will be distributed to all public libraries in New York State.

We appreciate the cooperation of the directors of the 24 public library systems in distributing these materials to their member libraries.

Also included in the kit is a proclamation to be used with your local municipalities. This will help to draw attention to Black Poetry Day.

An evaluation sheet has also been enclosed this year so that we can send information to the Council on the Arts as to how useful the materials are to public libraries. We would appreciate your returning the evaluation sheets after October 17th.

Stanley A. Ransom

KEELA ROGERS RECEIVES LAWRENCE AWARD

Keela Rogers, former C-E-F Trustee, received the Richard W. Lawrence Award at the C-E-F Library System's Annual Meeting in Plattsburgh on August 10th. The Award is given by the C-E-F Board of Trustees to an individual "who has made outstanding contributions to the development of library service in the Clinton, Essex and Franklin County area."

Mrs. Rogers has been active in library service in New York State. Besides being a former Trustee and Past President of the C-E-F Board of Trustees, she is Past President of NYSALB, the New York State Association of Library Boards. She is currently a Trustee of the North Country 3R's Council and is also a member of the Library Services and Construction Act Regents Advisory Council. She is a member of the Local Arrangements Committee for the upcoming NYLA Conference.

Stanley A. Ransom
Dannemora Free Library
Dannemora, New York

The Dannemora Town Hall in which the library is located.

The walls of Clinton Correctional Facility.

Librarian Doris Haley.

From left, Trustees Ursula Kaufman and Eleanor Mayette, with Librarian Doris Haley at the circulation desk.
Photos by Carol C. Bedore

The children's section.

The library proudly displays its permanent charter.

Question: Can you identify this rare creature?

Special NYLA Photo Quiz
MEMBER LIBRARY PROFILE XXI: THE DANNEMORA FREE LIBRARY

Editor's Note: I would like to thank Dannemora Librarian Doris Haley and also Ursula Kaufman and Eleanor Mayette, longtime members of the Dannemora Library's Board of Trustees for their gracious help in writing this article. They spent the better part of an afternoon with photographer Carol Bedore and me, going over library records and patiently posing for pictures.

There probably aren't too many public libraries which have prisons for next-door neighbors. The Dannemora Free Library, housed in part of the Dannemora Town Hall, is in this unique position. The forbidding gray walls of Clinton Correctional Facility, which dominates the village, end only a few feet away from the gray stone building which houses the library.

Ursula Kaufman, President of the Board of Trustees, remembers that, before there was a public library, villagers could go to the prison library — where all the books were covered with brown paper.

In 1940 a public library was organized through the efforts of a group of interested citizens; the original library was housed in the basement of the Dannemora Elementary School. The library was staffed by Janet Havens and Geraldine Clinton who worked there through the National Youth Administration (for 30¢ per hour). Library trustees took turns supervising the library's operation.

In 1942, Doris Haley was appointed librarian. She received $5 per week at that time. She has held this position ever since — except for a leave of absence from 1943 until the end of World War II. During that time Rose Waddell substituted for her. Rose, as some of you may remember, was Children's Librarian and Cataloguer at System Headquarters for many years until her retirement in 1980. Rose had been a teacher, but she so enjoyed her stint at the library that she was inspired to become a librarian and later won a scholarship to library school in the 1950's. Among her memories of her years at Dannemora were tours of the library by Eleanor Mayette's 2nd grade class — one of those children, Ronald B. Stafford, grew up to become our New York State Senator.

Ursula Kaufman and her husband, the late Frank Kaufman, alternating terms, were on the Board of Trustees since the beginning. Eleanor Mayette has been Board Treasurer since 1943. Doris Haley, before becoming librarian, had been Eleanor Mayette's high school Social Studies teacher.

The going was rough financially in the library's early years. Many fund raisers were held such as dances, card parties and raffles. An early entry in the Board minutes notes that the Board had voted to purchase 3 books per month, at a cost not to exceed $10.

One dance netted $8; the raffleing off of a coffeemaker raised $17. The presentation of a "drama" raised a whopping $107.52. A block dance was held in 1943, featuring soft drinks and frankfurters — the Library Board had to obtain special permission from the local rationing board, as this was during wartime.

