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Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System News

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ANNUAL MEETING, 1989

The 35th Annual Meeting of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System will be held on Monday, August 7 at The Surrey, Howard Johnson's, in Plattsburgh.

Our guest speaker will be the noted author, Thurston Clarke, who is a summer resident of Willsboro. His books include: Dirty Money (with John J. Tighe, Jr), which examines how criminals launder money, sell stolen securities and use Swiss banks; The Last Caravan, an account of a West African drought and its effect on the nomadic Tuareg people; By Blood and Fire, about the attack on Jerusalem's King David Hotel in 1946 by an underground group under the command of Menachem Begin (whom he interviewed) and Thirteen O'Clock, a suspense novel about George Orwell and Nineteen Eighty-Four. Mr. Clarke's most recent book is Equator (Morrow, 1988), a first person narrative of his experiences as he traveled along the equator through South America, Africa, Asia and the Pacific.

Mr. Clarke's journey of six months was certainly off the beaten track. Using nearly every form of conveyance known to man, he crossed and recrossed the equator through the Amazonian jungle, the rain

forest of Zaire, the runway of the infamous Entebbe airport, the highlands of Kenya, the mountains of Sumatra and a glacier on the edge of an Ecuadorian volcano -- to name just a few locations.

In the course of his exotic adventures the author met a variety of strange and unusual people -- from both primitive and civilized societies. Among these are: the "Johnny Carson of French Guiana," a nurse who had worked with Albert Schweitzer in Africa, a Canadian sailor marooned on a Pacific atoll and a man who was in the process of turning a leprosarium into a holiday camp. Also, as one would expect, he encountered some rather terrifying species of animals and insects. In summarizing his trip, the author says, "I had a great time and so will anyone who buys my book."

Mr. Clarke is currently working on a new book (to be published by Morrow in 1991), Pearl Harbor Ghosts, about Hawaii during World War II.

Come early for the Annual Luncheon Meeting. Between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Thurston Clarke will be on hand to autograph Equator, which will be on sale at a 20% discount.

Mark August 7th on your calendars! An invitation is attached to this issue.

Mary Shaw Hopkins
Editor

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

We were very disappointed at the failure of the State Legislature to pass the Omnibus Bill in both houses and thus increase funding for libraries. Many library systems are hurting badly. It will be another very tight year ahead for C-E-F, but we will do all we can to continue to provide good library service to the residents of Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties.

Be sure to attend the Annual Meeting of C-E-F at the Surrey in Plattsburgh on Monday, August 7th. We have an outstanding author, Thurston Clarke, who summers in Willsboro. Mr. Clark's book, Equator, is a fascinating account of the people and places on the equator around the world.

See you there!

Stanley A. Ransom
Director

LIBRARY LEGISLATION = 0

The 1989 Legislative Session ended on June 30th with no combined funding bills for libraries.

Our thanks to Senator Ronald Stafford for his co-sponsorship and active support of Senate Bill 2943A, which was approved on June 20th by the Senate. This measure would provide for an increase in library funding in the amount of \$29.5 million in 1990-91.

Unfortunately, the Assembly failed to act on a similar measure.

We appreciate the good efforts of our assemblymen, Chris Ortloff, Anthony Casale and Glenn Harris, who are active supporters of our library Omnibus funding.

Please let the above legislators know of your appreciation for their efforts. We hope that at some time in the future that the Omnibus Bill will be passed by the Assembly. One way to contact the Assembly and Speaker Mel Miller is through the Speaker's Regional Office. The Plattsburgh Office, directed by Franklin County legislator Cliff Donaldson, is located at 14 Healey Avenue in Plattsburgh. The telephone number is 518-561-0172.

Stanley A. Ransom

ABBY ZITO LEAVING

Abby Zito, Project Director for the Humanities Series in Upstate New York, will be leaving her position to become Executive Director of the Iowa Humanities Board. She will begin her new duties on October 1st. She has scheduled a meeting in Middlebury, VT., to discuss the future of the Humanities Series. This will be attended by State and Federal Humanities program officials, the State Librarian, and representatives of the various humanities series in New York State.

We wish to thank Abby for her dynamic and inspiring leadership in the Humanities which has brought together in dozens of communities the best of stimulating scholars, outstanding books and films, local public libraries, and hundreds of eager participants. Abby has ably demonstrated the power of books and ideas to shape and change lives and to bring enjoyment to many readers, especially in the rural areas of New York State.

Bon voyage, Abby!

