



# C-E-F TRAILBLAZER

## Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System News

*"First Multi-County Library System in New York State"*

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### THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY

As I sat down to introduce this issue of the newsletter, I found myself unable to summon much enthusiasm for anything. Winter had taken its toll: writer's block had set in. Actually our calendars lied to us; there was no April this year.

May is supposed to be the loveliest month of the year. It is the month of flowers, love -- and poetry. Chaucer wrote of the "rose in May" before English was really English. Shakespeare had his "darling buds of May." Herrick sang of May-poles. Cruel Barbara Allen of the traditional ballad broke her lover's heart during "the merry month of May, when green buds they were swellin." And this is the good stuff! The fifth month of the year has probably inspired the most treacly, sappy verses written at any time save Valentine's Day.

Call me cynical, if you will, but the above-quoted poets lived in England, not the North Country. Possibly May merits celebration in that "green and pleasant land" (that's Blake, folks, and thank God for The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations!), but spring around here can leave one feeling cheated and testy.

One day can be warm and exhilarating, to be followed by another which is cold and damp. Few sights are more depressing than snow-covered apple blossoms -- not unheard of, by any means, in our area.

The New England poet James Russell Lowell (closer to home) wrote:

"May is a pious fraud of the almanac,  
A ghastly parody of real Spring,  
Shaped out of snow and breathed with eastern wind;  
Or if, o'er confident, she trust the date,  
And with her handful of anemones,  
Herself as shivery, steal into the sun,  
The season need but turn his hour-glass round  
And Winter suddenly, like crazy Lear,  
Reels back and brings the dead May in his arms . . ."

This is pretty grim, but, alas, closer to the truth in a region where, as the saying goes, there are two seasons: Winter and July. But should this May prove less treacherous than the average, I expect to experience a pleasing personality change. I will forsake the dusty book stacks to revel for a while in the delights of lilacs and, yes, any hardy roses that happen to be around -- but I promise you, dear readers, that I will not write any poetry on the subject.

Mary Shaw Hopkins  
Editor

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

*Alas! No Omnibus Bill for Libraries has been passed. We face a serious problem in balancing our budget next year. Please ask your legislators to request the leadership to act on the Omnibus Bill (S2943). I am pleased to announce that our Senator Ronald B. Stafford is an active co-sponsor of the Library Omnibus Bill.*

*Other libraries and library Systems around the state share our plight. Following are excerpts from a letter received from the NYLA Legislative Committee Chair, Joan Neuman.*

Stanley A. Ransom

The Honorable Melvin Miller, Speaker  
New York State Assembly  
Legislative Office Building  
Albany, New York 12248

Dear Speaker Miller:

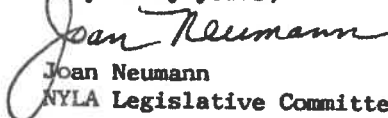
The libraries of New York State -- the educational institutions most open to all of the residents -- are in serious trouble. Because for three years running the State has failed to budget any new money to match rising costs, maintenance of library service as we know it is at risk.

Library service dependent on State Aid is frozen by 1986 funding levels which buy only 70% of the books as in 1986 and provide less than 80% of other services. After three years, library dollars are stretched to the limit to cover reduced services. Across the State, it is just a matter of months before layoffs and major programmatic cuts. The cuts have already begun in some places. The domino effect of the crisis in library system funding will show in local libraries faced with doing without system services or paying for them out of local funds.

It appears to us that you can address these problems in a way no one else can. The Senate has introduced the Library Omnibus Bill (S. 2943) and moved it to the Finance Committee. The Assembly has not introduced a library funding bill. Nor have you proposed any other answer to fewer books, less access and collapse of the library systems the State created to provide economies of scale and resource sharing for local libraries. Since you became Speaker, libraries have not even received their usual every-two-year increase in State Aid.

The library problems cannot wait until next year. We need you to save library service in New York State in 1989.

Very truly yours,

  
Joan Neumann  
NYLA Legislative Committee Chair

LAURA INGALLS WILDER ASSOCIATION

For the benefit of those who, entranced by reading Farmer Boy, have wanted to join the Wilder Association, here is membership information:

Stanley A. Ransom

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Application For Membership 1989

Almanzo and Laura Ingalls Wilder Association  
P.O. Box 283, Malone, New York 12953

<input type="checkbox"/> Junior (under 18)	\$ 3.00	_____		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	200.00 and up	_____	City	State Zip Code

Annual membership includes a newsletter subscription.  
Checks should be made payable to the Wilder Association. Gifts and dues are tax deductible.

