FEBRUARY QUIZ

Do you remember the surprise quizzes which used to be popped on us in school — usually at a time when we were least prepared? Well, I'm proceeding to spring one on you now.

February has been celebrated as Black History Month for several years now. This month was chosen because it contains both Lincoln's birthday (February 12) and Frederick Douglass' birthday (February 14). There have been a lot of indications lately that Americans don't know much about history in general. If this is so, how much less do many of us know about Black American history and culture — which were neglected areas in our schools and our society as a whole for such a long time?

So, I've done a little research and prepared a quiz — and believe me in doing this I've learned quite a few more facts myself. So go ahead and see how many of the blanks you can fill in. Answers follow.

Mary Shaw Hopkins
Editor

1. Heavyweight Champion of the World, 1937-1949, ___________________________, knocked out German challenger Max Schmeling in the first round in 1938. More than just a famous fighter, he was a symbol of hope to Black Americans during those years.

2. ___________________________ was an Alabama seamstress whose refusal to give up her bus seat to a white man sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott, led by the young Martin Luther King in 1955.

3. In 1939 the Daughters of the American Revolution refused her permission to sing at Constitution Hall because of her race. In 1955, however, ___________________________ became the first Black prima donna of New York's Metropolitan Opera Company.
4. In 1954 the U.S. Supreme Court decision on the case outlawed racial segregation in the public schools. The first Black Supreme Court justice led the legal team which won this decision.

5. The first Black player on a major-league baseball team, broke the color barrier playing for the in 1947.

6. In 1966, as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development during the Johnson Administration, became the first Black cabinet member.

7. Discouraged by the lack of progress in the Black civil rights movement, Jamaican-born led the "Back to Africa" movement in the 1930’s.

8. An ex-slave, abolitionist was also a champion of women's rights and attended the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848.

9. , author of The Foxes of Harrow, was the first best-selling Black author and the first Black writer to have a major film based on his work.

10. Undersecretary of the United Nations in 1950, in that year was also the first Black to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

11. The most famous "conductor" on the Underground Railroad — at one time a $40,000 reward was offered for the capture of .

12. led the most significant of all U.S. slave revolts in Virginia in 1831. He was captured and hanged.

13. Poet and novelist was the first Black to win a Pulitzer Prize, for Annie Allen in 1950.

14. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" address at the in Washington, DC in August, 1963.

15. Black mountain man and scout became a chief of the Crow tribe, published an autobiography in 1856 and discovered a pass, in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, which was named after him.

16. In 1939 was the first Black to win an Academy Award (as Best Supporting Actress). Of her Oscar-winning role she once said, "The only choice permitted us is either to be servants for $7 a week or portray them for $700 a week." (This quote is taken from Black Hollywood by Gary Null).

17. In 1940 became the first Black general in the U.S. Army. His son and namesake became the first Black general in the U.S. Air Force in 1954.

18. , an internationally famous Black actor of the 19th Century was famed for his Shakespearean roles and performed before the crowned heads of Europe during his career.

19. a slave, was the first Black in America to publish his own verse, "An Evening Thought," on December 25, 1760. His birthday, October 17, is celebrated as Black Poetry Day.
ANSWERS

10. Ralph Burchie
9. Frank Verry
8. Frederick Dugas
7. Marcus Carey
6. Robert C. Weaver
5. Jackie Robinson, Brookyn Dodgers
4. Marion Anderson
3. Rosa Parks
2. Joe Lewis
1. Harriet Tubman

FROM THE DIRECTOR’S DESK

According to Governor Mario Cuomo’s “Message to the Legislature” which he recently delivered, we should make this next decade the Decade of the Child. Certainly our children need all the help he proposes in his Message, and libraries would like to help too. In the 1988 amended version of the Library Omnibus Bill, S3342-C (Senator Farley)/A4791-C (Assemblywoman Jenkins), there is $50,000 to establish a Children’s Consultant in every Public Library System and other funding to assist in joint projects with the schools. This is especially needed in our rural area. We applaud Governor Cuomo for his advocacy for children’s needs, a concern shared by Mrs. Cuomo, who is a strong voice in statewide child abuse organizations. We ask Governor Cuomo and the State Legislators to work for passage of the Library Omnibus Bill this Session, and allow libraries to help in promoting the Decade of the Child.

The Library Omnibus Bill is especially important to the C-E-F Library System this year, since it will offer us some chance to balance our operating budget. I say "some chance," because the proposed Regents version would leave our operating budget at least $100,000 short. The proposed New York Library Association version of the Omnibus Bill would increase the due minimum for small public library systems from $615,000 to $770,000. The Regents version would increase our support only from $615,000 to $650,000. This latter amount would not meet our budget needs. We hope to see a further amendment to the Regents Bill which would correct this situation and match the same amount as in the NYLA Bill. Without this funding we will be unable to continue our library services at their present level.

