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QUINCY TROUPE TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT 1990 BLACK POETRY DAY CELEBRATION

"Poetry is boring because it's controlled by boring people. I'm not going to say that I'm the most exciting person in the world, but I think I'm much more exciting than a lot of people I've met in terms of the way I think," stated self-proclaimed iconoclast Quincy Troupe in an interview with Christine Cassidy.

Troupe's appearance at the Black Poetry Day Celebration, to be held on October 17, 1990 in the Centennial Room at Plattsburgh State University College at 7:30 p.m., promises to be anything but boring.

The author of three books of poetry (Embryo, Snake-Back Solos and Skulls Along the River) was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. He won athletic scholarships which enabled him to attend college in Louisiana, however, a knee injury in the Army ended his chances for a career in pro-basketball. He spent some time in Paris where, at a party, he met Jean-Paul Sartre, who later gave him advice on writing. Returning to the States in the mid-sixties, he became active in the civil rights movement.

He has taught at several colleges and universities in the United States and also in Ghana and Nigeria. He is currently a professor of Third World Literature at the College of Staten Island and teaches in Columbia University's Graduate Writing Program.

Troupe collaborated with legendary jazz trumpeter Miles Davis on his best-selling autobiography, Miles. Troupe also traveled to the south of France to interview another legend-literary giant James Baldwin, shortly before Baldwin's death in 1987. The result was a collection of essays entitled James Baldwin: The Legacy.

In addition, Quincy Troupe has written fiction, essays and magazine articles. He appeared on Bill Moyers' PBS "Power of the Word Series." You won't want to miss this fascinating author's appearance in our area -- so mark October 17th on your calendars now!

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In conjunction with the Black Poetry Day Celebration, we C-E-F staff members have been busy sending out Black Poetry Day packets to libraries all over the State as well as in the tri-county area. I have compiled a bibliography of books and other materials on Black Poetry, which I hope will be of use to those who wish to plan programs or displays. For further information, contact System Headquarters. Phone: 563-5190. C-E-F Director Stanley Ransom is Chairman of the Black Poetry Day Committee.

Mary Shaw Hopkins
Editor

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The Library Omnibus Bill was signed into law in mid-August by Governor Mario Cuomo. The new bill, which does not take effect until mid-1991, will offer a total of \$15 million increase in State Aid to libraries over a three year period, with \$5 million being added each year. For the C-E-F Library System, the increase in operating aid goes from 3.65% in 1991 to 16.3% in 1993. Also in 1993, the new direct aid payment to local member libraries goes into effect, which will give each library an amount equal to 31 cents per capita, with a minimum of \$1,500 per library. Also in the second and third years of the bill there will be funding for literacy programs, school public library cooperation programs and construction funds.

We wish to thank Senator Ronald Stafford, and Assemblymen Chris Ortloff, Anthony Casale and Glenn Harris for their work in sponsoring and seeking passage of this important piece of library legislation. We sincerely appreciate their efforts on our behalf.

We also wish to thank the chief sponsors of the bill, Senator Hugh Farley and Assemblywoman Cynthia Jenkins and Assemblyman Edward Sullivan, who responded to the needs of libraries throughout New York State. Also thanks to the Governor for signing the bill.

Stanley A. Ransom
Director

GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON LIBRARIES

On August 28, at North Country Community College, there will be a regional meeting on the Governor's Conference. Librarians from all over the North Country in the 26 congressional districts will gather to discuss resolutions on library needs and also to elect delegates to attend the Governor's Conference on Libraries, which will be held in Albany, November 28-30, 1990.

The Governor's Conference is designed to inform the general public and elected officials about the needs of libraries for the next 10 years. The thrust will also be towards designing legislation to assist libraries in meeting the needs of the next 10 years. At the present time approximately 85 persons are registered to attend the regional conference in Saranac Lake.

The Regional Conference Planning Committee are as follows: Leonard Meinhold, Nancy Loper, Glenda Rowe, Barbara Doh, Sara Brenizer, Janet Decker, Michael Zeman, Betsy Beggs, John Hammond, Donna Hanus, Elizabeth Rogers, Joan DiSanto, Patty Bentley, Wayne Miller and Stanley Ransom, Chair. The library systems and several library associations and the 3R's will be underwriting the expenses for the regional conference. Thanks to all of the committee and those who are helping to put on the regional conference.