PLANNING AND STANDARDS

C-E-F Board President Janet Decker has appointed a Long Range Planning Committee to prepare a plan for 1990-95. Members are Mary Leggett, Dorothy Mendelsohn, Sandra Bullard, Janet Decker and Jack Myers, Chair. The committee met with the C-E-F Director on April 20th and will be meeting again May 24th. A revised By-Laws and a new C-E-F mission and goals statement was presented for approval at the May 3rd Board meeting.

The C-E-F Director has met with the Saranac Lake Free Library Board and trustees from Champlain and other libraries to discuss new minimum standards and library policies. He will be meeting with the Library Board of the Chateaugay Library soon. A large file of sample policies and procedures has been distributed to each member public library.

Stanley A. Ransom

CLINTON-ESSEX-FRANKLIN LIBRARY DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

The next meeting of CEFDA will be held on May 15, 1989 at the Schroon Lake Public Library at 9:30 a.m. The day will begin with coffee and a tour of the library. Betsy Beggs will conduct the meeting. Program Chairs are Therese Patnode and Marilyn Trienens; the meeting program topic will be "Architectural Bloopers." Library Directors have been asked to share good and bad features of their library structures.

Please plan to attend this meeting and to participate with your colleagues in the discussion.

## AKWESASNE LIBRARY HOSTS CONFERENCE

The Akwesasne Library will host the 2nd Native Libraries Conference on May 17 and 18, 1989. Native American librarians from Canada and from the Mohawk, Seneca and Tonawanda reserves in New York State will participate. C-E-F Director Stanley Ransom will be the evening guest speaker; his topic will be "Small Libraries: Windows on the World."

## TRUSTEES IN THE NEWS

Cheryl Learned of Malone was recently appointed to the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System's Board of Trustees by the Franklin County Legislature. She will fill the position vacated by Karen Edwards, of Malone. Mrs. Edwards served on the Board for 8 years; she was president of the Board from 1983 to 1985.

Ms. Learned graduated from St. Joseph's Academy in 1962. She received a BA in English and Elementary Education from Nazareth College of Rochester in 1966. She also received an MS in Reading from SUNY Potsdam in 1986.

Ms. Learned has taught remedial reading in the Macedon and Malone Central Schools. She has also been active in community organizations. She is an active member of Notre Dame Parish, Malone; a member of the Board of Directors of the Franklin County Chapter of the Red Cross; a trainer for the North Country Girl Scout Council and a member of the Malone College Club.

Ms. Learned has two daughters. Susan is in her third year at Albany College of Pharmacy and Alison is a Senior at Franklin Academy.

## SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SECTION/ NORTHERN ADIRONDACK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The School Library Media Section's 1989 Spring Conference "Partnerships for Power," hosted by the Northern Adirondack Library Association at The Sagamore in Bolton Landing, took place on April 30 - May 2.

As President of NALA, I am happy to announce that first reports indicate that the conference was a resounding success. I knew when I appointed Glenda Smith Rowe as Conference Chair that she would do an outstanding job and she certainly has; no praise is too high for Glenda's expertise and her months of dedication and hard work. Conference Committee Chairs working with Glenda were: Audio Visual, Teddi Perea and Bonnie Davis; Author Reception, Martha Gardner; Banquet/Luncheon, Emily Castine; Exhibits, Nancy Loper; Finance, Mary Ellen Martin; Hospitality, Kathryn Curran; Printing, Barbara Doh; Program, Karen Ricketson and Sara Brenizer; Publicity, Denise Graminsky; Registration, Nancy Kress; Special Events, Elizabeth Rogers; Tours, Virginia LaPointe and Beverly Provoncha and Transportation, Dan Ladue.

In addition, two NALA members presented programs: Barbara Doh presented "Bridging the Gap: Critical Thinking Skills for Students" and Dan Ladue presented "Anything Goes: Cultural Literacy in the School Library." It was also a pleasure to see C-E-F staff members Carol Bedore (who acted as a program presider) and Julie Wever (of the Special Events Committee) at our Conference.

Special thanks to Program Chair Karen Ricketson and Plattsburgh Public Library's Director Katherine Cayea (who assisted with Programs) for their personal hospitality.