Stanley A. Ransom
Director

1988 LEGISLATION DAY

Tuesday, March 8th, has been set for this year’s Legislation Day in Albany. On that day, please plan to visit your legislators in Albany and let them know how the Library Omnibus Bill and other bills will affect your library. Don’t be concerned if you have never done this before. Plans are under way to teach you how to visit your legislators, and you will receive information on whom to see and what to do. It is an enlightening experience to become a part of the political process and to understand how a bill becomes a law. Please contact the C-E-F Director for further information.

Stanley A. Ransom
PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS: PLANNING

One of the first standards to be adopted in the proposed new public library standards was the requirement that each Board of Trustees develop, with their Director, a five year plan of service. Many librarians and trustees have already been doing this, using the public library planning documents published by ALA. Others may question why planning is needed so far ahead. Planning for five years is not difficult if you follow the planning guide, which has developed a step-by-step procedure.

Thanks to the generosity of the Public Library Section of NYLA, a grant of $1,000 has been made available to enable each public library system to assist their member libraries in developing plans of service. C-E-F is tentatively planning to schedule a planning workshop this fall. We also hope to provide libraries with a copy of the planning guide.

My advice is to be of good cheer, learn about the planning process, and think about what you would like to see happen in the next five years. C-E-F will be happy to help you.

Stanley A. Ransom

GOOEDEYE TO SANDY, WELCOME TO BARBARA!

If you've noticed a change in the voice which greets you on the telephone at C-E-F, it's because Sandra Hauf has resigned to join her husband, Roland, in New Hampshire. We'll be seeing them in the summer when they return to spend time at their camp. We regret the fact that Sandy has left. She did a great job for us, which I sincerely appreciate.

Barbara Beach is my new Secretary. I am pleased that Barbara was able to join our staff. Her experience in working with other Clinton County departments will help to make the transition an easy one, and we appreciate her cheerfulness and hard work. Member libraries should direct their requests for supplies to her. Welcome, Barb!

Stanley A. Ransom

SCHOOL LIBRARIAN COURSE

The Graduate Library School at SUNY Albany, directed by Dr. Richard Halsey, has announced a series of weekend courses at the SUNY Potsdam Campus. This one-semester course is called "Curriculum Integration, K-12, Library Media Skills Program Development." The course will be held on the following weekends: March 4-6, April 13-15, and June 10-12. The course will be given during the following hours, Friday 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There will be appropriate meal and other breaks. The cost is $410, which includes all materials and dinner on each Friday night. There is a reasonable room and meal plan available. Interested perspective school librarians should contact their School Library System Coordinators for further information.

Stanley A. Ransom
"AIDS: WHAT LIBRARIANS NEED TO KNOW"

A workshop on "AIDS: What Librarians Need To Know," was held at the C-E-F Library System on Friday, January 15, 1988. System Director Stanley A. Ransom welcomed the audience of 35 librarians from public, school and correctional facility libraries. He stated that librarians needed to know about AIDS in order to be a better information source for patrons needing information about AIDS. He also noted that librarians needed to know if serving a patron with AIDS would put the librarian at risk. A third reason for learning about AIDS is that there is a possibility that co-workers or their relatives may acquire AIDS, and thus librarians should know how to deal with AIDS in the workplace. He introduced Tim Palmer, Regional Coordinator for the AIDS Council of Northeastern New York, who is also a registered nurse, with a BS in nursing.

Tim Palmer said we should consider AIDS as a local disease, since local people are dying from it. This is happening in other regions of New York State, especially in New York City, where it is the leading cause of death for males aged 20-29 years. Tim gave a history of the disease, which came into attention about 1981, and he described the body's immune system and explained how the HIV virus attacks the T4 helper cells, destroying the body's immune system. He stated that free and anonymous testing for the AIDS virus is given on Thursdays and Fridays at the Clinton County Health Department, telephone 518-565-3270. It takes 2-3 weeks for the results. There are also free testing locations in Albany and Glens Falls.

While you cannot become infected from donating blood, it is possible that a person who had received a blood transfusion prior to March, 1985, could be at risk, since after that date testing blood donors for the AIDS virus became common. Try to avoid blood transfusions, or if you can anticipate your need, plan to donate your own blood in advance.

While there have been a number of different names for the virus, it is currently called "the AIDS virus." You don't get AIDS, you get the AIDS virus. Tim assured the librarians that they cannot contract the AIDS virus from casual contact with patrons or the books or money they have handled. In reviewing the AIDS Pre-Test, he also noted that all answers were "NO" to the questions asked. Therefore having a co-worker with AIDS does not place the staff member at risk. The AIDS virus is transmitted by sexual contact, sharing needles, transfusions of infected blood or by being born to a mother with the AIDS virus.