Stanley A. Ransom

NEW YORK STATE SYSTEMS' MEETING

On September 10 and 11 representatives of all types of libraries systems in New York State will gather in Albany to discuss the conclusions of the King Report. This study, commissioned by New York State Library, researched the needs of library systems and the activities which they undertake on behalf of libraries and library service in New York State. One conclusion reached was that the existence of the systems saves taxpayers about three and one-half times what it would cost to deliver the same services individually to local libraries. Beyond that the King Report also makes some controversial suggestions, such as reorganizing systems and setting up coordinating committees, which have met with some opposition from the North Country area. In general the King Report is a well thought out and well researched document which will help the several types of library systems to work even more closely together in the future.

Representatives coming from the C-E-F Library System will be Mary G. Leggett, President of the C-E-F Board of Trustees, or her designee, Janice Allen, Co-Chair of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Directors' Association, Kathy Cayea, Director of the Plattsburgh Public Library and Stanley Ransom, Director of the C-E-F Library System.

Stanley A. Ransom

UTILIZING SPACE WORKSHOP

On Monday, September 17, the C-E-F Library System will hold a workshop on "Using Library Space Effectively." Bill Johnston, Senior Planner for Essex County, and a Trustee of the C-E-F Library System, will address the topic and will explain to librarians and trustees how best to use space which they have available in their libraries. There are many ways of using compact space and also setting up traffic lanes and organizing services so as to make the best use of the amount of space available. Please bring your space problems to this meeting for discussion.

Stanley A. Ransom

NYLA'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

On July 11th, 1990, the New York Library Association observed its 100th birthday. All during 1990, the New York Library Association will be celebrating its centennial. The Centennial conference will be held in Rochester from October 10-14, at which time there is expected to be a number of celebrations taking place in honor of the 100th anniversary.

In the North Country a Centennial Committee, Chaired by Stanley Ransom, is at work on drafting public service announcements, promoting the recruitment of librarians, and setting up an awards program for exemplary librarians in the North Country.

The Committee plans to honor three librarians who represent excellence in three types of libraries, public and public library systems, school and school library systems, and academic, special, and 3R's libraries. The award will be \$200 for each type of library. We are requesting that nominations be made before September 28, 1990, and sent to Stanley Ransom, Chair of the Committee. The NYLA North Country Regional Centennial Committee includes: Thomas Blauvelt, from the 3R's; Sally Rusaw, from Mater Dei College; Karen Ricketson, from Plattsburgh Public Library; Hugh Starke, from C-E-F Library System; and Donna Hanus, from the Malone school library system. Each of these persons represents a particular section of the New York Library Association.

Stanley A. Ransom

STATE CONSULTANT CHANGE

Anne Simon will be our new State Consultant from the State Library. She succeeds Carol Sheffer, who will be working with another area of the State.

Anne Simon was formerly Director of the Gloversville Public Library, and she has also had much experience in children's services.

Thanks, Carol! Welcome, Anne!

Stanley A. Ransom

C-E-F LIBRARY'S JOB & EDUCATION CENTER RELOCATING

The Job & Education Information Center of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System, formerly located in the Plattsburgh Public Library, will be located at the Saranac Lake Free Library as of September, 1990. The JEIC offers a variety of services to job seekers and students of all ages. All patrons in the three county area may still obtain materials from the Center on interlibrary loan through their local public libraries.

The Center contains some 1800 county, state and federal civil service study guides. It also contains over 1200 books on job searching, resume writing, preparing for college, women returning to the work force, franchise opportunities, starting a business and financial aid for college students.

The Center was established in December, 1976, by Leona Salzman, now Assistant Director and Head of Outreach for the C-E-F Library System, and was formally opened in March, 1977, by Senator Ronald B. Stafford. Since August, 1982, the Center has been directed by Kathie LaBombard.

The Job & Education Information Center has helped over 55,000 persons in obtaining jobs or in pursuing a college or specialized education. One of the most used services, according to Kathie LaBombard, is the collection of Sunday newspapers and classified ads from 28 major cities in the United States.

For more information on the Center and its services, please call 563-5190.

Stanley A. Ransom

A REPORT ON C-E-F's ANNUAL MEETING

On June 11, 81 people converged on the Surrey Lounge in Plattsburgh for the System's 36th Annual Meeting. Art Cohn, Executive Director of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum at Basin Harbor, Vermont, gave a lively talk on "The Philadelphia Project," the rebuilding of a replica of the American gunboat Philadelphia which was sunk by the British during the Battle of Valcour Island, a crucial naval engagement in the American Revolution.

