



# C-E-F TRAILBLAZER

## Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System News

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### ADIRONDACK BOOKS

For many years, C-E-F has maintained a small collection of books on the North Country, a valuable resource for local patrons. In this time of shrinking book budgets, a special Adirondack Library Resources Grant from the Lake Placid Educational Foundation has enabled us to supplement and update this collection and also to acquire videocassettes on Adirondack concerns (detailed on page 7 by Marie Chauvin).

I thought it would be useful to provide a list of the books, which Elizabeth Rogers purchased under this grant, within their subject areas:

#### **NATURE**

Chapman, William K. and Bessette, Alan E.; TREES AND SHRUBS OF THE ADIRONDACKS: A FIELD GUIDE.

Farb, Nathan; 100 VIEWS OF THE ADIRONDACKS.

Jaffe, Howard et al.; GEOLOGY OF THE ADIRONDACK HIGH PEAKS REGION: A HIKERS GUIDE.

Liotta, P.H.; LEARNING TO FLY: A SEASON WITH THE PEREGRINE FALCON.

Taylor, Kip; LOON.

#### **HISTORY**

DeSormo, Maitland; THE "MURRAY RUSH" IN RETROSPECT, OR, WITH THE MULTITUDE IN THE ADIRONDACKS.

Everest, Allan S.; PLINY MOORE: NORTH COUNTRY PIONEER OF CHAMPLAIN, NEW YORK. THE WAR OF 1812 IN THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY.

Kirschenbaum, Howard; THE STORY OF SAGAMORE.

Murray, W.H.H.; ADVENTURES IN THE WILDERNESS.

Ortloff, George C. ("Chris"); A LADY IN THE LAKE - THE TRUE ACCOUNT OF DEATH AND DISCOVERY IN LAKE PLACID.

Pilcher, Edith; UP THE LAKE ROAD - THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS OF THE ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN RESERVE.

Randall, Willard Sterne; BENEDICT ARNOLD: PATRIOT AND TRAITOR.

Sylvester, Nathaniel B.; HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF NORTHERN NEW YORK AND THE ADIRONDACK WILDERNESS.

Van Hoesenbergh, Henry (edit. by Maitland DeSormo); TOLD AROUND THE CAMPFIRE.

#### **FISHING**

Aprill, Dennis (ed.); GOOD FISHING IN THE ADIRONDACKS.

Cole, N.B.; GUIDE TO TROUT WATERS IN THE ADIRONDACK MOUNTAINS.

Engels, Vincent; ADIRONDACK FISHING IN THE 1930's: A LOST PARADISE.  
Werner, Robert G.; FRESHWATER FISHES OF NEW YORK STATE - A FIELD GUIDE.

### **ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION**

Curth, Louis C.; THE FOREST RANGERS: A HISTORY OF THE NEW YORK STATE RANGER FORCE.

Keller, Jane E.; ADIRONDACK WILDERNESS: A STORY OF MAN AND NATURE.

McKibben, Bill; THE END OF NATURE.

Schaefer, Paul; DEFENDING THE WILDERNESS: THE ADIRONDACK WRITINGS OF PAUL SCHAEFER.

### **ADIRONDACK WOMEN**

LaBastille, Anne; MAMA POC, WOMEN AND WILDERNESS, WOODSWOMAN.

Niemi, Judith and Wieser, Barbara (edits.); RIVERS RUNNING FREE: STORIES OF AD VENTEROUS WOMEN.

Winter, Kate H.; THE WOMAN IN THE MOUNTAIN: RECONSTRUCTIONS OF SELF AND LAND BY ADIRONDACK WOMEN WRITERS.

### **ART**

Harrell, Loy S.; DECOYS OF LAKE CHAMPLAIN.

Tatham, David and Atwood, Manley; THE NORTH COUNTRY ART OF FREDERIC REMINGTON.

### **TRAVEL**

Vesty, John; ADIRONTREKS: PLACES AND PEOPLE IN THE ADIRONDACKS.

### **TALL TALES**

Ward, Vaughn (edit.); I ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH (EVEN IF I HAVE TO LIE TO DO IT!) : STORIES FROM THE ADIRONDACK LIARS' CLUB.

