1990, A NEW YEAR,
A NEW DECADE, AT C-E-F

The first 1990 meeting of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System's Board of Trustees took place on January 31. Mary Gordon Leggett of Plattsburgh is the new President of the Board. William Johnston is 1st Vice-President and Dennis Lee is 2nd Vice-President.

Mrs. Leggett has also appointed the following committees:

**Nominating**
Jane Dumoulin, Chair
Anne Russell
Fern Cunnion

**Budget**
Jack Myers, Chair
Dennis Wild
Fern Cunnion
Dennis Lee
Anne Russell

**Long-Range Planning**
Jack Myers, Chair
Sandra Bullard
Janet Decker
Cheryl Learned
Mary Leggett

**Negotiating**
Janet Decker, Chair
Bill Johnston
Mary Gonyea
Jack Myers

**Personnel Committee**
Emily Castine, Chair
Dennis Wild
Cheryl Learned
Mary Gonyea

**Legislative Committee**
Elaine Edmonds, Chair
Bill Johnston
Emily Castine
Janet Decker
Jane Dumoulin

The President is ex-officio member of all committees.
New Board member Wayne Miller, a School Library Media Specialist at North Bangor and an active Bookmobile user, was sworn in at the meeting. He replaces Dorothy Mendelsohn of St. Regis Falls who resigned last spring. Mr. Miller is also President of the North Country Reference and Research Resources Council Board.

The next meeting of the C-E-F Board will be held on March 14, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Mary Shaw Hopkins
Editor

FROM THE DIRECTOR’S DESK

LIBRARY LEGISLATION: KEEP LIBRARIES AFLOAT!

Libraries across New York, including the C-E-F Library System, the school library systems, and the North Country 3R’s Council, are sinking rapidly, due to no increase in State Aid since the modest one in 1986. Our slogan for 1990, "Keep libraries afloat! Give them your vote!" is designed to inform legislators that without their help this year, many libraries will indeed sink out of sight. Since 1986, it is estimated that the rate of inflation for library increases goes beyond the national average and is about 7 1/2% per year. The New York Library Association has estimated that library services will cost 33.5% more in 1990 than they did in 1986. For this reason they are strongly recommending passage of legislation similar to Senate Bill #2943-A, which passed the Senate in 1989 and is expected to pass again in 1990. At this time there is no companion Assembly bill, which is of great concern to librarians across New York State. The Senate Bill, which is based upon the recommendations of the New York State Board of Regents, amounts to some $29 million for libraries to be added to the approximately $70 million which is currently the level of support for all libraries in New York State.

The New York Library Association strongly recommends a minimum increase of 25% in basic funding formulas, including a 25% increase in the minimum system and central library aid. They also recommend a 35% increase for school library systems which have only just begun to operate and which need this funding for further development. There would also be 25% increases for the New York Public library, the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, the hospital library program, and the academic libraries coordinated collection development program.

Local public libraries would each receive a significant increase in State Aid which will help them meet the newly approved standards for public libraries.

With a loss of 2.9 full-time staff members, the C-E-F Library Board was able to hold staff salary increases from 1986 to 1990 to a 4.2% increase. The C-E-F staff is hard-pressed to keep up with work to be done, and many activities have been curtailed or set aside in an effort to continue the basic services.

The cost increases for library materials has been 7 1/2% per year, or about 30% over the last four years. Our book budget has increased only 13% during this time, with significantly less purchases available. Our film and video budget decreased by over 96%, which means that the only amount for purchases are what we take in in handling fees to educational institutions. Our serials budget has remained the same which means that we have had a 30% decrease in the amount of magazines we are able to purchase. Purchase of supplies has been held to a 2.7% increase. The telephone
cost has decreased by 11 1/2%, however, postage has increased by 57%. Publicity, and the issuing of newsletters and other communications, has declined by 84.6%. We are not informing our member libraries and our public as well as we had been doing before. Travel, especially to member libraries and to educational conferences, has declined by almost 25% over the four year period.