Mary Leggett, President of the C-E-F Board of Trustees, presented the 1990 Richard W. Lawrence Award for outstanding contributions to library service in the North Country to Janet Decker of Tupper Lake. Janet is a C-E-F Trustee and was formerly a member of the Saranac Lake Free Library Board. In 1984, she served as Project Director of the library's expansion project. She is currently Chair of the Adirondack Room committee at the Saranac Lake Library and was a driving force behind the creation and improvement of that room. Janet has also been a member of the New York Association of Library Boards (NYSALB) Board of Directors since 1987 and recently became a trustee of the North Country Reference and Research Resources Council.

Sue Deobold, Librarian at the Black Watch Memorial Library in Ticonderoga, was the winner of a \$100 grant to attend this fall's New York Library Association's Conference.

A survey was conducted of Annual Meeting attendees and member librarians to determine the most convenient time for next year's Annual Meeting -- it was tentatively decided to hold a luncheon meeting on August 5, 1991.

Mary S. Hopkins

CLINTON-ESSEX-FRANKLIN LIBRARY DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

There were 18 members present at the August 13, 1990 CEFDA Meeting, held at the Saranac Lake Free Library.

It was announced at the meeting that Saranac Lake Librarian Betsy Beggs will be moderating a program, "High Tech Costs in a Low Budget Environment," at the upcoming New York Library Association Conference in Rochester.

Stanley Ransom, Director of the C-E-F Library System was the guest speaker at the meeting -- his topic was "Budget Preparation."

The next CEFDA meeting will be held at Hammond Library in Crown Point on November 19, 1990.

Mary S. Hopkins

HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

LEE SALZMAN REPORTS:

Thanks to an LSCA Title I grant, adult literacy workshops are being scheduled at 4 Essex County Libraries in cooperation with Literacy Volunteers of Essex County. These workshops, conducted by Adirondack Learning Associates, will provide an introduction to the use of computer hardware and software as teaching tools for adult literacy instruction.

Reading Partners for Older Adults, an LSCA Title I funded program mentioned in an earlier newsletter, now has a small corps of volunteer readers working with print handicapped older adults in several nursing homes in Clinton and Essex Counties and we look forward to recruiting many more. Amy Gionet, a volunteer at C-E-F, has been largely responsible for the progress made on this program and we thank her for her efforts.

Since Julie Wever, Outreach Librarian, is on a well-deserved vacation during this newsletter time, I'm filling in for her with just a few highlights of bookmobile happenings. The following changes have taken place for our Route 7 bookmobile stops beginning August 13:

Discontinued --

Lake Clear stop

Time Changed --

Paul Smiths stop now 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Added --

Easy Street, 1:35 - 2:00 p.m.

Onchiota, 2:15 - 2:40 p.m.

All other Route 7 stops remain the same.

C-E-F participated in the Clinton County ARC Summer Recreation program. Bookmobile visits were made to both their Morrisonville and Point Au Roche recreation sites so that children could tour the bookmobile and enjoy story times.

Lee Salzman

Assistant Director/Head of Outreach

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

I returned from vacation just in time to slip more bookmobile news under the deadline wire. The bookmobile department is pleased to report that 60 children joined the 1990 "Summer Safari" reading program. We estimate that these children read a total of 3,000 books by themselves or with their parents which is an average of 50 books read by each child during the six weeks program. Six treasure hunters from each bookmobile were awarded books; all participants received certificates and jungle erasers. Our thanks to Children's Consultant Kathie LaBombard who coordinated the Summer Reading Program for our member libraries and bookmobiles, and who is the artist responsible for our colorful treasure maps which were much admired.

Julie Wever
Outreach Librarian

NEWS FROM REFERENCE/ILL

Another summer has come and gone, and we seem to have weathered it well. We sadly said good-bye to Cindie Goodrow in June -- Cindie had been working part-time in Reference, and we had come to count on her cheerful help. Now we're down to the Final Two -- Lettie and me. It's a challenge, but, with ongoing help from Barbara Deyo, Marie Chauvin and Mary Hopkins, we're getting by.

We've enjoyed working with Susan Guest at Plattsburgh Public's Reference Department during the summer. Susan has been helping with subject requests, which are always interesting (yes, we have information on lichens and moss; no, there are no books written by the fictional movie character Thomas Mann . . .).