Several million persons have the AIDS virus. From 2-4% of these people have AIDS, about 50,000 cases at present. Since it takes an average of 5-8 years to develop AIDS after contracting the AIDS virus, this number will increase to the point where 50% of those persons will probably develop AIDS. While most people with AIDS succumb within a few months to a few years, about 15% of people with AIDS have lived over 5 years.

Tim stressed that while AIDS first appeared in the gay community, it should no longer be considered a gay disease. Of those with AIDS virus in northeastern New York, 40% are heterosexuals.

Tim discussed preventative measures, which include sexual abstinence, monogamy and careful sexual behavior. There is an urgent need to address appropriate sexual behavior with our children.

The AIDS crisis will impose a tremendous burden on our society. We need to promote the health of the people with AIDS, and take care of AIDS patients at home, using the hospital as a last resort. Concerning the many correctional facilities in upstate New York, Tim stated that 50-75% of prison inmates are HIV positive.

The C-E-F workshop continued with a 15 minute video about a hemophiliac family called "The Burks Have AIDS." Not knowing he had received contaminated blood, the husband infected his wife, who gave birth to their son, who now also has AIDS. Their plight underscores the need to educate the public to this disease.
The workshop concluded with a review of "AIDS Information Resources" at the C-E-F Library System by Elizabeth Rogers, Head of the C-E-F Reference and Interlibrary Loan Department. The System has books, pamphlets and audiovisual materials, and can obtain data base searches and interlibrary loans for borrowers.

Mr. Ransom thanked the speakers and the staff who had planned or assisted at the workshop, especially Marge Wachtmeister, RN, who is Head of the Rural Health Information Service at C-E-F and Carol Bedore, Hospitality. A bibliography and various publications were distributed. These will be sent to all member public libraries which did not send a representative to the workshop.

Stanley A. Ransom

MEMBER LIBRARY PROFILE XXIII: THE DODGE LIBRARY, WEST CHAZY

Editor's Note: I would like to thank West Chazy Librarian Bev Reed for her help in preparing this article. She obtained a brief history of the library for me from local historian David Martin, husband of trustee Pat Martin. I have also referred to A History of the Town of Chazy by Nell Jane Barnett Sullivan and David Kendall Martin.

Doctor Lyndhurst C. Dodge was born in West Chazy in 1841. On his death in 1904, he left bequests to found libraries at West Chazy and Rouses Point, where he practiced medicine for many years (see Trailblazer January/February 1986: The Dodge Memorial Library, Rouses Point). The libraries were to be built as memorials to his parents, Dr. Daniel G. and Judith Gates Dodge.

This gift of $5,000 was turned over to the trustees of School District Five in January of 1905; $3,000 had been specified for building expenses and $2,000 for books. The trustees postponed voting acceptance until the will had been investigated (we don't just jump into things in the North Country) but no major problems were discovered and the money was accepted at a public meeting two weeks later — with two dissenting votes.

It was nearly a year before a lot was purchased — for $500 — east of the four corners in downtown West Chazy. The groundbreaking took place in 1906. The plans were drawn up by a Vermont architect and the building was constructed by local workmen under the supervision of B.F. Douglass (known locally as Pink Whiskers — I wish I knew the reason why).

The building, which was finished in the fall of 1906, cost about $3,000. There were three rooms on the first floor and an apartment on the second floor — which was to be rented to provide an income for the maintenance of the library. Unfortunately indoor plumbing was not terribly common in the rural North Country in 1906 and, as a result plans were not included for a bathroom. Consequently, the apartment has not been rentable for many years (although the library itself has a chemical toilet).

Once the building was erected, Library Trustees B.F. Douglass and W.H. Robinson went to New York City to buy books and library furniture. They spent $1,000 and invested the remaining $1,000 — that nest egg was wiped out in the Crash of 1929.

The State Education Department sent up a young woman to supervise the setting up of the library and cataloguing. The first librarian was Evelyn M.H. Clark who served for the next 12 years at $50 per year. She was followed by Frances Sheldon, Eunice D. Hay, Susie Goodale, Mrs. Rabideau, Adelaide Penfield and Mrs. Roger Blake. Beverly Reed has been librarian since 1981.
An interior view of the library.

With pen in hand, librarian Mary Hop explains the library's history to Carol C. Bedore.

The Dodge Library, West Chazy, New York.
Beekmantown Central School Elementary Librarian Mary Ellen Martin holds a class at the Dodge Library.

The wonder of a book.

After story time - a hunt for books.
The library has been beleaguered by many problems over the years.

The rural school districts consolidated in 1957 and the Dodge Library, a school district library, found itself with no legal district for a library tax. The situation came to a head around 1959 and the library lost its State Charter because it failed to meet the minimum requirements. The library didn't go under, however, because a group of local residents led by Dewane Dewan vowed not to let it sink. The library was run for a period by volunteers — with no income. In 1963 the library regained its charter.