Our member libraries have suffered also. Our cash grants, our book and serials grants and our reimbursement for member library travel have declined a total of 17.3% over the past four years. Although we are decreasing services, our costs are going up. Hospital and medical insurance rose 48.1%, even though we changed to a community rated health plan. Rental and repair of office equipment increased by 18% and professional fees paid to accountants, treasurers, etc. increased by 39%. The C-E-F Library System has prepared a flyer drawing attention to the fact that our libraries are sinking and need to be kept afloat by legislators. The illustration for the sinking library was created by Elizabeth Youngberg, a librarian at Plattsburgh Public Library.

Libraries need to be given a higher priority by the State Legislature and the Governor in order to continue these worthwhile services which help people in need. By not having received any increases for libraries for four years, we have done our part in helping the State to balance its budget. Now we feel it is our turn. We ask the legislators to make libraries a priority for 1990 and help us avoid sinking further. Keep libraries afloat! Give them your vote!

Stanley A. Ransom
Director

LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP FEBRUARY 26

A Legislative workshop will be held at C-E-F Library System on Monday, February 26 from 9:15 a.m. to noon. Topics to be covered include status of current legislation, how to contact your legislators, provisions of proposed legislation which would help public and other types of libraries and library systems, and details on attending Library Legislation Day in Albany on March 6. Please let Mary Hopkins know if you are coming by filling out the registration form and returning it soon. The proposed Library Omnibus Bill which has passed in the Senate but not in the Assembly, will offer a substantial increase in funding for every public library.

Stanley A. Ransom

LIBRARY DAY IN ALBANY

Come to Albany on Tuesday, March 6th, for Library Day! All librarians, trustees, library Friends and library users are invited to speak to their legislators in the State Capitol on the need for increased library aid. Legislative briefings will be held at 9 a.m. and 12 noon in the Regents Room in the old Education Building across from the Capitol. For more information or if you need a ride, call Stanley Ransom at 563-5190.

Stanley A. Ransom
NYLA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

NYLA president, Frances Roscello has appointed nine regional centennial committees to organize activities in each of the 3R's regions in New York State. The celebrations are designed to honor NYLA as it approaches its 100th anniversary on July 11, 1990, and to promote interest in librarianship and in libraries. The NYLA Centennial Celebration Committee for the North Country is composed of the following individuals: Stanley A. Ransom, C-E-F Library Director; Thomas Blauvelt, North Country 3R's Council; Sally Rasaw, Director, Mater Dei College Library; Karen Ricketson, Children's Librarian, Plattsburgh Public Library; Hugh Starke, C-E-F Library System; and Joanne Stickler of Canton, New York, a school library media specialist. Robert Trudell, NYLA 1st vice-president, is coordinator of the statewide celebration. The committee will be meeting at the C-E-F Library System on March 9 at 10:30 a.m. Other interested persons are welcome to attend.

Stanley A. Ransom

GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON LIBRARIES

Governor Mario Cuomo has included $185,000 in his 1990 budget for the purpose of establishing a Governor's Conference on libraries, to be held in November 1990. At this time, librarians and trustees, public officials, library patrons and legislators and friends of libraries will meet together in Albany to discuss the future of libraries in the 21st century. It is likely that they will discuss library support, the new technology, and overcoming obstacles to service in New York State. The Governor's Conference is a preliminary to the White House Conference on library and information services which will take place in July, 1991 in Washington, D.C. Stanley Ransom is a member of the NYLA Governor's Conference Committee and can offer further information to anyone interested.

Stanley A. Ransom

CROWN POINT LIBRARY BUILDING

Watch for the opening of the Hammond Library in Crown Point. It will be opening to the public soon, with an official opening scheduled for Memorial Day, 1990. The new library is an attractive addition to Main Street in Crown Point. It is a marvel of adaptive reuse, since it was formerly a vacant service station. The attractive building has two floors, with the top floor being the main part of the library and the basement level being a large meeting room. At this time, new shelving and furnishings are being installed in preparation for the opening.