We're continuing our work on our Auto-Graphics MARC data base. With help from Violet Feazelle at Plattsburgh Public, we're entering all current acquisitions for PPL and System collections. The real challenge is to enter holdings information for our member libraries, which will make the data base an invaluable tool for resource sharing.

In June, I participated in an NC3R's meeting of representatives of the seven library systems in our region, to set up guidelines for point-to-point interlibrary loan. The meeting was exciting, and as usual, left us all with a good feeling about the generosity and cooperative spirit we find here in the North Country.

As a result of the meeting, we will begin participating regionally in point-to-point ILL this fall, using the regional electronic mail system we've come to know and love. C-E-F members with access to the NC3R's holdings on CD-ROM will be able to request items directly from lending libraries (no, this won't put Lettie or me out of a job . . .). This is an exciting step for C-E-F, and marks the beginning of new trends in ILL for us.

Elizabeth Rogers
Head, Reference/ILL

NEW TITLES ADDED TO C-E-F VIDEO LIBRARY

Across the Great Divide

102 Minutes.

Color.

In 1876 two orphans crossed the Rockies with a frontier drifter. They lived a lifetime of adventure.

Amadeus

158 Minutes.

Color.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's life and music.

LIBRARY MYSTERY

A general "thank you" goes out to the anonymous patron or member library who sent a box marked "donation to Plattsburgh Public Library" -- we presume for the Friends of the Library book sale on July 6. If you're wondering why I haven't thanked you in person for your donation -- it's because I have an empty box sitting in my office! I don't know who you are, or what you sent us, but thanks for the good intention!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

The PPL Children's Department offered a variety of programs this summer for young patrons of all ages. Karen Ricketson conducted reading clubs for young non-readers and their reading partners and also for older readers. Jane Sweeney, PPL Board President, presented "AJ's Storybox" again this year. Jane's program for 7-12 year olds, featured stories with a related craft project.

FOREIGN FILM SERIES

Former PPL Librarian Susan Guest, as a Friend of the Library, presented a very popular foreign film series this summer with a grant from the New York Council on the Humanities.

Kathy Cayea, Director

SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

The Thirty-fifth Anniversary COME TO THE FAIR, sponsored by the Friends of the Saranac Lake Free Library, was a resounding success. The fair realized over \$8,300 for the library, surpassing 1989's record amount by more than \$1,000.

Eileen George, Chairman, points out that the success is due to the thousands of donations of books and other items. Hundreds of volunteers assisted with setting up and selling at the fair.

PAINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILLSBORO

Librarian Janice Allen reports:

The 8th Annual Old Time Folkcraft Fair held in July was a huge success. The day's weather was great, some 60 craft persons shared their talents, and it is estimated that well over 1,000 people came to enjoy the event. An added pleasure was to have Patricia Reynold's art exhibit inside the Library along with Ruth Andrews selling autographed copies of her children's books. Next year's fair will be held on Saturday, July 27th, so mark your calendar and plan to join us.

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The Library's Annual Fund Drive letter has been mailed to all Willsboro box holders. Response to date has been most rewarding. Some 98 people have responded with total contributions of just over \$2,000. Our desired goal is to reach \$3,000 which would be just a little over last year's total.

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The Used Book Sale in August was very successful -- it netted over \$400 for the Friends of the Library.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

--On an average day in America, 3,360,817 items are borrowed from public libraries in all 50 states.*

During 1989, total circulation at C-E-F public libraries was 636,913.

If each public library in the country were open all 365 days of the year, this would mean that

--On any given day, 1,745 items are borrowed from public libraries in the C-E-F area.

And this means that

WITHIN THE UNITED STATES, ONE PUBLIC LIBRARY CIRCULATION OUT OF EVERY 1,926 TAKES PLACE AT A LIBRARY IN CLINTON, ESSEX AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES.

*According to Thomas Heymann, author of On An Average Day, as quoted in The Suffolk Connection.

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Costs for the Typical \$19.95 Book

Manufacturing	\$1.75
Composition/ typesetting/design	\$1.50
Overhead	\$2.65
Promotion	\$.60
Royalty	\$2.00
Retailer profit	\$9.35
Publisher profit	\$2.10

(Figures from American Booksellers Association)

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REMINDER

THE DEADLINE FOR NEWS FOR THE
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IS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1990.