This article is merely a condensed report -- a large number of NALA members worked on the various committees. Their contributions were also invaluable and a larger list of credits will be forthcoming in the NALA newsletter and at NALA meetings.

Mary S. Hopkins  
President, NALA

## HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

### LEE SALZMAN REPORTS . . .

On May 1st, C-E-F held its first in a series of two LSCA sponsored workshops on Libraries and Literacy. Janice Cuddahee, Associate Director for Literacy Volunteers of New York State, provided some very helpful insights concerning the background and needs of adult new readers and interacted with those attending on ways in which member libraries and local Literacy Volunteers affiliates can work with each other to promote the advancement of literacy skills for youth and adults. Jane Somers, Regional Librarian of the New York State Library for the Blind and Visually Handicapped also participated in the workshop. As a complement to Janice's presentation, Ms. Somers discussed using talking books with learning disabled individuals. She also gave an overview of NYSLBVH services, presented information on special materials available for loan (i.e., tactile maps), and encouraged libraries to acquire demonstration equipment and resources to promote the service to their patrons. Based on the written evaluations we received, and more importantly the personal comments from several librarians, the workshop was quite successful. Our second workshop will be held in September, and will deal with the development and management of literacy collections.

We have been very fortunate to have Amy Gionet, a student intern from Clinton Community College's Community Services Assistant program, working with our Outreach Department for the past several months. Amy's primary responsibility has been to develop a new program called "Reading Partners for Older Adults."

She's been contacting nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, senior residences and various volunteer agencies in our three counties to determine their interest in such a program, and the response has been very positive. The idea of the program is to match volunteer readers with senior citizens, who can no longer read on their own so that they can continue to experience the joy of reading. We appreciate all of Amy's hard work, and look forward to starting this program in the very near future.

Lee Salzman  
Assistant Director/  
Head of Outreach

### GOODBYE BUFF CARD FILE, HELLO AUTOMATION

This year marks the end of our buff card circulation system. Having made that commitment, out loud and in front of witnesses, we were forced to make it happen. The C-E-F buff card file had grown to monstrous proportions, 5 tub files of approximately 50,000+ titles; books that were not barcoded and, therefore, not a part of our automated circulation system.

Phase one of our plan, buff cards with a pre-1980 circulation date, has been completed. Our member libraries received the buff cards representing the books that had been checked to their libraries and they, in turn, marked the buff cards indicating those books they wished to accession to their own collection or those lost in circulation or any message showing the whereabouts of the books. The buff cards were then returned to us and our

Union catalog updated to reflect those changes. So far, so good.

Phase two has started and will be handled in a slightly different fashion. The remaining buff cards, representing those titles circulated after 1980, have been pulled and separated by library. Our entire facility is being searched thoroughly (shelves, automated system and our card catalog) to make sure there has been no further activity on that title. Then, photostats of those buff cards will be sent to the member libraries asking them to check their records, return the photostats marked with any information they have concerning those titles. Also, we would like to have our books sent back to us for barcoding. We will use the photostats for updating our records.

This plan reads well and to this point has succeeded but, (Mr. Ransom, take note) on the day the buff card file is finally laid to rest, we expect a celebration and a suitable reward -- perhaps buff cards enshrined in a gold frame permanently displayed in the C-E-F lobby with the names of people who gave their all for this project:

Tracey LaBarge  
Marilyn Blanchard  
Lettie Liberty  
Cindy Duval  
Our Member Librarians

Carol Bedore  
Head, Acquisitions

#### OUTREACH NEWS

The bookmobiles have been busy keeping their appointed rounds, and putting in an occasional celebrity appearance at community events.

Over 300 children and parents toured the bookmobile at the Youth Bureau Fair on April 15 at the Crete Center in Plattsburgh. Visitors browsed the collection and were matched with stops in their area. Children whose fingers passed inspection were allowed to sit in the

driver's seat. Stanley Ransom, Rev. Richard Janke, Rob Michalak and John Flanzer were among a group of about 15 local business people and celebrities who read with children throughout the day. This activity was sponsored as part of our LSCA Family Reading Program, and tied in with the theme of this year's fair. Once again, thank you to our readers, and to Lee Salzman, Kathie LaBombard, Elizabeth Rogers and Mike Pavone, who dedicated part or all of their Saturday to making our visit a success.