Stanley A. Ransom

TRUSTEES IN THE NEWS

Mary Leggett, president of the C-E-F Board of Trustees and Carol Bedore gave a book talk, "Whodunit -- in Fact and Fiction," at a meeting of the Friends of Chazy Library held at Miriam Wiley's home on Chazy Landing Saturday, February 3rd.

A luncheon and a business meeting preceded the book talk which was chaired by Friends President Emily Castine, also a member of the C-E-F Board of Trustees and former president of that Board.
NIGHT OF 7,000 STARS

On January 31, Marian Crouse, Director of the Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services, announced plans for an April 25th event involving libraries throughout New York State as part of American Library Association's National Library Week. The New York State event, entitled "Night of 7,000 Stars," is being sponsored by the Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services, the New York Library Association, and the Imagination Celebration. "Night of 7,000 Stars" will emphasize the importance and joy of reading.

Librarians and educators are planning a wide range of reading centered activities for students and the general public served by the more than 7,000 public, academic, school, institutional and special libraries in New York State.

Libraries are urged to invite local authors, officials, celebrities and others to participate in reading events and related activities or to tape readings for airing on radio or television stations during the day or evening of April 25.

In Clinton County, several schools will be conducting reading activities in conjunction with "Night of 7,000 Stars" as part of the Imagination Celebration program. This year's Imagination Celebration theme is "The Magic of Books," which provides a wonderful opportunity for mutual celebration of both programs.

Activities will be planned for children and adults alike to promote the development of reading and literacy skills by actually reading.

For suggestions on how you might participate, please contact Leona Salzman at System headquarters.

Lee Salzman
Assistant Director/Head of Outreach

FORMER PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR
AUTHORS BOOK


A review follows:

Although the various models of public library management that have been advocated are undoubtedly useful, Pungitore argues that reliance on any single model as the best approach to running a library fails to take account of the diversity and individual character of these institutions. Her book suggests a basis for assessing the suitability of different options to specific situations. Presenting an impartial survey of current trends and issues in the field, this book focuses on the central challenge facing today's public library: how to survive and grow in an environment shaped by continuing social, economic, and technological change. In addition to topics directly associated with changing conditions, Pungitore covers philosophical, administrative, and service-related issues, devoting several chapters to each area. Each chapter summarizes a specific topic and discusses differing viewpoints and side issues relating to it. Aspects of public librarianship addressed include historical foundations; the fundamental mission of the public library; and institutional planning, organization, and governance. Pungitore explores problematic and controversial issues such as how public libraries should be funded, what services should be provided and to whom and by what means, and how libraries
need to change in order to survive and continue to fill their functions in the community. Developed as an introduction to the major concerns of public librarians and administrators, this work offers library science students a thoughtful and balanced overview of the field.

Verna came to Plattsburgh in 1967 as Reference Coordinator at Plattsburgh Public and C-E-F. She became Director of Plattsburgh Public in 1969 and served in that position until 1978 when she left to finish her doctorate at the University of Pittsburgh. Verna is now Assistant Professor in the School of Library and Information Science at Indiana University.

Public Librarianship is dedicated to Laura Jean Ingalls, former Administrative Assistant at PPL and C-E-F.

NORTHERN ADIRONDACK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION WINTER PROGRAM

The Northern Adirondack Library Association will hold its Winter Meeting on Saturday, February 24, 1990 at the Ponderosa Restaurant, Route 3, Plattsburgh. This meeting will feature Bernard V. Finney's talk "I Have a Name: Discussions with Bernard Finney -- Looking at Minorities in Literature and Life."

Mr. Finney, a poet, playwright, educator and librarian, has provided consultant services to many community groups. Mr. Finney is well-known in this area, having been a featured speaker at several Black Poetry Day Celebrations. He is known for his quick wit, lively style and his ability to involve his audience in his presentations.