Stanley A. Ransom

CLINTON-ESSEX-FRANKLIN LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION

The next CEFDA meeting will be held at the Akwesasne Library. The meeting will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., followed by lunch. Adjournment will be at 2:30 p.m.

The meeting and program will be chaired by Janice Allen. The program topic will be a discussion of daily operating problems and progress made by the members on meeting the new standards. Participants are asked to bring written by-laws, library brochures, written board policy statements etc. For more information contact Janice Allen at Paine Memorial Library in Willsboro, Phone: (518) 963-4478 or Betsy Beggs, Saranac Lake Free Library. Phone: (518) 891-4190.

NYLA CHANGES

Susan Lehman Keitel has been appointed executive director of the New York Library Association. She will begin work on a part-time basis on July 17, with full-time work to commence August 21. Interim Director Norman Seldes has been working with Association Resources to plan the move to Albany, which is expected to take place some time this summer. Association Resources in Albany will provide, under contract, a dedicated administrative assistant, office space, and services related to membership, bookkeeping, newsletter, correspondence and conference and meeting management.

Susan Keitel has been director of board development for the New York State School Boards Association since 1985. Before assuming that position she was a lobbyist for five years and a policy and research analyst for the New York State Senate. She holds a graduate degree from SUNY Albany.

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED FOR NYLA CONFERENCE

Continental Copy Products Ltd. is offering a \$250 award to one new member of New York Library Association (NYLA) to help defray the cost of attending the NYLA Conference from October 25 through October 29, 1989 in Saratoga Springs. The CONTINENTAL COPY/NMRT Professional Development Award is intended to encourage new members of NYLA's professional development and participation in NYLA and New Members Round Table (NMRT).

To obtain an award application, call or write Denise Krell at 10 Bay Street Landing A-2G, Staten Island, NY 10301 (718-447-1964). Applications must be postmarked by Monday, October 2, 1989 and received by Saturday, October 7, 1989.

NORTHERN ADIRONDACK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OTTAWA TRIP

The Northern Adirondack Library Association will be sponsoring an all-day trip to Ottawa on Thursday August 17, leaving Plattsburgh at 6:00 a.m. and departing from Ottawa at approximately 10:00 p.m.

We will be visiting the new Canadian Museum of Civilization (general admission is free on Thursdays) and the historic Parliament Buildings for the Changing of the Guard in the morning and the Sound and Light display at night.

The cost of the trip is \$18, which includes transportation between Ottawa and Plattsburgh and all-day pass for Ottawa's bus service. Optional side trips are available, such as: a Rideau Canal boat trip, a visit to Byward Market and various other museums in the area.

Space is limited so reservations must be made by Thursday August 3. For further information or to make reservations, contact Program Chair Tracey LaBarge at C-E-F Library. Phone: (518) 563-5190.

Mary Hopkins
President, N.A.L.A.

HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

LEE SALZMAN REPORTS. . .

READING IS A FAMILY AFFAIR will be the topic of our September 25th workshop at System Headquarters. Practical tips on using library materials and developing parent-child programs to promote family reading and family literacy will be presented. This workshop is made possible through a Library Services and Construction Act Title I grant.

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multiple copies. This is a major decision since unabridged titles cost an average of \$50-60 each, and abridged titles about \$15 each. If you have any suggestions for titles that we don't currently own and that you'd like C-E-F to consider for purchase, please contact Lee Salzman.

Leona Salzman
Assistant Director/
Head of Outreach

NEWS FROM REFERENCE/ILL

We've been busy filling in for vacationers in ILL, trying to keep our desks relatively clear (I haven't been very successful). So far we seem to be keeping up, but it's still early . . .

In June we held two IBM training sessions for C-E-F and member library staff. Beth Dawson of IBM in Burlington came to Plattsburgh to train us in use of our new PS 2/30's. So far we have these new IBM's installed in Malone, Willsboro, Keene Valley, Westport, and here at System Headquarters as part of our Regional Bibliographic Data Base Program.

Lee Salzman and Ann Hobson will be attending the Northern Conference of Librarians Serving the Blind & Physically Handicapped in Albany, New York on September 27 and 28. Library staff from states throughout the Northeast will be participating, so it will be a wonderful opportunity to share ideas and problems with others serving the visually and physically impaired.