The "Story Book Trail" will be co-sponsored again this year by the library system as one of the many activities offered during the Clinton County Imagination Celebration on June 10. The trail will become the "Freedom Trail" in honor of the "Liberty and Justice for All" theme of the celebration. Highlights of this year's trail will be a puppet show about Paul Revere's Ride, and Stanley Ransom's historical songs which he will sing to introduce the Boston Tea Party. Karen Ricketson, Children's Librarian at Plattsburgh Public Library (the site of the Tea Party), Lee Salzman and Julie Wever are on the planning committee for this event.

Julie Wever  
Outreach Librarian

#### REFERENCE/ILL NEWS: THE WEEDING CONTINUES

We've made great progress in our weeding project -- we've discarded thousands of books, and have much more room on our shelves.

Most of the adult non-fiction collection has been weeded -- what remains to be done are portions of the 600's and 700's. We have sold most of our discards, and have been offering them to the member libraries as we go along. We have been selectively offering copies of the newer books to our members, and are pleased to see that they are being added to member collections.

The most notable observation in the adult non-fiction stacks is the age of our collection. We owned a large number of titles published in the 1960's, and these books were seldom used in recent years. Many had not circulated in 15 or 20 years. Although we have consistently maintained financial support for our collection, the newer titles are not on our shelves.

As we have weeded, we have filled out collection evaluation forms for each category. These forms have detailed the number of volumes on the shelf in each category, the number of items weeded, subject strengths, and specific recommendations for updating or replacement purchases.

As soon as I receive the completed forms from all the weeders, we can analyze the information and reach some conclusions about our collection. We need to update and expand our collection development policy, and from this weeding project we are gaining valuable insight.

Not only do we identify gaps in our collection, document the size of our collection, identify strengths, and clean up our data base, but we can use the evaluation as a valuable selection tool and purchasing guide.

All those involved in the project have worked (and sneezed) hard, and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Elizabeth Rogers  
Head of Reference  
and Interlibrary Loan

#### NEW VIDEOS AT C-E-F

We have received a set of videos from the MacArthur Foundation through the Library Video Classics project. This project contains several popular PBS programs in VHS format:

<u>America</u>	1 - 13
<u>American Short Stories</u>	5 parts
<u>Life on Earth</u>	13 Episodes

<u>American Playhouse</u>	5 parts
<u>Jewel in the Crown</u>	5 Episodes
<u>Great Performances</u>	7 Episodes
<u>Civilisation</u>	1 - 13
<u>Story of English</u>	1 - 9
<u>Nova--10 of Nova's most notable programs</u>	
<u>Planet Earth</u>	7 Episodes

We are now in the process of typing a new Video Catalogue. Copies will be available as soon as it is printed. Videos may be borrowed by organizations and agencies or by our libraries for their patrons.

Marie D. Chauvin  
Head, Film Department

#### JEIC NEWS

Thanks to support from local agencies and our patrons, it looks as if the Education Information Center's program will again be funded at the same level as last year. This allows for \$450,000 to fund the existing seven sites, including ours. While we are disappointed that there will be no increase in funding for additional sites, we are very pleased that the program will continue, especially in such a tight budget year.

We also want to extend our congratulations to Judy Menard, our assistant, who will be graduating in May from Plattsburgh State. Judy has worked very hard as a full-time employee of C-E-F, mother of a 2-year-old, wife and part-time student and we're very proud of her! She plans to attend graduate school in Albany in the Fall to pursue a Master's Degree in School Library Media.

Kathie LaBombard  
JEIC Librarian

#### DEADLINE

THE DEADLINE FOR NEWS  
FOR THE NEXT ISSUE  
OF THE TRAILBLAZER  
WILL BE FRIDAY, JULY 7, 1989

## MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

### AuSABLE FORKS FREE LIBRARY

A weekly Friday Film Festival took place at the library during February, March and April, featuring a variety of films. The AuSable Forks library is grateful to C-E-F Film Department Head Marie Chauvin for her help in providing these films from the System's Collection.

### CHATEAUGAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Librarian Jeannette Hotchkiss reports:

New board members were welcomed at the March meeting. Those who were attending their first meeting as trustees were Kathy Davey, Stella McCann, and Ellen Hoy. Cathy Calnon will also be a new member of the board, although she was not able to be at this meeting.

We will be having a Food sale and Book sale to benefit the library on June 10th.