The luncheon will begin at 1:30 p.m. to be followed by Mr. Finney's presentation. The cost of the lunch is $8.00, which is all inclusive. Checks should be made out to the Northern Adirondack Library Association. Reservations are limited, on a first-come, first-serve basis. The registration deadline is Tuesday, February 20. For further information or to make reservations, contact N.A.L.A. Program Chair Tracey LaBarge at the C-E-F Library, 17 Oak Street, Plattsburgh. Telephone (518) 563-5190.

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

HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

LEE SALZMAN REPORTS:

Since our last newsletter, many new items have been received that were purchased with Coordinated Outreach funds. Remembering Friends and Remembering Aprons are mini-kits similar to our Bifolkal kit collection. Toys is the newest addition to our Slides collection, and includes slides on the following themes: my favorite toy, toystore window, our heroes and how to be a kid again. First Writes are writing exercises, all in large print and ready to photocopy for your programming use with older adults. We also have photograph kits entitled Imagine That, Hollywood's Golden Age (Dramatic Stars) and Hollywood's Golden Age (Music and Comedy Stars) which are all useful in stimulating discussion with older adults.

A sampling of the new outreach titles added to the System's video collection includes the following: Autism: a World Apart, A House Divided: Elderly Abuse, and Finding Your Way: Managing the Discomfort of Treatment. Our recorded
book collection has been increased by more than 25 titles, including 6 large print read-along titles for young adults.

Because of the interest shown by member library and System staff alike when we viewed a demonstration at the 1989 New York Library Association Conference, we now have the Ellison Letter Machine available for your use at System headquarters. By using this cutting machine and the over 50 dies that we have purchased so far, you can create bookmarks, bulletin boards, displays and many other promotional items. You can use the machine to cut all kinds of material, including construction paper, fabric and static-cling vinyl. For details on its use, contact Mary Hopkins at System headquarters.

Lee Salzman
Assistant Director/Head of Outreach

NEWS FROM REFERENCE/
INTERLIBRARY LOAN

As usual, there is a lot going on in the Reference Department. I've returned from a two-month leave to find everything running smoothly. Many thanks to Sharon McCausland for her good work in my absence.

We have a new staff member named Cindy Goodrow, who will be working part-time as ILL clerk five afternoons a week through this spring. Cindy is a great help, and has taken to ILL with great enthusiasm. Having a good sense of humor has been an added bonus, and Lettie and I are very happy to have her here.

I'm extremely grateful for the support and hard work of the staff members who continue to contribute their time and skills to our department. We are very lucky to have the services of Marie Chauvin, Barbara Deyo and Mary Hopkins. They have all been working hard (and cheerfully) to help us continue to provide good ILL service during our staffing shortage.

We're working on our 1989 statistics, and although the final figures aren't in yet, we can see that last year's borrowing trends continue. We rely more and more on other New York public library systems for materials, and are always impressed with the speed and generosity with which other NYSILL sites respond to our requests.

With such good help, and so many good resources available, if spring ever does come we'll be ready for the rigors of our annual spring rush.

Elizabeth Rogers
Head, Reference/ILL

REGIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHIC
DATA BASE NEWS

We're making progress on our projects for the '90's . . .
In the fall we created our own MARC-format database, using records from our Gaylord circulation system. The result is included in the Auto-Graphics AGILE II system, and we now have online access to holdings information for the System and Plattsburgh Public. Lettie Liberty is updating the database, adding new acquisitions and deleting discards.

After attempting to match the 135,000 Gaylord records, we are left with 35,000 unmatched items, and a MARC database of 100,000 records. The next step involves analyzing these records, sorting out duplicates and problem records, and manually searching AGILE for a MARC record.

As we are completing PPL's and our database, we will also begin expansion to include member library holdings. Our members have been readying themselves for this, and we hope to begin working with some libraries this spring.