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Recorded books circulation is booming! Some of the titles in our collection are so popular that we will be considering buying

In addition to microcomputers, we have also installed CD-ROM players at Saranac Lake, Tupper Lake, Malone and Willsboro (Westport has bravely ventured on their own, being our first self-installed CD-ROM library). This is an exciting part of our Program, since these libraries now can search the CD-ROM made available through NC3Rs. This disk contains holdings information for all North Country Library System libraries and some school and special libraries in our region. The equipment provided through this Program is also capable of playing audio compact disks, so our libraries can also explore other uses of CD's.

We plan to continue installing IBM's and CD-ROM players with the capable and much-appreciated help of Tom Blauvelt of NC3Rs.

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On a more personal note, Sharon and Mark McCausland became parents of a beautiful baby girl named Hannah on May 31. We miss Sharon, who was Reference Librarian at Plattsburgh Public and worked hard with us as a Central Library Librarian.

We also miss Shahin Shoar, who is now the Reference Librarian at PPL, and who is visiting her family in Iran this summer. We look forward to her return.

Elizabeth Rogers
Head of Reference
and Interlibrary Loan

OUTREACH NEWS

Over 500 elementary students toured the bookmobile during a day-long "show and tell" stop at Cumberland Head School on June 9. Visitors were matched with

stops in their area as listed on our new summer schedules, and received special bookmarks to commemorate the event. We are glad to see that a surprising number of those who visited that day are new patrons at Treadwell's Mills, Champlain Park and other local stops.

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In keeping with the 1989 Imagination Celebration's theme of "Liberty and Justice for All," the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System co-sponsored the Storybook "Freedom Trail." On June 10, Community Festival Day, trail participants were guided to four downtown sites by bookmarks that helped them recapture the events of the Boston Tea Party. The Trail led to the Children's Room at the Plattsburgh Public Library where C-E-F Director Stanley Ransom, alias the Connecticut Peddler, was on hand to set the mood with some of his favorite sing-along songs. At 4:00 p.m., Paul Revere's ride was relived through a puppet show presentation by students from Notre Dame School. The party was concluded with drawings for prizes and refreshments which were donated by local schools and businesses. We owe a special thank you to the many volunteers and donors who made this day a success.

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Ardele Jones was appointed to the Librarian position at Altona Correctional Facility in June. Altona is one of the six State Correctional Facilities participating in the 1989 Public Library System Resources Program for State Correctional Facilities. We look forward to working with Ardele and the librarians from other local facilities, and to another successful program year.

Julie Wever
Outreach Librarian

POETRY SERIES AVAILABLE ON VIDEO AT C-E-F

The Voices and Visions series was designed to help the American Public learn more about the tradition of modern American poetry. It consists of 13 hour-long video programs and

introduces us to the following poets: Elizabeth Bishop, Emily Dickinson, Ezra Pound, Hart Crane, Langston Hughes, Marianne Moore, Robert Frost, Robert Lowell, Sylvia Plath, T.S. Eliot, Wallace Stevens, Walt Whitman and William Carlos Williams.

These videos may be borrowed by calling the AV Department and scheduling a show date. A "Voices and Visions" Viewers Guide is also available.

Marie D. Chauvin
Head, Audiovisual Department

C-E-F CLASSIFIEDS

GIVEAWAY: Used metal card cabinet, two-drawer sections: 5 green sections, 3 gray.

FOR SALE: Two new metal card cabinet, two-drawer sections, gray. Price negotiable.

Contact Liz Rapalee at:

Wadhams Free Library Phone: 962-8717
or
at home Phone: 962-4514

DEADLINE

THE DEADLINE FOR NEWS
FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE TRAILBLAZER
WILL BE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1989

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

AKWESASNE LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER

The Akwesasne Library hosted its first Native Libraries Conference on May 17 and 18, 1989. People from Ontario, Canada and New York State were present. The conference was held as a follow-up to the Aboriginal Gathering Conference which was held May 1988 on the Muncey Reservation.

The Native Libraries Conference is a way of linking the many Native communities so they can gain insight into the vast resources that established libraries on reserves have to offer. Since the first Native gathering in May of 1988 we realized the need of other reserves who are trying to establish a library or similar center for information and reading pleasure. The sharing of information is also a way of learning.

Participants traveled from across Ontario, Canada and New York State to attend this year's conference.

Margaret Jacobs, Director of the Akwesasne Library introduced Chief Harold Tarbell who welcomed everyone to the conference and Chief Tom Porter who opened the conference with a prayer. She also introduced the Ontario Library Services people who conducted some of the workshops. Jane Rollins of the New York State Library and Ethel Bray of the Seneca Reservation also attended.