### **FICTION**

There were some surprises here -- you'd be amazed at how many authors have turned to the Adirondacks for inspiration. Famed mystery author John D. MacDonald's well-known sleuth, Travis McGee, touched down briefly in the Adirondacks in Cinnamon Skin and The Quick Red Fox. MacDonald also produced a true chronicle of his life with cats, The House Guests, partially set at Piseco in the southern Adirondacks. Theodore Dreiser's classic An American Tragedy (on which the movie A Place in the Sun was based) is about an actual murder at Big Moose. William Judson's Cold River, about two kids battling for survival in the frozen Adirondacks wilderness (don't we all?) was also made into a movie by "Adirondack Fred" Sullivan. In T.M. Wright's The Island the dead arise from an Adirondack lake in winter -- giving us yet another reason to head south during that season. Bill Pronzini and Barry Malzberg's The Running of Beasts is also an Adirondack horror story -- set in the Schroon Lake area. The Purple Pterodactyls by L. Sprague De Camp is a science fiction story collection partially set in the Adirondacks. In A Deep Disturbance, a mystery by Constance Rauch, our heroine just can't win. She runs away to the Adirondacks to escape her sicko husband, to find mysterious people and a dead body. The Parody Murder Case by Cornelia Bonsack is a comic mystery set in Keene Valley. Bari Wood's LightSource is a suspense novel which pits a young scientist and her new fusion reactor against an evil oil conglomerate, partially set in the Lake Placid area. Caroline Crane's mystery, The Third Passenger features a plane crash -- also in the frozen Adirondack wilderness -- and a killer "waiting like a time bomb in the snow." Two unstable backwoods brothers in Christopher Davis' Dog Horse Rat off the son of wealthy summer residents. Our yuppie heroine, in White Light by Patricia Volk, flees to the Adirondacks to find herself, where she discovers not only the usual strange natives, but also a colony of rare Israeli Dwarfs.

And all this time you thought black flies were our worst problem!

Finally, for the faint of heart, the fiction list ends up with a romance, The Adirondack Princess II by Doris E. Schuyler.

All the Adirondack titles are available on interlibrary loan from C-E-F member libraries and the C-E-F bookmobiles.

Mary S. Hopkins  
Editor

## ***FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK***

*We are pursuing attentively the legislative scene in Albany, hoping that our legislators will have good news for libraries and library budgets. We are also tracking several bills which would allow voter approval of library budgets and for early retirement of staff, among others.*

*We thank the Clinton County and Franklin County Legislatures and the Essex County Board of Supervisors for our new Thomas bookmobile which is now touring the C-E-F area and giving service to rural residents. It is a beautiful, efficient bookmobile which will give our residents many years of library service. Thanks!*

Stanley A. Ransom  
Director

## **C-E-F ANNUAL MEETING**

The Hotel Saranac in Saranac Lake will be the setting for the C-E-F Annual Meeting on Monday, August 5th. The featured speaker will be author Russell Banks, of Princeton and Keene Valley. Mr. Banks is the author of several popular books, the last being Affliction. He will tell us of his new work, out this September. Plan to come, hear our speaker, hear about C-E-F and meet good friends.

Stanley A. Ransom

## **REGIONAL FALL TRUSTEE INSTITUTE**

On Saturday, September 21, 1991, a Regional Library Trustee institute will be held at the Golden Arrow Hotel in Lake Placid. The Institute is being sponsored by the C-E-F Library System, the New York State Association of Library Boards and the Division of Library Development, assisted by an LSCA Title I grant. Trustees from the C-E-F Library System, the North Country Library System and the Southern Adirondack Library System are invited to attend. Library directors are also invited to attend, but priority will be given to library trustees, since registration is limited to 100 persons.

This video-based workshop will demonstrate some of the common problems faced by library trustees and will show how these problems can best be met. Trustees will learn to improve their decision making abilities. The workshop format will be short video board presentations followed by discussions at each table, led by an experienced "board president."

Trustees will be asked to register for the workshop from June to August and will be asked to pay registration, break and lunch buffet fees of \$20. Rooms at the Golden Arrow Hotel, 150 Main Street, Lake Placid, 12946 (518-523-3353) will be available for \$68 for either a single or a double room.