Some books were donated by local citizens. Books were loaned to the library for a period of six months at a time by the New York State traveling library, out of Albany. Also, Plattsburgh Public Library loaned out a book collection to Dannemora in those days before our Library System was founded in 1954. Emma Walters, Director of PPL (and later the first director at System) was very helpful to the Dannemora Library.

Because of the difficulty in obtaining regular funding sources, the library operated under a series of provisional charters until 1973 when the State granted it a permanent charter. The library now receives funding from the town and Village of Dannemora.
(the Town provides the library with housing, heat and electricity), the Dannemora Union Free School District and the Town of Saranac. Also, a $10,000 trust fund was established through a bequest of a prominent citizen, Stephen P. Nash, the interest to be used for the purchase and upkeep of books. The library also receives many books as memorials. This practice was instituted by Martha Corcoran.

In 1946, the library moved from the school basement to a room at the rear of the Dannemora Town Hall. In 1949 a branch library was opened at the high school in Lyon Mountain, a nearby mining community, with Laura Gregory as librarian. The Lyon Mountain branch library closed in 1981, when the Lyon Mountain school closed.

In 1954 the Dannemora Free Library joined the Clinton-Essex Library Service System (as C-E-F was then called).

In 1957 and again in 1966, the library facilities in the Town Hall were enlarged and remodeled.

In 1969, the first summer reading program for children was held and has continued every summer since then.

Other milestones include: the installation of a book drop in 1970, the purchase of new shelving in 1975, the acquisition of a microfiche reader in 1984 and the installation of a photocopier in 1986. The library is looking forward to receiving an Apple IIe computer this fall through the State Automation Grant.

Present Board members are: Ursula Kaufman, Eleanor Mayette, Martha Corcoran, Frances Bingel, Beverly Scholl, Howard Harrica and Gertrude Gilroy.

The library cooperates closely with the public school in providing material for research projects. Book collections are also sent to the elementary school.

The library was busy the day we were there. The people of Dannemora have a tradition of using, supporting and enjoying their library. In this small village circulation had reached 17,500 last year and holdings total about 14,000. The Dannemora Free Library is another sterling example of a North Country library which has overcome financial obstacles and flourished by the sheer dedication and ingenuity of its librarian, trustees and public.

Mary S. Hopkins

VERNA PUNGITORE RECEIVES AWARD

Verna L. Pungitore, who served as director of the Plattsburgh Public Library from 1968 to 1978, has won the American Library Association's 1987 Library Research Round Table Award for a paper entitled, "Perceptions of Change and Public Library Directors in Indiana: An Exploratory Study." Dr. Pungitore presented her paper and received the award at the 1987 annual conference of the American Library Association in San Francisco on June 30. The paper will also be published in an upcoming issue of the journal, Library and Information Science Research.

Dr. Pungitore says that her interest in the subject of library change is linked to her involvement in the expansive changes which occurred at the Plattsburgh Public Library during her tenure as director: the library's budget tripled; its staff, materials collection, programming and services steadily increased, evolved, and inevitably outgrew the available space. It was during this time that the library was able to obtain city and federal funds to construct the necessary addition to the building.

It was a time, according to Pungitore, in which a library's administration and trustees initiated, planned, and had some measure of control over the pace and the way in which the library developed. In contrast, today's public libraries are facing the pressures of an accelerated rate of economic,
social and technological change. Those in smaller communities, especially, are finding it very difficult to adapt their operations, technologies and services to the changing needs of their clientele. "It is my hope that my ongoing research in the area of change and innovation will eventually be of some use to smaller public libraries," Pungitore said.

"I know from first hand experience that libraries serving populations of under 25,000 can provide just as essential and valued a service to their communities as do those which serve many thousands more. Nationwide, there are considerably more small libraries than large ones; their continued prosperity is crucial to the fabric of our society. Perhaps the best way of assuring that they have the support necessary to keep pace and thrive as society changes, is to maintain a high level of citizen awareness and participation in planning their services."