Because the West Chazy elementary building of the Beekmantown Central School is next to the library, Dodge Library now serves as the school library (the school has no library of its own). The school librarian from Beekmantown visits West Chazy once a week and holds classes and story hours at the Dodge library.

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The fact that the West Chazy library has endured for over 80 years is almost miraculous. Money problems have been continuous. The actual physical limitations of occupying a small plot of land have been another. Even nature has delivered a few blows — such as a huge dead elm which was a menace to the library and passersby; its removal severely taxed the resources of the already strapped library.

What has saved the library over the years is the strong desire of local people to maintain a library and a certain ingenuity which one observes frequently in rural areas — where people seem to excel at making do with what is available and making the best of less than optimum circumstances.

This library definitely has a family atmosphere. Librarian Bev Reed's mother, Mayfred Ross, was one of the citizens who kept the library going when its existence was in jeopardy after the loss of the charter. Bev's daughters, Dawn and Kimberly, have helped out at the library over the years. Rebecca Branagan, another high school student volunteers many hours at the library. Christine Rizos, wife of Board President Robert Rizos, is in the process of making new curtains for the library.

Even the patrons help out. Mr. Robinson, a regular patron for many years, has often appeared in the morning to clear the front steps of snow and ice. Once, the snow fell off the roof—blocking the door—and Mr. Robinson arrived to tunnel through the mess so that the door could be opened.

Many people donate books — helping to supplement the small book budget. Villagers have also given memorial gifts.

Help has come from outside too. Peru Free Library's Mary Kay Rillahan donated a paperback book rack and 300 paperback books. Bev says the paperbacks are enormously popular — that patrons take them out by the sackful.

Bev also says that the library, with such a small budget, relies heavily on its C-E-F book grant. She was thrilled recently with the acquisition of a microcomputer through the C-E-F automation project and finds using it a great convenience.

Bev is a busy person; besides regular library duties, she is also responsible for cleaning and maintenance of the building. Her son, Tom, helps her with these chores.

In spite of this, she manages to deliver books to shut-ins and the library runs a successful summer reading program — in which every child who reads 5 books receives a prize.

Bev also likes to see the building itself used. The local Brownie troop meets there on Tuesday nights. On Wednesdays, the school music teacher gives lessons. The library has become an integral part of community life.

This hard work and dedication have paid off. Circulation has risen 500% over the past five years.

There are certainly problems ahead; money is still scarce. The library, however, has displayed remarkable staying power. This survivor's spirit is demonstrated in Bev Reed's summary, "I'm very optimistic and I refuse to get discouraged."

Mary S. Hopkins
"YOU HEAR THE ICE TALKING"

As the ice fishers move out onto Lake Champlain, there may be renewed interest in the book C-E-F published last year.

"You Hear The Ice Talking" is still available to libraries for $6, with a suggested retail sales price of $10. The library may keep the difference.

Please let us know if you need additional copies for sale.

Stanley A. Ransom

FORMER C-E-F BOARD TRUSTEE RECEIVES TOP HONOR FROM STATE TEACHERS'ASSOCIATION

Former C-E-F Trustee Paul Vogan of Mooers recently received the New York State Retired Teachers Association's top honor, the Certificate of Recognition.

Paul's credentials as an educator are impressive: instructor, math and science at Mooers Central School, 1932-35; vice principal at Mooers, 1935-44; district principal at Mooers, 1944-70; instructor PSUC graduate school, 1972-73; president New York State Retired Teachers Association, 1976-79; first vice president of the teachers association; member Joint State Legislative Committee of New York State, 1974-76; member of National Retired Teachers Association membership advisory committee, 1978-80; its secretary, 1980-82.

In addition he served on the C-E-F Library System's Board of Trustees for a quarter of a century (from 1960 through 1984). Paul's wife, Betty, has been the librarian at the Mooers Free Library since 1948.

We congratulate Paul on receiving the NYSRTA award which we know was well-deserved.

REMINDER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CLINTON COUNTY

Clinton County will celebrate its bicentennial this year. On March 7, 1788 this county was created by the New York State Legislature. A Bicentennial Committee was appointed by the Clinton County Legislators to prepare a worthy celebration commemorating that event. Addie Shields, Clinton County Historian and Jack Stewart, City of Plattsburgh alderman, cochair this committee and the reenactment of that event on March 7, 1988, at the Clinton County Government Center, is just the beginning of the yearlong celebration. Another part of planning for this year is a book, Clinton County: a Pictorial History, showing our county’s heritage in word and picture. I joined Helen Allan, chairperson and editor, Dr. Alan Everest and Mary Leggett in coauthoring and selecting photographs for this publication.

Mrs. Allan is the Director/Curator of the Clinton County Museum, Editor of North County Notes and has recently written and published Clinton Prison at Dannemora.