We have been able to include the contents of our MARC database in the 1990 NC3Rs CD-ROM disk, which is an exciting step. This makes our holdings information available to the North Country Library
System for the first time, and includes us in a regional database. This is an especially exciting development for our members with CD-ROM players, since they will no longer need to use our microfiche for access to our holdings information. I can hear the sighs of relief even as I write.

Another exciting project for 1990 is the barcoding of our videocassette collection, and data entry into our Gaylord circulation system. Working with Plattsburgh Public, we are setting up procedures and standards for data entry and statistical categories. It's an interesting project, and brings us closer to creating a central source of holdings information for all our circulating materials.

Elizabeth Rogers
Project Coordinator

OUTREACH NEWS

The C-E-F bookmobiles are busy trying to make their appointed rounds despite a number of mechanical problems that have plagued them recently. Both vehicles have really felt their age and the cold this winter. The bookmobile staff are debating whether or not to breathe a sigh of relief now that February is here and spring is on the way, according to Phil the groundhog. Driver and long-time Essex County native Al Hutchins says that Phil will be seeing more than a shadow if he sticks his head and top hat through the three feet of snow in Al's yard.

We are preparing to send a rural boxholder survey to 13,000 prospective and current bookmobile patrons. The results of this survey will hopefully point out changes we can make in our daily service to best serve rural residents of our three counties. The project is funded by the Outreach Program which is coordinated by Lee Salzman. Thanks are due in advance to Barbara Deyo for running off thousands of survey sheets on the system's copier. The survey results should be tabulated in time to be included in the next issue of the Trailblazer.

The next order of business for our department will be to finally put everyone's ideas into formal specifications for the new bookmobile now that funding approval has been received from the Clinton, Essex and Franklin County Legislatures. We would like to thank the legislators and our patrons for their support.

We are happy to welcome three new state correctional facilities into the 1990 Public Library System Resources Program for State Correctional Facilities. Bare Hill Correctional in Malone, Camp Gabriels, and Moriah Shock will join five other local facilities which receive library services through this program.

Julie Weaver
Outreach Librarian

FAMILY READING PROGRAM

Our second Family Reading Program, "Reading Together Is Magical," has begun. Member libraries should have received supplies for the program from us by now and hopefully, are getting their plans underway. As far as we know, Keeseville Free Library will offer the first program, beginning in February.

We are also excited about the performances of Randy the Magnificent, the magician who will be appearing in 20 of our member libraries during the last two weeks of March. Randy will bring live animals and does tricks around the theme of books and reading. We're eagerly anticipating his arrival.

This year's program is funded by grants under the LSCA Title I program and by the Clinton County Council for the Arts.

Kathie LaBombard
JEIC Librarian
JEIC NEWS

In an article from the National Business Employment Weekly for February 4, 1990, the best courses of study for business success at the turn of the century will be Liberal Arts, Business Administration, Computer Science, Accounting, Law and Engineering in that order. This was according to a survey of vice presidents and personnel directors at 100 top U.S. companies.

To go along with this trend, the JEIC has a book called Liberal Arts Power! How to Sell It On Your Resume. Included are case studies of liberal arts graduates and sample resumes. For this or further information on employment trends or resumes, please give us a call.

We are pleased to have Millie Santos on our staff. Millie joined us in December and will be filling in for Judy Menard, who is beginning her second semester of graduate school at SUNY Albany.

Kathie LaBombard
JEIC Librarian

NEW VIDEOS AT C-E-F

These videos were purchased with New York State Council on the Arts funds for 1989.

Alaska: Once in a Lifetime

This is the story of two men who fly to Alaska to fish for silver salmon and rainbow trout that weigh up to 10 lbs. An adventure of any fisherman's dreams. Grunko Films.

Anatomy of an Illness

43 minutes.
Color.

Norman Cousins speaks to a large audience about the healing power of humor. Several people who have been treated for cancer give testimony to this effect. Instructions for Advancement of Human Behavior.

Annapurna: A Woman's Place

45 minutes.
Color.