After leaving Plattsburgh, Dr. Pungitore received her Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh and taught for several years at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She is presently an assistant professor in the School of Library and Information Science at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN NEW YORK INCREASE CIRCULATION**

For the ninth year in a row, the public libraries of New York State have reported increased circulation of books and library materials. New York State Librarian Joseph F. Shubert announced on September 1 that public library circulation in 1986 exceeded 98 million — or 5.6 books for every man, woman and child in the State. The total number of books and other library items borrowed was 98,194,287 compared with 96,570,374 in 1985.

The statistics are compiled from annual reports submitted to the State Education Department by the state's 732 public libraries and the 22 public library systems. Data includes circulation for the 621 branch libraries and 37 bookmobiles operating in the State. The libraries reported acquiring 3.4 million books during 1986, resulting in a statewide public library bookstock of 97 million volumes. Acquisitions were slightly under those of 1985, when 3.9 million volumes were added to libraries.

According to Shubert, New York libraries appear to be establishing a lead in the nation. University of Illinois data on library circulation nationwide indicates stabilization in circulation rather than growth in 1986. The Illinois study indicates that two out of three books circulated are loaned to adults, one out of three is loaned to children.

Adults are turning to libraries for fiction and nonfiction. Library use increases as families conserve in their budgeting: the demand for "how-to" books and for information on purchasing decisions (which washing machine is best for us? or should we purchase or lease a car?) continues to increase. Families who cut back on entertainment expenses also increase library use, using library books and videos, and participating in library-sponsored programs.

**TUPPER AREA IS SETTING FOR HARLEQUIN ROMANCE**

Readers of Harlequin Romances, — and there are many in these parts, among the millions of them throughout the U.S. and Canada — will find a familiar setting for one of the latest, — "King of the Hill" by Emma Goldrick. The story line is laid in the Adirondacks, specifically, between Tupper Lake and Cranberry Lake.
TRUSTEES IN THE NEWS

DENNIS LEE APPOINTED TO C-E-F BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On September 9, the Clinton County Legislature appointed Dennis Lee of West Chazy to fill the unexpired term recently vacated by Mark Rigby.

The following is a biographical sketch which Mr. Lee prepared for us:

A jack-of-all-trades would be an apt description of my wide and varied experiences. I’ve worked in most of the building trades including carpenter, plumber, electrician, mason, etc. I have a degree in landscaping, spent a few years as a landscaper and a few as a greenhouse grower, plus almost ten years in golf course turf management. Include a long stint as a waiter/bartender. Round it off with a job as a forest ranger and finally, an enlistment in the Marines and some time spent in Vietnam. I am presently the Weatherization Coordinator for the Senior Citizens of Clinton County.

My interest in the library lies in my interest in children. Presently I am the originator and prime mover of an effort to establish a children’s museum/discovery center in the North Country. My wife, Karen, and I, with three children, have contemplated starting a private school but opted in favor of home schooling for our children for three years before it finally became logistically impossible to continue. I am interested in providing alternative learning experiences to children. I appreciate and have taken advantage of the efforts by the Plattsburgh Public Library when they offered those kinds of learning experiences for young children. I hope to contribute to, and influence, more of those kinds of efforts.

VELMA K. MOORE AWARD TO KEELA ROGERS

Public Library Trustees in New York State will confer their highest honor, the Velma K. Moore Award, upon Keela Rogers at the Award Banquet of the 94th Convention of the New York Library Association in Lake Placid, N. Y. Mrs. Joan Moore Von Mehren, daughter of Velma K. Moore, will present the award to Mrs. Rogers on Saturday, October 24, 1987.

Mrs. Rogers has a distinguished record of public library service, serving as member and President of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System, member of the North Country Reference and Research Resources Council Board, and member and President of the New York State Association of Library Boards. Mrs. Rogers is a member and Past President of the Board of the Olympic and Winter Sports Museum in Lake Placid.

Mrs. Rogers is a native of Auburn, New York and a graduate of Wells College in Aurora. The mother of three grown children, Keela and her husband Jim are co-owners and operators of radio station WNBZ in Saranac Lake, New York.