Dr. Everest is a retired Professor of History, SUNY Plattsburgh and has written many books and articles, including Rum Across the Border.

Mrs. Leggett is a Trustee of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library and Editor of the Town of Plattsburgh newsletter.

Key Bank is sponsoring this book and The Donning Company is publishing it.

I am happy to report that as of this date we are all speaking to each other and it looks like we are winding down for a June publication date. This has been a new experience for me and one I have enjoyed very much. Look for more information in the next Trailblazer.

And a happy and prosperous 200th birthday, Clinton County! Watch for all the festivities and please join us. We have planned it all for you.

Carol G. Bedore

ENERGY CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM
FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC CARE FACILITIES

The New York State Energy Office is pleased to announce that approximately $3 million is available for the Energy Conservation Grant Program for Local Government and Public Care Facilities.

Type of Grant: Energy Conservation Measures (ECMs) — 50% matching grants for energy conservation improvements to buildings

Public libraries are among the eligible institutions.

Funding Limit: The institutional grant limit will be $300,000.

Application Deadline: Wednesday, June 1, 1988.

Applications must be received by the Energy Office on or before this date. Postmarks are not accepted.

For further information, contact: New York State Energy Office
Bureau of Institutional Energy Conservation
Two Rockefeller Plaza
Albany, NY 12223

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HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

NUMBERS, NUMBERS, NUMBERS
FROM INTERLIBRARY LOAN

We've begun our annual "harvest" of statistics this year — every January brings new information. The total number of requests we processed for member libraries in 1987 was 9,704; 8,125 requests for specific items, and 1,579 requests for information on various subjects. Our overall fill rate for these requests was 88%. Our fill rate for subject requests is quite a bit higher, at 93%.

We filled an additional 4,485 requests for our bookmobile patrons (3,623 were author/title, and 862 were subject requests).

Adding up all the figures, we processed a total of 14,185 requests for patrons from within the C-E-F area. That kept us all busy!

ILL traffic throughout the year showed no great surprises — member libraries requested more during the month of March than at any other time, while the busiest ILL month on the bookmobiles was July.

Our automated circulation system recorded a total of 9,073 circulations to member libraries — Rosemary and Lettie are getting quick with a light pen.

The Gaylord statistics also measure the circulation of C-E-F books according to Dewey classification. This information is vital to our collection development, and offers insights into the reading habits of our public.

Not surprisingly, fiction circulation numbers the highest. Our nonfiction circulation is heaviest in the 790's — this includes sports, games, and some celebrity biographies. Also high in circulation are the 610's (health and medicine), 640's (cookbooks, home repair, bodybuilding, parenting—a wide range of topics!) and the 740's, which include handicraft and some art books.

What do all these figures mean? For one thing, that we provide a much-used service. When we look at the year in terms of trends and figures, we can analyze our strengths and weaknesses, and set goals accordingly.

I think we all deserve credit for work well done — Rosemary and Lettie have another year of impressive statistics to reflect on. Sharon and Marilyn should be especially proud of their work with subject requests. We should all be proud of the cooperation and skill of the Reference and Interlibrary Loan staff here at C-E-F.

Elizabeth Rogers,
Head, Reference and Interlibrary Loan

OUTREACH NEWS

LSCA funding has been received for a five segment multimedia "bibliotherapy" program which will be geared towards teen readers at member libraries. "Programs About Life" will provide five collections of up-to-date books and videos about substance abuse, teen pregnancy, assertiveness/communication, decision making, and peer-pressure/self-esteem. Each collection will contain 25 fiction and nonfiction books in multiple copies, and may be borrowed for a one month period, beginning in March. Participating libraries may also choose to host a program evening which will highlight each topic, and will feature guest speakers from local community service agencies. Complete publicity for all programs will be provided. To reserve a collection, or for more information, please contact me.

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When the unusual number of bookmobile cancellations that occurred during 1987 are taken into account, statistics show that circulation has remained fairly consistent with 1986 circulation totals. January - June schedules of the bookmobile stops in your area will be furnished upon request.

We are happy to announce that Beekman Towers has been approved on a trial basis as our newest bookmobile stop.

Julie Weaver
Outreach Librarian
JEIC NEWS

If you've ever longed for warmer climates when cold winter winds are blowing, then maybe a career in the travel industry could be an answer. As with other service occupations, jobs for travel agents and tour guides are expected to grow through the 1990's. A new addition to our JEIC collection, Flying High In Travel: A Complete Guide to Careers in the Travel Industry by Karen Rubin, gives lots of information on the interesting opportunities available. Some of the newer types of jobs include convention management, corporate travel management, and cultural tourism agent. There are many more positions described in the book, along with career requirements and rewards offered, all of which could lead to a new dream career in exotic places.