The workshop will begin at 9 am and run to 4 pm. Trustees are urged to attend this worthwhile institute. A similar video-based discussion workshop was held last year in Albany with great success and plaudits from attending trustees.

For more information, please contact Stanley A. Ransom at 518-563-5190.

Stanley A. Ransom

## **C-E-F NEW SUMMER HOURS**

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the C-E-F Library System will observe the summer hours of 8 am to 4 pm as the regular work day. While the C-E-F system will close at 4 pm, the Bookmobile staff and others with special duties will continue to work until 5 pm.

Stanley A. Ransom

## **TRUSTEES IN THE NEWS**

Ann Choate of Willsboro was recently appointed to the C-E-F Board of Trustees by the Essex County Board of Supervisors, to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Fern Cunnion.

Mrs. Choate has been a member of the Board of the Paine Memorial Library in Willsboro since 1972 and she has been the Secretary-Treasurer of that Board since 1973.

Mrs. Choate is a substitute teacher at both the elementary and secondary school levels. She has been extremely active in Girl Scouting, both in the Willsboro area and with the North Country Girl Scout Council. She is also active with the United Methodist Church. She has been a recipient of the Essex County Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award for outstanding community service.

Mrs. Choate's husband, Lauren, is the retired head manager of Willsboro's NYCO wollastonite plant. He participated in the early development of that industry and was influential in its expansion and success.

The Choates have 7 children and 7 grandchildren. For recreation, the Choates enjoy traveling throughout the nation in their RV and Mrs. Choate is an avid golfer.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

June 10	C-E-F Public Relations Workshop
August 5	C-E-F Annual Meeting-- Hotel Saranac
August 19	CEFDA Meeting -- Champlain Memorial Library

# HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

## **LEE SALZMAN REPORTS:**

I'd like to thank all of our member libraries for their prompt responses to our large print book discard survey. Now that we know their preferences, we'll be able to weed our collection with vigor and know that these materials will still serve a good purpose through our own form of "recycling."

By the time you read this article, C-E-F will have participated as an exhibitor in the Essex County Seniorama at the Olympic Center, a special event sponsored by the Essex County Office for the Aging and the Essex County RSVP program. We are pleased to have the opportunity to be a part of this festive information-sharing activity so that we can let Essex County senior residents know about the many services available to them through their local libraries and bookmobile stops.

On April 8, we conducted a very successful workshop entitled "Review of Basic System Services" at System headquarters in cooperation with the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Directors' Association. Fourteen member libraries were represented by 23 library staff and volunteers. Everyone had the opportunity to visit each System department in their assigned small group. At each stop they were provided with an overview of services provided, had the chance to ask questions and were introduced to System staff members. This was followed by a large group session for further questions, information sharing and demonstrations. For some this workshop was a "refresher course," for others it was a new experience, but everyone benefited from it according to their own needs.

**Leona Salzman**  
Assistant Director/Head of Outreach

## **NEWS AND PROGRESS FROM REFERENCE/ILL**

The tulips are in bloom, students are ending the semester and we are beginning to think we might actually have a summer season after all.

March and April were busy months for us to

expand (or even keep up with) or RBDB activities. Now that the regional holdings disk has a name -- NORPAC, for North Country Public Access Catalog -- we no longer refer to our "Impact" libraries, but are being Norpacked instead.

We're in the process of installing a NORPAC workstation in AuSable Forks, and are excited to be installing the NORPAC cataloging module at the Saranac Lake Free Library. Betsy Beggs and staff are eager to begin their retrospective conversion project using the disk. We're hoping to get the project underway this month.

We've installed and had training on the updated version of AGILE, our online MARC data base. After two unsuccessful tries (but nice visits to Plattsburgh by Auto-Graphics staff), the third try was the lucky try, and we were able to log on and start using AGILE 3. The new system is faster and easier to use, and both Lettie and Violet are pleased with the changes.

Back at the Reference Ranch, we continue to muddle through. We were very sorry to see Jeanene Light leave Plattsburgh Public's Reference Department, and wish her much luck. Drastic budget cuts are having an impact on the level and types of services we provide.