We also anticipate a visit from Stan Ransom, Executive Director of the C-E-F System Library, at our June meeting.

The library has been given the use of an additional room in the Town Hall by the Chateaugay Town Board. This will help to house some of the periodicals, duplicate books, supplies, etc. and may also prove helpful as a place for a summer reading or story hour.

We were delighted to have Alf visit our library. Many children -- including some teenagers -- and many adults came to greet him. The Family Reading program, of which he was a part, is progressing well in Chateaugay.

### KEESEVILLE FREE LIBRARY

During the month of February the Keeseville Free Library held a craft program called -- "Fight the February

Blahs" -- which was sponsored by the Keeseville Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber purchased the craft kits and the Library provided the refreshments and personnel.

We had 20 families signed up for the System's April Family Reading Program. This fit in nicely with the current big reading "push" going on at the Elementary School.

### LAKE PLACID PUBLIC LIBRARY

In March, the Lake Placid Public Library staff presented the first in a series of monthly articles, "Library Corner," in The Lake Placid News. These articles will publicize the library's collection and activities.

Recently, Linda Blair, Assistant Librarian, met with the Head Start staff and parents to arrange weekly visits to the library by the Head Starters. The children will listen to stories, be given their own library card and pick up books to take home.

### WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

Director Dave Minnich reports:

During the Library's annual election, Tuesday, May 16th, it would seem an excellent time to encourage anyone who's in the building anyway to cast their ballot, to visit the new children's area on the lower floor. Reconstruction is substantially complete. Things may be somewhat "at sixes and sevens," but despite that, visitors will get a fairly good idea of how the space will be used, and also some idea of the need to increase the library's staff in order to provide more and better services through the efficient use of space. Moving the children's services to the lower floor will expand the space available for adult services as well.



### SHERMAN FREE LIBRARY, PORT HENRY

The Friends of the Sherman Free Library have raised money during the past year to purchase a sign to be placed in front of the library. The sign was made by C.P. Sign of Crown Point.

On Wednesday, April 12 at 2 p.m. at the library, there was a dedication ceremony for the sign. The Moriah Central High School Chorus under the direction of Ms. Xanath Lane performed a few musical selections. Mr. Tom Scozzafava, Town Supervisor, and Mr. Richard Gonyea, Mayor of Port Henry, said a few words. The public was invited to attend and refreshments were served.

Other events at the library during National Library week included a quilt show on Wednesday, April 13 during library hours and an antique appraiser, Mr. Gerald A. Petro on Friday, April 14 at 2 p.m. Mr. Petro offered free appraisals of small antiques. The public was invited to bring their favorite piece to the library to learn about its history and current market value. Mr. Petro also has a special interest in Melville Dewey (the originator of the Dewey Decimal System) memorabilia and showed two rare documents and an original file cabinet from his collection.

The Friends of the Sherman Free Library will have a drawing for a quilted wall hanging at the Annual Book Sale on July 22, 1989. The book sale will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

### SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

A memorial fund has been set up recently in memory of Jacques DeMattos, who died in March.

Mr. DeMattos had been an active volunteer at the library -- he had been involved in cataloguing the Adirondack Room's local history collection. The Memorial fund, which has reached the \$3,000 mark, will be used for the Adirondack Room endowment.

Mr. DeMattos' widow, Jeanne DeMattos, is the Secretary of the Saranac Lake Free Library's Board (she also served on the C-E-F Board from 1968 through 1973). His daughter, Edwina Ward, is also currently a member of the Saranac Lake Library Board.

### PAINÉ MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILLSBORO

The Library is busy planning the 7th Annual Old Time Folkcraft Fair. The Fair will be held on Saturday, July 29 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. This is a time when we invite area and local craft persons to come for the day to exhibit, demonstrate and sell their craft items.

A genealogy workshop, "The World of Genealogy," will be held at the Willsboro School Gym on July 1, 1989, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Paine Memorial Free Library, the Friends of the Paine Memorial Free Library and the Essex County Arts Council. The guest speaker will be Ronald A. Bremer, former Research Specialist for the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Mr. Bremer is also an author, editor and TV host.

The workshop fee is \$10 per person. Participants are responsible for their own lunches. Beverages will be available for sale throughout the day. For further information call the Paine Library at 963-4478.