Another new title is Money Talks: The Complete Guide to Creating a Profitable Workshop or Seminar in Any Field by Dr. Jeffrey Lant. Included are chapters on how to create a program that will sell, tips on marketing strategies, presentation, and the production and sales of peripherals such as audiotapes or videos. For the person who enjoys speaking, the opportunities for earning a living appear to be endless.

To see either of these titles or any of our many other new selections, just give us a call. We're always happy to hear from you!

Kathie LaBombard
JEIC Librarian

ACQUISITIONS

Wendy Rivers has recently joined our department as a part-time typist under the automation grant. She will be helping with the barcoding, OCLC and all the other projects that we have going and we are delighted. Welcome, Wendy, to Acquisitions.

Carol G. Bedore
Head, Acquisitions

NEW C-E-F FILMS

Steady As She Goes

26 minutes.
Color.

George Fulfit, retired, illustrates with humor and optimism the delicate craft of putting ships in bottles.

Stone Carvers

28 minutes.
Color.

Captures the work of a small group of Italian-American artisans who have spent their lives carving designs on the Washington Cathedral, still under construction.

Surviving the Cold

17 minutes.
Color.

The best ways to deal with hypothermia are demonstrated in three real life stories of people caught out in the cold.

Tara's Mulch Garden

21 minutes.
Color.

Introduces us to the pleasures and pride derived from vegetable gardening using the mulch system, a system suited to those who want good results without tedious labor.

There Were Times Dear . . .

60 minutes.
Color.

A poignant fictional film about one family's life with Alzheimer's disease, a devastating disorder that destroys vital brain cells.

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Titanic in a Tub

A delightful film of a time when the world was fascinated with great ocean liners and naval vessels. Vintage film clips of famous sea vessels and sea bottles are also shown.

Ways of the Wind

Champion sailor Bruce Klein takes us on a sail aboard his custom-made yacht, "Fireball." Feel what it's like to have the wind at your back and your hand on the helm.

White Water - Grey Hair

A group of adventuresome "Senior Citizens" are filmed on a riotous 300-mile raft trip down the incredible Colorado River.

Why'd the Beetle Cross the Road?

Meet Blackie, the beetle with a purpose. He's on his way across a busy ocean bike path, humming a melody to keep his spirits high and his mind on his goal. A whimsical film that provides a humorous perspective on achievement.

Marie D. Chauvin
Head, Film Department

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

AKWESASNE LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER

The Akwesasne Library held a used book and magazine give-away, December 1-11. Visitors were allowed to make selections on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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In October, Minerva C. White, Director of Higher Education Programs, St. Regis Mohawk Indian Nation and Director of Native American Studies at Saint Lawrence University, Canton received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree at the 97th Academic Convocation of the New York State Board of Regents, held in Albany.

Mrs. White was one of those active in the creation of the Akwesasne Library.

CHAMPLAIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Champlain Library Board is sorry to announce the retirement of Ruth Smith as our Librarian effective December 31, 1987. Mrs. Smith has been our Librarian for the past 18 years and we will miss her. Over her years as Librarian, she has increased the number of volumes in our library and has held many fund raising activities to earn money when there was very little with which to purchase books. However, she will keep her hand in the Champlain Library by substituting for our new Librarian when she takes vacations and by reviewing books for purchase by our library.

Our new librarian is Nancy Margerum, a resident of the Town of Champlain for the past 11 years. Over those past years she has volunteered at the Library and
has substituted for Mrs. Smith during her
cations. Mrs. Margerum is a graduate of
Potsdam State and taught school for two years.
She has two children; Ben, age 10 and Sarah,
age 7 and her husband, Ralph, works at
Wyeth-Ayerst Labs.

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Our Crafty Christmas window received
much approval from our patrons as it contained
all handmade items which could be made for
Christmas giving. The rest of the library was
festively decorated for Christmas too.

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We are continuously checking our library
shelves for those books which have not been
read in such a long time and we have pulled
many from our shelves. We are selling those
old books for $2.50 each. We also have had
quite a few records donated to the library
and we are selling those for 3/$1. We have
been filling our shelves with all the best sellers
and new books out on the market.

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This fall, the Champlain Library was given
two beautiful plants: a rubber plant was donated
by Mrs. Jean Willett and a philodendron was
donated by Mrs. Elma Markowicz. They have
added much to the decor of the library.

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Our reading hour run by Mrs. Marge Dresser,
started again after the first of the year. We
had to stop them over the holiday, due to poor
attendance.

WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

Director Dave Minnich reports:

Another day, another year. It seems as
though more and more library patrons expect
to find answers to all their inquiries in the
library's card catalog. For instance, recently
a patron was looking for a book on astrolabes.
The ancient Greeks used this instrument to
determine the height and location of heavenly
bodies, and it was eventually replaced by the
sextant. There may be a book on this device
somewhere, possibly in the classic Greek
language, but it isn't something to be found
in every collection. The subject is definitely
an item to be found in an encyclopedia,
or a book on the history of navigation or
astronomy. After all, how much can be
said about an astrolabe? That's merely
an example that indicates the continual
need for the availability of reference
services. Indexes and catalogs are no
substitute.

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Genealogical questions are always with
us, but one day in December, it seemed
as though we had a surfeit. Out-of-state
requests on this subject are common, but
on one specific day we had a mailed request
from Washington State and one from Florida.
Some would undoubtedly make a conspiracy
out of that coincidence.

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It's that time of year again. We are
awaiting our supply of Federal and State
tax forms, though we do have a basic
collection of reproducible ones, already.
One patron recently recited a tale indicating
that after being referred to seven different
IRS departments and receiving a publication
that wasn't applicable, the Wead Library
was able to decipher which form was needed,
and supply it. Undoubtedly, any local
accountant or tax expert could have
performed the same service.

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In mid-December the Director attended
a workshop at the Clinton-Essex-Franklin
Library System headquarters. The subject
was Literacy Volunteers and libraries as
a natural partnership. Our experiences
with the LVA grant which we handled on
behalf of Preston Miller's organization
were recounted, and Preston was there
to talk on his own behalf as well.

On December 12, we had another of
the Library's Children's Film Programs.
Fifteen viewers watched four films. Since
last February, there have been five such
programs, and there's been a total attendance
of 65.

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Major construction on the library's new addition is finished and the addition will be open to the public soon. Lyon Mountain Correctional is going to be doing shelves and a new checkout desk for the library. More tables and chairs will be obtained for the addition.

This addition doubles the usable space in the library; it houses the Ronald B. Stafford Reading room, an office, storage space and handicapped accessible restrooms. Eventually the library also plans to have a children's room.

The Peru Friends of the Library began fund raising for the project three years ago. Construction was made possible by private and business contributions, a special State grant of $75,000 and a $21,000 public library construction grant through the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System. The official groundbreaking took place this past September.

The library is planning to sponsor more events now that the necessary space is available. The first to be held in February is the "American Dreams" lecture series. Exhibits by local artists are also planned for the future.

The new addition has also allowed better placement of a lovely stained glass window, a gift in the 1920's from Elmore F. Elmore, a local resident, and his mother. The effect is striking.

"A Look Back Down the Road," works by John Chrisman, were exhibited during the month of January in the Cantwell Community Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library.

The show included photo-lithographs, silk screen prints, and black and white and color photographs. Chrisman explains that the works have been made over the past decade and are "an attempt to preserve something from that particular time and place. In that respect they can be considered documentary images."

Chrisman has worked as a producer, editor, and consultant in film. He has prepared location segments for the MacNeil/Lehrer Report, Bill Moyers' Journal, and other PBS programs.

He grew up in Lake Placid, and has recently returned to the area, living in Saranac Lake. Eventually he would like to have a photography studio here. His outside interests include fly fishing, cross-country and downhill skiing, canoeing and hiking.

Essex Humanities Series Director Abby Zito sent us this letter to the editor from the Times of Ti which illustrates the series success at the Ticonderoga Library.

"I recently attended the latest lecture in the Black Watch Memorial Library's series entitled "A Woman's Place." The talk, called "Emily Dickinson: Selected Poems," was delivered by Stephen Donadio, Chairman of Middlebury College's Department of American Literature and Civilization. Eager attendees jammed the library's main reading room, establishing a congenial atmosphere for Dr. Donadio's eloquent and insightful presentation. Sponsored by the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library and the National Endowment for the Humanities, this offering further illustrates that, culturally and educationally, Ticonderoga continues to move forward. With any luck and the hard work of those able to make such programs possible, Ticonderoga will have future events of similar quality. Hats off to those who made the program a success."

Sincerely,

John Dreimiller

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The Black Watch Library now has a Friends of the Library. It was organized by Ticonderoga businessman, Hans
Katzenstein to recruit volunteers to help out in the library and to raise funds to expand library services. Already the group has 100 members.

One of the Friends' first project was to provide the library with a video monitor. A video cassette recorder had been provided through a grant from the Carnegie Corporation with the provision that the library must obtain its own monitor. The Black Watch Library is a Carnegie library.

**PAINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

**WILLSBORO**

Librarian Janice Allen reports:

The Paine Memorial Free Library was especially pleased to be the recipient of a beautiful Christmas village made of cookies, candy and all things good to eat. This creation was the gift of Margaret and Tom McCaw of Willsboro. The village was assembled by Margaret and Luella Booth. This wonderful gift was on display at the library through the Christmas holiday season.