The Velma K. Moore Award was established in 1961 by the New York State Association of Library Boards, a statewide association of over 3,900 public library trustees, to honor the memory of Velma K. Moore, a dedicated public library trustee and the wife of former Lt. Governor Frank C. Moore.

PROGRESS REPORT FROM REFERENCE/INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Here we are, looking at autumn leaves again! Summer came and went, and it's now time to start work on the next round of projects.

It was a busy summer — we processed 3,561 requests from member libraries and bookmobile patrons during June, July and August. June was the busiest summer month for member library ILLs, but on the bookmobiles July had the most ILL traffic. We processed a total of 1,214 bookmobile requests, and 2,347 requests from member libraries.

Now that fall is here, we're all busy trying to fit in as many meetings as possible before bad weather keeps us in Plattsburgh. This makes it a busy time for us, as we're also trying to prepare for this year's school projects (what will the "hot topics" be this year?). It's good to meet with others, though, and find out what's happening with the school library systems, the North Country 3R's, etc.

Much of what's happening centers around automation, and here at C-E-F we've been moving steadily forward. Thanks to the accomplishments of Hugh Starke, we're communicating electronically with more of our member libraries. The list of "HOBO" libraries is expanding monthly, which makes this an exciting time for us. It's always interesting to check our electronic mailbox for messages from additional libraries and welcome them to HOBO.

The list of projects we'll be working on continues to grow—I'm exploring software that can be used to organize a Vertical File (and have I got the Vertical File for the test run!). We'll be looking into the changes that come with electronic communication for more member libraries, as well as the increasing amount of point-to-point ILL traffic within our region. And, of course we'll be busy filling requests for bestsellers, old classics, and almost any subject you can think of.

Elizabeth Rogers
Reference/ILL Loan Librarian

JEIC NEWS

We've had a busy summer at the Center! During July and August, two workshop series on job seeking techniques were presented for dislocated workers from the Harris Graphics Corporation, Champlain, at the request of the company. We were very happy to have the opportunity to work with some of the Harris employees and were pleased to be selected by the company to provide this service.

Staff from the Center also attended our County Fairs and the C-E-F Annual Meeting. We always look forward to these yearly events. The Fairs also give us a chance to advertise our services in a different and enjoyable way.

September has been both a sad and a happy time for us. Regrettfully, we had to say goodbye to Debbie Casement, who filled in very efficiently for Judy Menard while Judy was on maternity leave. We'll miss Debbie and wish her the best of luck. She's planning to go back to school this fall to work on a bachelor's degree at PSUC. We're very happy, though, to have Judy back on staff, as are so many of the Center "regulars" who have been asking for her all summer.

Kathie Labombard
JEIC Librarian

OUTREACH NEWS

On the weekend of September 11-13, the bookmobile was at the Crete Center for display in the 19th Annual Press-Republican Homeshow. Despite the rain, over 300 visitors toured the bookmobile and received free bookmarks plus a schedule of stops in their area. The bookmobile staff were pleased to have the opportunity to talk with this large number of prospective patrons, and anticipate an increase in circulation as a result.

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I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ron Smejhal to the North Country. Ron is the new librarian at Clinton Correctional Facility Annex, which is one of the four area facilities participating in the 1987 Public Library System Resources Program for State Correctional Facilities.

Julie Weaver
Outreach Librarian

NEW FILMS AT C-E-F

_Ghosts and Ghoulies._

21 minutes. Color.

Whizz, a newcomer to the gang, is required to spend an hour in a haunted house as his initiation.

_Las Madres: The Mothers of the Plazo de Mayo._

64 minutes. Color.

Within the framework of contemporary Argentinean history, this film traces the growth of an organization of mothers who are protesting the abduction, torture and death of their children at the hands of the former military regime.

_Majestic Eagles of North America._

12 minutes. Color.

The American bald eagle, the symbol of strength, loyalty and courage is observed in its natural habitat.

_Making of Frog King._

9 minutes. Color.