The workshops included: proposal writing for library funds by Reg McCormick of Ontario North; Library Training in EXCEL by Laurey Irvine; Selection of Books and Materials by Margaret Scratch, OLS-Rideau and Beatrice Cole; Native Content by Roberta Miskokomon, OLS-Thames; and the Annual Survey for Public Libraries by Myrna Furness, OLS-Rideau. The day was busy as everyone attended and collected materials from each workshop that best suited their needs.

At the close of the first day the attendees were given a bus tour of the

reservation, with dinner and entertainment. Arts and crafts were on display for the guests to view and purchase. After dinner the guest speaker was Stanley Ransom of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System in Plattsburgh. His topic was "Small Libraries: Windows on the World" the importance of small libraries serving 5000 or less. A magnificent performance by Kamala ended the evening.

On Thursday morning, Children's Services Workshop by Margaret Scratch was held. One workshop was scheduled so that everyone could fill out evaluation forms that would give an overall look at how the conference was helpful and thus be useful for further conferences. A general business meeting was held with many recommendations to be followed up on by the group.

This conference was funded by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Native Community Branch and in part by the Akwesasne Library.

ELIZABETHTOWN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Librarian Mary Lou Grinwis reports:

The Elizabethtown Library will begin its "Time Slices" Humanities Lecture Series on the 1940's on Thursday, September 14. The programs will be held on alternate Thursdays (with the addition of a November 2nd date) through November 16 at 7:30 at the Elizabethtown Social Center/Hale House. The five books to be used in the series will be available at the library prior to the lecture.

These lectures are funded by generous grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the New York State Council on the Arts and the Adirondack North Country Association.

MOOERS FREE LIBRARY

Librarian Marilyn Bobka reports:

There was a good turnout for our Dinosaur Day program, May 6. About 45 boys and girls, including some grownups, watched a dinosaur video and had dinosaur cookies and juice while dinosaur pencil decorations were handed out to the younger children. A contest was then held to name our new four-foot stuffed dinosaur sewn by Mrs. Thelma St. Andrew. The winning name, Dina the Dinosaur, was suggested by four-year-old Dylan Mahoney of Altona.

WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

Director Dave Minnich reports:

The Wead Library's Annual Election was held at the Library on May 16. It was voted to increase the Library's appropriation from \$121,155 to \$139,679 -- with only one negative ballot (of sixty). Also, Donna Hanus was elected to fill the five year term for trustee -- the position vacated on June 30th by Edward Cohen.

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The new children's room is now in use. A few finishing touches need to be completed for the formal opening, which will be in September. The children's area is to be named the Harris Taylor Children's Room. Mr. Taylor, known to many Malone residents for initiating and funding the local school district spelling bees, had left a bequest to the library.

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Children's Librarian Susan Wool gave birth to a son, Timothy John, on July 5. Although her official return date to the Library is September 1, she has continued to be involved in the "Dinosaur Mania" reading program which is being held from July 19 to August 23.

PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Plattsburgh Public Library finally has a drinking fountain, thanks to the

Friends of the Library and Brown Funeral Home.

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The Plattsburgh Public Library has received a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts to present a summer foreign-film festival. The series began on July 10. The films will continue to be screened through August on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. The movies are free and open to all.

Remaining films in the series are:

July 24, "Swann in Love"
(France, 1984)

July 31, "Salaam Bombay"
(India, 1988)

Aug. 7, "The Makioka Sisters"
(Japan, 1983)

Aug. 14, "Boyfriends and Girlfriends"
(France 1987)

Aug. 21, "Beirut: The Last Home Movie"
(USA, 1988)

Aug. 28, "Hour of the Star"
(Brazil, 1985)

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C-E-F Staff Member Julie Wever is volunteering some hours on the Reference Desk while Shahin Shoar is absent. PPL is grateful for Julie's help!

SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

The 34th Annual Come to the Fair, sponsored by the Friends of the Saranac Lake Free Library, will take place Tuesday, August 1, 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. until 9 p.m., and Wednesday, August 2, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Eileen George, Lake Clear, will serve as Chairman.

The Friends are seeking donations of hardcover and paperback books, white elephant items and toys. Items may be left at the library now. Donations of plants and fresh dried flowers can be left Monday, July 31, and cookies, breads and other food items the day of the sale.

Organizers decided book prices will remain the same as last year. Prices are lowered Tuesday evening and again Wednesday morning.