This is the powerful and inspiring story of ten women who in 1978 climbed Annapurna, one of the world's tallest and most dangerous peaks. They record the harsh demands of the journey, the triumph and the tragic loss of two team members. Women Make Movies Inc.

Canvasback Decoy (3 parts)

Part 1. Carving
Step-by-step instructions on carving the basic form of a lifelike decorative decoy.
60 minutes.

Part 2. Texturing
How to create feather formation and other details with a wood-burning pen.
30 minutes.

Part 3. Painting
Shows how to mix paints, sealing and finally painting the decoy.
60 minutes.

Circle of Plenty

27 minutes.
Color.

John Jeavons has developed a technique called Biointensive Agriculture whereby a maximum amount of food is extracted from a small plot of ground using less water, fertilizer and soil than in commercial farming. Hopefully this technique will spread and help solve part of the world hunger problem. Bullfrog Films.
Collecting America: Folk Art and the Shelburne Museum 30 minutes Color.


Five Easy Pieces 98 minutes Color.

A classic performance by Jack Nicholson as a classical pianist who prefers to work in the oil fields. Facets Video.

Green Winter 25 minutes Color.

A moving and inspirational look at the process of aging, the hopes, fears, problems and blessings. Hartley Film Found.

I Was a Thanksgiving Turkey 4 minutes Color.

This imaginative animated short film presents the Thanksgiving holiday from the turkey's perspective. A bird's-eye view of the traditional dinner.

Introduction to Acupuncture 20 minutes Color.

An excellent introduction to the history of acupuncture, a subject that has provoked much controversy. Hartley Film Found.

L.L. Bean 30 minutes Color.

Its recipe sounds pretty simple: commitment to service and quality at a reasonable price. This is the policy of business for this famous company whose home is in Maine. L.L. Bean.

L.L. Bean - Guide to Bicycle Touring 80 minutes Color.

Practical guide to bike selection, maintenance, repairs, safety and enjoyment of the sport. Shot entirely on location in Acadia National Park, Maine. L.L. Bean.

Little Shop of Horrors 70 minutes Black/white.

Jack Nicholson is the masochist who thrives on dental pain. The preposterous plot revolves around a young do-nothing who murders people to feed his carnivorous plant. Facets Video.

Moana, a Romance of the Golden Age 76 minutes Black/white.

A great film by Robert Flaherty who lived for two years in Samoa to study the native population. Facets Video.

Paucartambo - Inca River 41 minutes Color.

During the 1985 rainy season, five U.S. kayakers set out to run the Paucartombo River that slices through the heart of the Ancient Inca Empire. Through aerial views and close-up shots this production captures spectacular views of the Peruvian landscape and the excitement of negotiating this river. Wombat Films and Video.

Marie D. Chauvin
Head, Film Department

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MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

Director Dave Minnich reports:

Norman and Jeff Gervais have contributed an IBM-PC jr. computer to the Wead Library, and it's been located in the children's area for use by youngsters. The unit is simply not sophisticated enough for use on the college level, but children can find enjoyment with it, and several already have. The Gervais's have been thanked. Speaking of gifts, the Library is also the recipient of a donation of $10 from the Women of the Moose.

PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Director Katherine Cayea reports:

Welcome to new Adult Services Librarian Elizabeth Youngberg. She is replacing Susan Guest who is now the Secondary Librarian at Northern Adirondack Central School.

Elizabeth will be developing our Adult programming, including the Humanities Series. She will also be arranging our displays and selecting our videos and Young Adult material.

Elizabeth will be a new face on the reference desk also, so stop in and meet her. We are delighted to have her with us.

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Congratulations to Larry Hahn who has been appointed to the Clerk position left vacant by Peg Connor.

Larry has been with us as a Library Page -- you may know him as June Pajak's assistant in the ILL department.

We are overjoyed to be able to have him as a permanent member of our staff. His will be the new face at the circulation desk.