A documentary about the basics of filmmaking and film acting. We see film editing, how single models are used to create illusions and how time is manipulated and scenes are filmed out of order.

_Meet the Grebes._

20 minutes. Color.

Grebes, what are they? Where do they live — these are just two of the many questions answered in this story about America's most unusual and fascinating birds.

_Moira: A Vision of Blindness._

23 minutes. Color.

Eleven year old Moira Egan tells us that being blind isn't going to stop her from trying all kinds of things. She reassures us with her self-reliance and makes us more aware of blind people's potential. She takes us into the thoughts and feelings of someone who lives without sight.

_Oh Boy! Babies._

30 minutes. Color.

This captivating story focuses on a group of sixth grade boys who discover their nurturing instincts when they take an elective course in infant care.

Marie D. Chauvin
Head, Film Department
NORTHERN ADIRONDACK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION:

"AN ADIRONDACK EVENING"

Imagine ... a chill October night, a hint of snow in the air; the audience huddles together and all attention focuses on the storyteller. He begins his tale -- a tale of the Adirondacks, the Indians, the settlers, a ghost or two who still inhabit the lonely places where travelers fear to go. Then, to top the evening off, rousing French Canadian music to set your feet a-tapping. If this scenario has piqued your interest, set aside Thursday, October 22nd, join us, the Northern Adirondack Library Association, for our Fall presentation, "An Adirondack Evening". Our program will take place in Lake Placid at the New York Library Association's annual meeting. We will surround you with beautiful handmade quilts, give you a taste of delicious apple cider made with a hand press, and show you a bee colony and museum quality basketry from the Mohawk Indian Nation at Akwesasne. The evening will begin with Joseph Bruchac III, poet, fiction writer and storyteller. Mr. Bruchac, who with his wife Carol started the Greenfield Press, is a Native American and is well versed in their legends. He is the author of Turkey Brother; Stone Giants and Flying Heads; Iroquois Stories, Heroes and Heroines, Monsters and Magic; and The Wind Eagle. All are Native American folk stories. In addition to storytelling which he began in 1975, Mr. Bruchac writes prize winning poetry.

Our second artist will be Bernard Ouimet, French Canadian musician and singer. Mr. Ouimet was born in St-Jacques-le-Mineur, Quebec, Canada, and although he now lives and teaches American history in Cohoes Middle School, he is deeply involved with the French Canadian-American relations. He recently, as a member of the Voyageurs, took part in the Albany Tricentennial Commemoration when the Voyageurs, by canoe, traced the fur trade route from Lachine, Quebec, down Lake Champlain to Albany. He will do folk songs dating back to the Renaissance, brought to Canada by the early settlers.

The prize winning quilts to be displayed are the creations of the Raquette River Quilters. This guild of quilters located in Tupper Lake, biannually puts on a show in the Goff-Nelson Library, Tupper Lake. This year's show drew visitors from 20 states, Denmark, West Germany, Canada and Singapore. Be prepared to talk about fabrics, patterns and any other quilting related subjects because some of the quilters will be there to talk quilting with you.

One of the many highlights of the evening will be a magnificent display of baskets made by the artists at Akwesasne. This is a unique display and one that features antique as well as new baskets.

Pytlak Orchards will give us a taste of cider freshly made using a hand-operated cider press. Emma Mahoney will discuss bee raising and use, an industry that is so important to the agriculture of this area. She will also bring a cut-away section of a hive, showing how bees live.

Carol G. Bedore
President

REQUIEM FOR THE CEF POST OFFICE BOX

Postal box 570's dead,
It's 17 Oak St. instead;
I'll remember that number,
Till permanent slumber,
While useful things slip from my head!

John Crager

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AUSABLE FORKS FREE LIBRARY

Following a busy summer schedule that included a reading program and party for children; a successful book sale and weekly bridge playing on Wednesday afternoons the AuSable Forks Library is preparing for a series of fall lectures. Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and sponsored by the C-E-F Library System, the series started on September 15th with a lecture presented by Dr. Janet Groth, Assistant Professor of English at SUNY Plattsburgh. Her topic was F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby." Well received by an attentive audience, it was an excellent choice as the opener of the series entitled American Dreams - Upward Bound. Future lectures are on:

September 29, The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin. Lecturer Dr. Douglas Skopp, Professor of History SUNY, Plattsburgh.