Second-day Chairman, Jeanne Robertson, explains that two years ago the committee opened the fair for a second day. "The public enjoyed the slower pace of the second day, and everyone found books and white elephant items they were pleased with. Of course," Robertson cautions, "if you want more choice, Tuesday is the day to come."

Come to the Fair will take place in the Cantwell Community Room. All proceeds benefit the library.

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A photographic exhibit entitled "Gateways to Adirondack Summers: 1870-1900" is back home again after traveling throughout New York State since the summer of 1986. It is currently on display in the Community Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library through July 26.

This exhibit of copy prints is a tribute to the artistry of three outstanding Adirondack photographers: Seneca Ray Stoddard, G.W. Baldwin and William L. Distin. It is also a memorial to Mary-Dell Mathis Newbold who spent untold hours cataloguing the extensive photograph collection of the Saranac Lake Free Library.

The photos depict that wonderfully idyllic Gilded Age of Adirondack history when luxurious hotels flourished, when steamers plied the lakes and railroads ran deep into the heart of the mountains. These photographs were chosen as a gateway to that lost time.

The show is a must to see, and can be seen during regular library hours.

GOFF-NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY TUPPER LAKE

The Goff-Nelson Memorial Library and Tupper Lake Presents . . . will again sponsor the popular Summer Reading Fun program beginning Thursday, July 6th and continuing every Thursday until August 17th. Each week it will take place at 10:30 a.m. and last approximately one hour.

There will be two different programs-- one for non-readers (approximately 5 and under), and one for readers. The non-readers will have a story reading and telling time, with small rewards for each participant. The readers will be able to discuss their books with a volunteer, and keep track of their reading, as well as listen to a story of the group's choosing that will be continued each week. They will also have weekly awards and certificates of achievement for the books they have read, at the end of the program. The reading group will have an additional time to report on their books on Thursday evenings, from 7-8.

This year, the picnic and puppet show will be held on Thursday, August 17th for all participants of the art lessons and reading program. Everyone is urged to come to one, or all sessions, in order to be invited to this picnic.

PAINE MEMORIAL FREE LIBRARY WILLSBORO

Librarian Janice Allen reports:

Once again we will be offering our Summer Reading Program. We offer three parts to this program: pleasure reading, remedial reading assistance and two younger children's storytime sessions. The program runs from July 10 through August 18. There is no charge for the program as funds are made available through the

Essex County Youth Division and matched locally by the Town and our Library.

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The regular storytime sessions ended up with a special trip and picnic in June and with a special year-end ceremony for the children and their families. This year, we had 53 children in regular attendance

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COMING EVENTS

FRIENDS USED BOOK SALE

AUGUST 5, 1989

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
LIBRARY LAWN & BASEMENT

SPONSORED BY
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

7th ANNUAL OLD TIME CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY JULY 29th

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

LIBRARY LAWN
(RAIN SITE SCHOOL GYM)

OVER 50 CRAFT PEOPLE SIGNED UP

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



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING
of the
CLINTON-ESSEX-FRANKLIN LIBRARY SYSTEM
to be held at
THE SURREY RESTAURANT at HOWARD JOHNSON'S
Route 3 and I-87 at Exit 37, Plattsburgh
on
Monday, August 7, 1989
at 12:30 p.m.

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Mr. Clarke's most recent book is Equator (Morrow, 1988), an account of his three-year trip around the world, following the equator through South America, Africa, Asia and the Pacific equatorial islands. The author experiences many adventures and meets a large number of unusual people.

Equator will be on sale at a 20% discount and Mr. Clarke will be on hand to autograph them for you from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The luncheon menu will be:*

Tossed Green Salad with Dressing

Chicken Primavera

(pieces of chicken tossed in an herb sauce with vegetables and pasta)

Rolls and Butter

Coffee, Tea or Brewed Decaf

Chocolate Parfait for dessert

*Anyone with a special dietary problem should notify Mary Hopkins at System Headquarters so that alternate arrangements can be made.

Price for the luncheon is \$10.00, including tip and tax. Reservations with checks made out to the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System must be sent to Mary Hopkins, Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System, 17 Oak Street, Plattsburgh, New York ON OR BEFORE JULY 31, 1989.

Note: Cash Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

I wish to make _____ reservation(s) for the Annual Luncheon Meeting at The Surrey in Plattsburgh on August 7, 1989.

Name(s) _____

Institution _____ Address _____

Telephone _____