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Helen Ianelli has been elected as President of the PPL Friends. Carolyn Keable resigned because of illness in her family. We will miss Carolyn and extend our heartfelt thanks for all of her efforts on our behalf. Our "Friends" have been doing marvelous things and have an exciting schedule planned for this year. Interested in joining? Call Elizabeth Youngberg at PPL 563-0921.

BLACK WATCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TICONDEROGA

BLACK WATCH LIBRARIAN RETIRES

Mildred Kenney, longtime librarian at the Black Watch Memorial Library of Ticonderoga, has retired.

Kenney, who served as librarian of the town-owned facility for 10 years, was honored at a retirement reception held at the library. The reception was a tribute from the library board and the Friends of the Library group, with Nancy Reale and Patty Moessinger co-chairing the committee. Library board President John McDonald gave Kenney a gift in honor of her years of service.

A Syracuse University graduate, Kenney studied French literature at Michigan State, Wisconsin State and SUNY-Oswego. She has taught French on the university and high school levels.

During Kenney's years as librarian, the facility has been redone with new carpeting, painting and additional bookshelves. A new furnace was also installed. The Black Watch Library is an original Andrew Carnegie library dating from the early 1900s.

The library's book collection has also been updated and a video-cassette recorder and television, a photocopier, microfiche reader, and a personal computer added.

Sue Deobold of Ticonderoga has been named as the new librarian at Black Watch.
Cable Communications of Willsboro presented the Paine Library with a Philco VHS camcorder in December. At a small ceremony held at the Library, John, Shirley and Herb Longware presented the camcorder to Librarian Janice Allen.

The camcorder, which can operate in a low-light environment is equipped with a battery pack and is completely portable. Guidelines have been established by the Library for use of the camcorder. Patrons over 21 years old can rent the unit for up to 24 hours for a user's fee of $2.50. Proceeds from the fees will be used to purchase additional battery packs. So if you have a special event to tape, call the Library to check availability!

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Library Summer Reading Program and Librarian Janice Allen were honored recently by the Essex County Youth Bureau. In December, Honorees were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for serving the youth of Essex County. The names of the Honorees are placed on a plaque at the Youth Bureau office, and Janice Allen's name has now been added to that list.

FLASH!

FAMILY READING PROGRAM UPDATE

A workshop on "networking with local community agencies" will be held at C-E-F headquarters on Monday April 23. Ann Simon, Youth Services Consultant at the New York State Library, will be the guest speaker, with input from a panel of social service agency representatives. Watch for further details and registration information in early April!

Stanley A. Ransom, Director
Mary S. Hopkins, Editor
CEF LIBRARY SYSTEM
1990 CALENDAR

JANUARY
1  CEF Closed -- New Year's Day
15  CEF Closed -- Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
31  CEF Library Board Meeting, 4-5:30 pm

FEBRUARY
12  CEF Closed -- Lincoln's Birthday
19  CEF Closed -- Washington's Birthday
22  NC3R's Board Meeting, Canton
26  CEF Workshop: Legislative Issues Workshop.
    9:30 am - 12 noon, at CEF Library System.
    CEF pays mileage to Director or alternate.

MARCH
6  Library Legislation Day, Albany
12  CEFDA: Weeding Workshop, Upper Jay Library,
    9:30 am
14  CEF Library Board Meeting, 4-5:30 pm.
15  Legislative Committee on the 100th Anniversary
    of the Adirondacks. Public meeting, Lake
    Placid.
20  Book Repair Workshop, Leader: William Decker,
    BroDart Company. Sponsored by NC3R's. At
    Plattsburgh Public Library. Everyone bring
    circulating books to mend and repair. CEF
    will pay mileage to Director or alternate.
22  NC3R's Board Meeting, Canton