October 13, The Narrative of Frederick Douglass. Lecturer Dr. John Myers, Professor of History SUNY, Plattsburgh.

October 27, The House of Mirth. Lecturer Ms. Patricia Austin, Adjunct Lecturer in English, SUNY, Plattsburgh.

November 10, The Woman Warrior. Lecturer Ms. Mary Michelfelder, Adjunct Lecturer in English, NCCC, Saranac.

There is no charge for the lectures. Those who attended last year's series enjoyed them very much. All are welcome to attend. Information on the Fall 1987 series may be had by calling the AuSable Forks Library at 647-5596.

KEESEVILLE FREE LIBRARY

Librarian Ann Garcia reports:

A 1986 edition of Webster's Third New International Dictionary with imperial buckram binding has been donated to the library in memory of Malcolm Carey by his family.

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We have a new assistant librarian, Beverly Fagan. Mary Fowler has "gone on to new and bigger things."

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The annual fund drive which was begun in July is progressing nicely. This fund drive helps to fill in the "gap" between tax monies received and what we need.

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Judging from comments over-heard from parents — "they stayed up until midnight reading" and "I couldn't find them, they were in their room reading." — the "Get The Scoop" summer reading Club was a success. Sixty-one children signed up; thirty-five made the chart with stars and enjoyed their treat from Stewart's Ice Cream. Ten children won assorted posters. And two won free books.

WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

On Wednesday, September 16, the Wead Library, in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System, presented the first in a series of lecture-discussion seminars with the umbrella-title "American Dreams."

There will be five seminars, and the first, September 16, had as its speaker Dr. Marshall True, Professor of History, UVM. Dr. True concentrated on Mark Twain's Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court.

Other speakers in the series include Dr. Alan Steinberg, chairman of the Humanities Department of Paul Smith's College. He discussed Call it Sleep, by Henry Roth, on Wednesday, September 30. On October 14, Professor Daphne Kutzer from SUNY Plattsburgh's English Department, will talk about Henry James'
The Europeans. On October 28, Professor Janet Groth, also from SUNY Plattsburgh's English Department, will look into Toni Morrison's Bluest Eye, and note whether or not it's bloodshot.

On November 11, Professor Alexis Levitin, also from SUNY Plattsburgh's English Department will advise his audience to Call Me Ishmael, as he plumbs the depths for the white whale of Herman Melville's Moby Dick.

PERU FREE LIBRARY

On September 2, an open house and groundbreaking ceremony for the library's new addition was held at the Peru Free Library. The library has been raising funds for this project for over two years.

Peru Board of Trustees President Jackie Sabourin made the opening remarks, Senator Ronald B. Stafford, who was instrumental in obtaining much of the funding for the addition, gave a speech and performed a ritual groundbreaking with a special "golden" spade. The main room in the addition will be named the Senator Ronald B. Stafford Reference Room in his honor.

The addition will add about 2,500 square feet of space to the building, which will be used for book stacks and reference and resource materials.

The new addition will be constructed in the same architectural style as the original building and is expected to be completed by the end of December.

SHERMAN FREE LIBRARY, PORT HENRY

Librarian Kathleen Brooks reports:

A new support association named the "Friends of the Sherman Free Library" has been formed at the Sherman Free Library in Port Henry. This association's primary goals include increasing public awareness of services and resources, supporting and cooperating with the library in enriching and extending library services, writing grants and seeking gifts and endowments for and in behalf of the Sherman Free Library, and assisting with building improvements.

The Friends of the Sherman Free Library, along with the Board of Trustees, will host a library open house on Saturday, October 17 in conjunction with the Sherman Free Library's centennial celebration. The open house will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and will feature an information booth about the Friends of the Sherman Free Library and exhibits of library resources. Refreshments will be served at the Presbyterian Church across the street from the library.