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Our special thanks to the some 30 plus exhibitors who shared their beautiful handwork with us for the Annual Holiday Exhibit sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

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Our Pre-school holiday parties were held in early December. We have over 40 children enrolled in our Pre-school program this year and it is a very active group of children.

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Memorial books continue to be added to our collection, several have been added in remembrance of Andrew Jacques's birthday, and as Christmas remembrance for Jennifer Manning. We always welcome these memorials.

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We here at the Paine Memorial Library would like to reach out to those in the community who did not, for one reason or another, receive high school diplomas. We have a great cooperative program here at the Library to assist you in preparing for the G.E.D., or High School Equivalency exam. Our program is called GRASP (Giving Rural Adults A Study Program), and is a program to assist adult students in their own community to reach their desired goal of getting their high school diploma. Each student is interviewed and a special course of study is prepared for each student. Weekly they exchange their work in a packet delivered through the local library system. Anyone interested in working toward this important goal, contact Janice Allen for more details and to put you in touch with the proper persons to get you started.

We here at the library can also offer assistance to persons desiring to learn the skill of reading. These students can be assisted under the literacy program and can get help right here in Willsboro. Information and details about this program can also be obtained from the Paine Library.

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Label savers we still need your help, for we are still collecting and need several thousand more labels before the end of March. We do appreciate receiving the labels on a regular basis, so that we can keep them cut and counted. We have once again set our goal and do need many more labels to complete that task. A special note, after this year we will no longer be able to save the RECIPE DOG FOOD labels, as this company is no longer included in the Campbell food line. We are truly appreciative of our two faithful coupon clippers, Julia Hoskins and Rena Pattison.

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Special note: our western paperback selection is very low, anyone wishing to donate a supply of westerns — it would be most appreciated. Donations can be dropped off anytime or call if they need to be picked up.

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Librarian Janice Allen and the Library Board of Directors are most appreciative
of the many volunteers that have allowed us to operate these past five months with little or no interruption to our schedule. Staff member Janet Tucker is still unable to return to work, due to a setback in her recovery. The volunteers have been many, but the following have given regularly of their time. The list includes Ann Choate, Gretchen Boardman, Mandy Mero, Lori Ashline, Eira Manning, Esther McCready, Ruth Miller, Gladys Clark, Christine Yesse, Genevieve Blaise, Barbara and Jolean Brockney, Ruth Hathaway, Elizabeth Dwyer, Fern Degen, Kim Feeley, Barbara Crumley and several other mothers. To all of you a very big thank you and our deepest appreciation. We are hopeful that many can stay with us for a few more months, until Janet is able to return full time to our staff.

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The Friends of the library wish to announce the winners in their special Holiday drawing on December 18. The winners include: Amanda Mero, the wall hanging; Janet Mero, the Christmas stocking; Becky Palmer, the Christmas wreath; Marie Wrisley, the dried arrangement; Issie Caron, the crocheted dog; Lee Salzman, the child’s sweater; Marion Cioppa, the adult sweater; Shirley Westover, the pin. Our best to all of them and we hope they enjoy their gifts.

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We are hopeful that we will soon be able to offer some more computer courses. So if you are interested, please do contact us. We no longer have the benefit of a grant program to pay the instructor, but may have to go on a shared cost to pay the instructor.

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The Paine Memorial Library announces that it now has a new exhibit, "The Blessings of Liberty." This exhibit tells the story of the United States Constitution in 12 posters. This is our Bicentennial year of the United States Constitution and a very important anniversary to celebrate. This is a traveling exhibit that will be offered in many parts of Essex County and we can only have it for a couple of weeks. So we are hopeful that many will stop in to view the exhibit while it is here in Willsboro. The school classes will receive a special invitation to view it while it is here at the library.

WILMINGTON E.M. COOPER
MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wilmington Youth Program
Recognized at Youth Fair

Adeline F. Jaques, representing the Wilmington Library, and Fred Grant representing the town, attended the Fourth Annual Youth Program Fair at Westport on November 18, 1987. Rodney Seymour, newly elected supervisor of the town, was introduced.

Janet J. Scudder, Youth Bureau Director, and Joseph A. Provoncha, Program Coordinator, praised the exhibit by pointing out the work that had been done in making the program "Magic Passwords to Life through Books" a success. Miss Jaques has been in charge of this program for two years. It has been renewed. Said Adeline Jaques, "It is a challenge, but everything worthwhile in life takes effort."

The exhibit showed books used during the summer program; wooden articles made under the instruction of Howard Moody of Upper Jay; recipes from the cooking classes of Mrs. Vivian Justice, and coloring books designed and made for the children by Mrs. Sandra Bowen, Librarian.

Pictures, taken at the fair, will be on display at the library.

Stanley A. Ransom, Director
Mary S. Hopkins, Editor
Editor's Note:

For your convenience, we are enclosing a New York Library Association membership fee schedule and a membership application form.

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