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

## Spring "Time Slices" Lectures

Come out to hear a few, then try a series in your public library! The Humanities Series lends libraries sets of paperback books, sets up a workshop with the Project Director, provides a Directory of Scholars willing to speak on the set texts, and pays them. The presenting Library sets up a committee to organize the series, contacts the scholars from the Directory, does all the publicity, sets out the chairs, presents a "Local Time" program and reaps the glory.

- May 17 Ticonderoga 7:15 p.m. The Waste Land by T.S. Eliot (20's) Prof Alan Steinberg, Potsdam College Information: 585-2380
- May 17 Plattsburgh 10 a.m. Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston (30's) Prof. Marshall True, UVM. Information: 563-0921
- May 17 Keene Valley 7:30 p.m. Surviving and Other Essays by Bruno Bettelheim (40's) Prof. Douglas Skopp, SUNY Plattsburgh. Information: 576-4335
- May 19 Schroon Lake 8 p.m. An American Tragedy by Theodore Dreiser, Prof. Charles Alexander, Paul Smith's College (a series of 3 lectures on a single book)
- May 25 Willsboro 7:15 p.m. Miss Lonelyhearts by Nathanael West (30's). Poet Maurice Kenny, NCCC. Information: 963-4478
- May 26 Schroon Lake 8 p.m. An American Tragedy by Theodore Dreiser, Prof. Charles Alexander, Paul Smith's College (a series of 3 lectures on a single book)
- May 31 Ticonderoga 7:15 p.m. The Vintage Dorothy Parker (20's) Prof. Carey Kaplan, St. Michael's College Information: 585-2380
- May 31 Plattsburgh 10 a.m. Uncle Tom's Children by Richard Wright (30's), Prof. Norbert Kuntz, St. Michael's College Information: 563-0921
- May 31 Keene Valley 7:30 p.m. Ernie's War by Ernie Pyle (40's) Poet and Newspaper Correspondent Edward Barna Information: 576-4335
- June 8 Willsboro 7:15 p.m. Rope of Gold by Josephine Herbst (30's). Writer Robert Buckeye, Curator, the Abernethy Collection, Middlebury College. 963-4478
- June 14 Keene Valley 7:30 p.m. Hiroshima by John Hersey. (40's) Prof. Marshall True, UVM Information: 576-4335
- June 15 Willsboro "Local Time" program on the 1930's Information: 963-4478
- June 21 Keene Valley 7:30 p.m. Theme Lecture on the 1940's. Professor Stephen Donadio, Middlebury College. Information: 576-4335

and look forward to fall "Time Slices" series in Malone, Elizabethtown, and Westport.

### "Humanities Series in Upstate New York"

funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities  
with additional support from the New York State Council on the Arts  
and the Adirondack North Country Association  
Abby Zito, Project Director; CEF Library, Institutional Grant Administrator

"Time Slices" Humanities Series on the 1920's, '30's and '40's began in February in the CEF region and will continue throughout fall, '89 and winter/spring '90. Each "Time Slice" comprises a six-part lecture and reading discussion series on one decade and an additional program created at the presenting library, "Local Time," that looks at the chosen decade at home in Keene Valley, Willsboro, Plattsburgh and the like. Librarians and their committees are devising fascinating "Local Time" slices: interviewing World War II veterans, videotaping oldsters who remember the Depression well, collecting costumes, advertising for early photographs and home movies, networking with local museums and historical societies to present exhibitions.

"Humanities Series in Upstate New York" are also running in several different library systems besides CEF in the course of our major NEH grant: Mid-York, Mohawk Valley, Onondaga, Four County, Ramapo/Catskill, Chemung/Southern Tier and the town of Massena from the North Country System. The Humanities Series also received generous grants for 1989 from the Literature Program of the New York State Council on the Arts and from the Adirondack North Country Assn. as well as a Chairman's Supplementary Grant from NEH Chair Lynne Cheney.

Thanks to the vigorous efforts of the Honorable Ronald B. Stafford, Senator of the State of New York, and to the many people in the CEF region who wrote to him on behalf of the Humanities Series, we have received a \$25,000 Member Item Appropriation in the State Budget that will enable us to present three new five-part series in the CEF region. Each series can run three, possibly even four times. The Project Director would like to hear suggestions for new themes from our constituency and expressions of interest from libraries wanting to sponsor the new programs. Write to:

Abby Zito, Project Director, "Humanities Series in Upstate New York"  
RD 1, Box 244  
Middlebury, VT 05753 or call (802) 388-7650