Point-to-point interlibrary loan is an idea whose time has come to the North Country, and our member libraries are taking advantage of its possibilities. Now that we have the technology, the know-how, and the CD-ROM, we are all finding new and creative ways of interlibrary lending. Here at the System, we've noticed a great increase in ILL traffic coming from individual schools. Nearly 50% of the regional requests we receive from non-CEF libraries are from schools.

Warm weather always seems to inspire us to work in the stacks, and this year is no exception. We are revising our Collection Development Policy (every library is), and are concentrating on more comprehensive collection review guidelines. With shelf space at a premium and book budgets shrinking before our very eyes, it's more important than ever to analyze our circulation and collection use.

It's time to dust off the gardening books and ready the outboard motor repair manuals. The

summer patrons will be arriving soon, armed with the usual and unusual surprise requests.

Elizabeth Rogers  
Head, Reference/ILL

## OUTREACH NEWS



We are pleased to announce that the new C-E-F bookmobile has finally arrived! This vehicle was made according to our specifications by Thomas Built Buses of High Point, North Carolina, and was immediately put into service. "Tom," as he has been christened by driver Mike Pavone, replaces "Old Gert," a 1977 Gerstenslager which logged over 175,000 miles before she was retired two weeks ago.

The new bookmobile features an "aerodynamically improved design" (it's lower) and a diesel engine, both of which help to double our fuel mileage to 7.5 miles per gallon. Patrons love the lower first step and sturdy hand rails, as well as the strategically placed shelf space for approximately 3,200 books. This new shelving arrangement allows us to carry a greater variety of library materials such as magazines, books on tape (which are becoming increasingly popular), and community information. According to bookmobile librarian Mary Seguin, vastly improved lighting throughout the vehicle helps patrons see what they are trying to find, and they tend to take more books!

In his eye-catching metallic colors of red, white, silver and black, "Tom" has become something of a local celebrity. We have enjoyed local media coverage of the first patron to use the new bookmobile, as well as our subsequent visits to the Clinton, Essex and Franklin County Legislatures. These visits were highlighted by the presentation of a plaque to each board of legislators and supervisors by Mary Leggett, President of the C-E-F Board of Trustees, who is also a former bookmobile librarian. An open house followed each presentation which gave county residents the opportunity to visit their new bookmobile and to compliment us on its appearance.

The new bookmobile made its first social appearance outside the line of duty on Saturday, May 11 at the Parenting Fair which was held at Bailey Avenue School in Plattsburgh. Children's Librarian Kathie LaBombard and I distributed in-

formation for parents and children and promoted bookmobile use as an ideal way to enjoy a summer of good reading. We have also been invited to visit Northern Adirondack Central School in Ellenburg in June to "show and tell" high school students about our service.

Thank you once again to our legislators and patrons in the three counties for your continued support of bookmobile service. We will use your new bookmobile over its long lifetime to deliver the best possible service to you!

Julie Wever  
Outreach Librarian

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

"Discover Camp Library" is the theme for this year's Summer Reading Program. Twenty-five member libraries, two reading centers and both bookmobiles will be participating in the program. Materials, including reading records, certificates, posters, bookmarks and balloons have been distributed from System headquarters.

As a part of this year's program, Judith Gorog, author of several books for children and young adults, will be visiting member libraries to present an hour of storytelling geared towards older children and teens. Some of Mrs. Gorog's titles include A Taste For Quiet, No Swimming in Dark Pond, and In a Messy, Messy Room.

C-E-F is also planning to offer a creative writing contest for young people during the summer months. Details are being finalized and announcements should be forthcoming.

Finally, thanks to a grant from the NYLA Public Libraries Section, our summer intern, Amy Longacre, from the Buffalo Library School, will be joining us on June 12th. Amy will be helping out at the System and working with the member libraries, so hopefully, everyone will have a chance to meet her.