APRIL
1  Census Day
6  Grants Workshop, Watertown. Speaker: Candace
    Kuhta. 6 hour workshop. NC3R's sponsored.
6-7  Library Trustee and Director Institute, Albany
    Hilton Hotel. Sponsored by NYSALB and the
    State Library. Completely new format, using
    videos and discussion. For all new trustees
    and library directors. Don't miss it!
13  Good Friday -- CEF closed at noon
Mid-Apr.  Family Reading Workshop. LSCA funded. At CEF
22  National Library Week -- April 22-28

MAY
7  CEF ANNUAL MEETING. Evening dinner meeting,
    with speaker. Changed from August.
20-22  Pulisdor (Public Library System Directors'
      Organization) Annual Meeting, Cooperstown.
21  CEFDA Meeting. Wead Library, Malone. Program:
    Electronic Equipment in Libraries.
24  NC3R's Annual Meeting, Saranac Lake Hotel.
28  CEF Closed -- Memorial Day
JUNE
7-8 NC3R's Workshop: Tools for Supervision. Two
full days, Canton. Speaker: Becky Schreiber.
20 CEF Library Board Meeting, 4-5:30 pm
23-28 American Library Association Annual Conference
    in Chicago.

JULY
4 CEF Closed -- Independence Day

AUGUST
1 CEF Library Board Meeting, 4-5:30 pm
13 CEFDA Meeting. Saranac Lake Free Library.
    Program: Budgets and Budget Preparation.
    For Library Directors and Trustees. Speaker:
    Stanley Ransom.

SEPTEMBER
3 CEF Closed -- Labor Day
10 CEF Workshop: Using Library Space Effectively.
12 CEF Library Board Meeting, 4-5:30 pm.
? NC3R'S Workshop: Interlibrary Loan Workshop.
? NC3R'S Workshop: Automation Planning.

OCTOBER
8 CEF Closed -- Columbus Day
10-14 New York Library Association. 100th Anniver-
    sary Conference, Rochester.
17 Black Poetry Day Celebration, Plattsburgh and
    New York State.
? NC3R'S Workshop: Telecommunications Workshop.
24 CEF Library Board Meeting, 4-5:30 pm.

NOVEMBER
12 CEF Closed -- Veterans Day
12-18 Children's Book Week
19 CEFDA Meeting. Crown Point Library. Program:
    Continuing Education Opportunities. Speaker:
    Kathie Labombard.
22-23 CEF Closed -- Thanksgiving and day after.
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DECEMBER
12 CEF Library Board Meeting, and Election of
    Officers. 4-5:30 pm.
25 CEF Closed -- Christmas

* Governor's Conference on Libraries. End of
  November, in Albany.
OUR LIBRARIES ARE SINKING!
NO STATE AID INCREASE SINCE
1986!

KEEP LIBRARIES AFLOAT!

GIVE THEM YOUR VOTE!
LIBRARY COSTS HAVE INCREASED 7.5 % PER YEAR!
LIBRARY SERVICES WILL COST 33.5% MORE IN 1990!

THE NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION STRONGLY RECOMMENDS:

1. A MINIMUM INCREASE OF 25% IN BASIC FUNDING FORMULAS
2. A 25% INCREASE IN MINIMUM SYSTEM AND CENTRAL LIBRARY AID
3. A 35% INCREASE FOR THE DEVELOPING SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEMS
4. LOCAL LIBRARY SERVICES AID INCREASES FOR INDIVIDUAL PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS
5. 25% INCREASES FOR:
   THE RESEARCH LIBRARIES, THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY
   THE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
   THE HOSPITAL LIBRARY PROGRAM
   THE ACADEMIC LIBRARIES COORDINATED COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT AID

NO FUNDING INCREASES FOR LIBRARIES FOR FOUR YEARS HAS HELPED THE STATE TO BALANCE ITS BUDGET! WE'VE DONE OUR PART! WE NEED AN INCREASE NOW! MAKE LIBRARIES A PRIORITY!

SUPPORT THE LIBRARY OMNIBUS BILL!

SENATE BILL: S 2943 - A

ASSEMBLY BILL: _____?