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Beginning September 30, a Pre-School Story Hour will be held each Wednesday morning from 9:30 - 10:30. Kathy Singleton, a member of Friends of the Sherman Free Library, is in charge of this.

SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

Betsy W. Beggs became the new director of the Saranac Lake Free Library in August.

Ms. Beggs comes to Saranac Lake from Edgewater, New Jersey, where she directed the Edgewater Free Public Library.

She is a graduate of Farleigh Dickson University where she earned a bachelor's degree in political science. She later earned a master's degree in library science from the State University of New York at Albany.

A public reception was held at the library to introduce Ms. Beggs to the community.

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More than $6,300 was raised for the Saranac Lake Free Library recently at the 32nd annual "Come to the Fair," sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Fair organizers attribute the success of the fair to the thousands of items donated, including books, toys, flowers, plants, gifts, baked goods and white elephant items, according to Pat Wiley of the Library.

"The second day hours allowed people to browse in a little more of a relaxed atmosphere," Wiley said. "When we had it for just one day, people often wouldn't come because it was a madhouse."
She added that donations of books, toys and white elephant items will be accepted throughout the year at the library. "Anyone who cleans out their closets anytime between now and the next fair can donate the items to next year's sale."


This interesting exhibition included artifacts of French speaking families in the region as well as recordings of stories and songs that have been traced back to earlier generations. A number of other items depicting the French heritage were featured throughout the display.

The project was the result of intensive research into the history of the French work experience, religion and home life.

"Hidden Heritage" received much of its funding and research through the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as the New York Council on the Arts and the Malone Council on the Arts.

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A student of Thomas Hart Benton, Kenneth Hayes Miller, and Alexander Brook, Glannon is represented in the National Collection in the Smithsonian in Washington D.C., and one of his paintings is in the National Gallery of Ireland in Dublin. A television program, "The Land I Love," about the artist has been aired several times on Public Broadcasting, and he received the Medal of Freedom from the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge for "an outstanding accomplishment in helping to achieve a better understanding of America and Americans."

In 1986 Glannon had a one-man show of thirty works at the Unitarian Church in Plandome, Long Island. He is the father of Mrs. Patricia Wiley of Saranac Lake. The public is cordially invited to view "American Landscapes" during regular library hours through October 9.

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GOFF–NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TPPER LAKE

Around 1200 people attended the Raquette River Quilters Third Quilt Show, held at the library, August 5–8.

Guests voted by ballot for their favorite quilt; the winner was Charcie Delehanty's "Irish Star."

Two-year old Sarah Martin of Tucker, Georgia won the quilting club's raffle for "Charity's Star," named after library benefactor, Charity Goff Nelson. The quilt was a cooperative effort of the club's members.

WELLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

UPPER JAY

More than a dozen children completed the summer reading program at Wells Memorial Library, Upper Jay, each reading at least 5 books and some many more.

Miss Anne Reding conducted a story time on Saturdays with a few youngsters attending. We are looking forward to the Christmas Holidays, when Anne will be available again.

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Now that school has started again, we are beginning new Fall hours to accomodate our students, especially.

Tuesday, 1 - 5 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 - 9 p.m.
Thursday, 1 - 5 p.m.
Saturday, 12 - 4 p.m.

PAINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILLSBORO

Librarian Janice Allen reports:

The Paine Memorial Library has just celebrated the Centennial Anniversary of the special bird skin collection. This
collection was gathered by ornithologist Augustus G. Paine and Alvah Jordan. This interest turned into a special collection of bird skins, gathered and preserved. Some of the skins in the collection are now a century old. The two collectors were their own taxidermists and preserved their specimens for future interest and study.

Upon Mr. Paine's death, the collection was brought from his summer home to the Paine Memorial Library, which had been erected in his family's memory. The collection is still available some 100 years later at the library for public viewing. The visitors can also see the ongoing display of some of the bird skins in the display case just inside the front door of the library.

Paine and Jordan made a special trip to visit the Four Brothers Islands back in May of 1887, to study and record the birds on the Islands at that time. To celebrate this occasion, Mike Peterson, Audubon Warden of the Islands, took a party along with him in May of 1987 to make a similar visit to the Four Brothers Islands and once again record the bird life. Mike Peterson recorded his trip by taking slides of the special trip, this was then delivered in the form of a lecture program.

The lecture was given to an invited group of some 45 to 50 guests at the Paine Library on Friday, August 28. Guests were from the Paine family, library and Friends officers and Trustees, Audubon and Conservancy members, all enjoyed this visit through Mike's presentation. A reception was served at the close of the program.

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The Paine Memorial Library's pre-school story hour began the fall season on Wednesday, September 16 and Friday, September 18.

Several skills are presented and built upon over the many weeks of our program. The sessions consist of some free play time, group activity, fingerplays, songs, learning basic skills, sharing stories, movies, borrowing books and much, much more.

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The Paine Memorial Library gratefully accepts special memorial books or funds toward books given in memory of a loved one. Recent memorials received have been given for Andrew Jacques. Several books have been purchased under this memorial and the family and friends are also donating a beautiful wooden children's table and 8 chairs to our children's room in Andrew's memory. There will be an open house and dedication of these memorials on October 11, in which the public is welcome to attend. We have more books available for purchase under this memorial if there are still people interested in placing a book in the library for Andrew. Anyone interested should just contact Janice Allen at the library.

Other memorial funds have been received in these past few months for Craig Rowley, Alice Owens Williams, Carl Gurman, Kathy Ann Walsh, Jennifer Manning, Kimberly Sue Choate, Harold James, Hazel Tucker Carlson. These are very fitting and ongoing Memorial gifts that others can enjoy.

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The Board of Trustee's and the Friends of the Library have initiated the first annual fund drive, which began in August and will end in mid-October. The residents and summer guests are being asked to help support the many programs which have increased dramatically over these past ten years. Programming does strain the library budget, and these programs have now become a very active part of the total library service. Thus, there is a need to seek some community support. Gifts in any amount are most welcome and will be put to good use in the year ahead.

The library trust fund takes care of the purchase of books and periodicals, salaries, maintenance of the building and grounds. The extra events like the story hours, special summer events, craft fair, lecture series, and etc., must be met through other funding sources.

We are most appreciative of the Tambrand employees and the Tambrand
Corp. for their annual gift of money these past two years. Other funds are provided through special matching grants, but the grant sources need to be assured that local money and interest is forthcoming before they will approve a grant.

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The Paine Memorial Library is most fortunate, and very grateful, for the numerous hours donated by local volunteers these past few weeks. Due to the illness of staff member, Janet Tucker, the library was very shorthanded and would have been forced to cut some services and hours. Thanks to the many willing volunteers, no services or hours were cut back, all things proceeded as planned. The Board of Directors are most appreciative of all that has been done these last two months; and are hopeful that we can continue in this fashion until Mrs. Tucker's return. Janet is doing very well and continues to recover from her surgery very nicely. She appreciates her many get-well wishes from patrons and friends.

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The Friends of the Library executive committee met this past week to make some fall and winter plans. They plan to follow up on membership dues that have not been paid this year. Plans are underway for the annual Christmas Holiday Exhibit to be held the first Saturday in December. Friends will be asking people in the community for items to exhibit for this one day event. These items that we exhibit are not for sale, it is just a time to share lovely handwork.

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Also due to the Friends' treasury funds being low, the group decided to hold a holiday raffle of several homemade craft items. Tickets will be available the first of November and the drawing will be in the middle of December. Tickets and the raffle items will be on display at the library during the same period of time as the sale. Tickets will be $1.00 each, and we are hopeful that there will be many supporters in this project.

REMININDER

THE DEADLINE FOR NEWS ITEMS
FOR THE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ISSUE OF
THE TRAILBLAZER IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1987

ANSWER TO PHOTOQUIZ:

This is a rare photo of a member of that endangered species, the North Country Cockroach (Periplaneta adirondackensis). The last reported sighting occurred on New Year's Eve, 1985.

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