Kathie LaBombard  
Children's Consultant

## ACQUISITIONS/HUMANITIES

A coterie of C-E-F Librarians gathered in Malone on May 4th to plot "Mystery in the

Adirondacks," a book discussion series sponsored by the New York Council on the Arts. Assembled around the ornate oak table on the third floor of Wead Library drinking coffee and eating doughnuts, were Carol White, Akwesasne; Mary Kay Rillahan, Peru; Kathy Cayea, Plattsburgh; Chalice Dechene, Tupper Lake; Stan Ransom, myself and our host, Dave Minnich. The idea for a mystery series was enthusiastically received and books and ideas flowed around the table. We narrowed the possibilities and came up with the following books that we felt would best represent our theme:

- Saratoga Bestiary, by Stephen Dobyns
- Lady in the Lake, by Chris Ortloff
- Dancehall, by Bernard Connors
- An American Tragedy, by Theodore Dreiser
- Murder in the Adirondacks, by Craig Brandon
- Billy Bathgate, by E.L. Doctorow

An interesting aside concerning Billy Bathgate, now being filmed starring Dustin Hoffman, is that Hollywood has been in touch with Dave Minnich to check on proper names in the Malone area, in all probability to avoid lawsuits. We all

hoped that Dave could arrange bit parts for us but apparently the film is being done elsewhere. Hollywood has suffered a grievous loss.

I am now trying to arrange speakers and schedules and as soon as that is done they will be sent out to all of our member libraries.

The other fall series now being planned will feature women writers from this geographic area reading and discussing their novels. But more about that later.

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Kitty Miller, a former employee, is now a volunteer doing that dreaded filing and discarding. Her help is greatly appreciated by all of us and we hope she will be with us for a long time.

Carol Bedore  
Head of Acquisitions/  
Humanities Coordinator

Videos purchased under the 1991 Adirondack Library Resources Grant from the Lake Placid Educational Foundation.

**Adirondacks - The Land Nobody Knows**                      30 Minutes.                      Color.  
A remarkable video that shows the spectacular beauty of seldom seen areas of the vast six-million acre Adirondack Park. Video Publishing Ltd.

**Adirondacks - A Land of Water**                                      30 Minutes.                      Color.  
A new look at public access to historic rivers and waterways in the Adirondacks. Video Publishing Ltd.

**America's Bird: The Wild Turkey**                                      45 Minutes.                      Color.  
Re-establishment of the wild turkey in wilderness areas. Grunko Films Inc.

**Anatomy of a Trout Stream**    60 Minutes.                      Color.  
How to identify and read a good trout stream, with proven trout fishing methods. Library Source.

**Around Cape Horn**    37 Minutes.                      Black & White.  
In 1929 the last great days of commercial sail were passing. During that year Captain Irving Johnson sailed aboard the massive boat Peking. Some spectacular scenes were filmed during a wild storm as the ship rounded Cape Horn. Northeast Historic Film.

**Audubon Society's Videoguide to the Birds of North America** (4 parts) 78 Minutes each  
Bird sights and sounds with identification. Library Video Company

- Basic Fly Casting** 60 Minutes. Color.  
Step-by-step instruction on fly casting. Library Source.
- Champions of Wildlife** 60 Minutes. Color.  
Conservationist and citizen efforts to help wildlife. Grunko Films Inc.
- The Deer Man** 40 Minutes. Color.  
A heartwarming documentary about one man's childhood dream come true. This tape depicts the relationship established by Harold Summerville with Whitetail deer, who actually come to his call and eat from his hand. Filmed in the Adirondacks, this is probably the best tape ever for those who enjoy deer watching. Video Publishing Ltd.
- Earliest Maine Films** 22 Minutes. Color.  
Earliest Maine films showing local activities such as logging and fishing. Northeast Historic Films.
- Forests - A North American Heritage** 12 Minutes. Color.  
Shows the need for wise management of all of our varieties of forests. West Wind Productions.
- From Stump to Ship: A 1930 Logging Film**  
A complete look at the log industry. From the forest, to the log drive -- the spring journey down icy streams and rivers, moving logs to the mill for sawing into lumber. Northeast Historic Films.
- Ice Fishing** 72 Minutes. Color.  
Valuable information on safety, equipment and techniques. Library Source.
- LL. Bean Guide to Outdoor Photography** 55 Minutes. Color.  
How to take better outdoor photographs and what equipment is best. West Wind Productions.
- Loon Carving #1** 120 Minutes. Color.  
From selecting the wood to the loon feather layout. Highwood Bookshop.
- Loon Painting #2** 120 Minutes. Color.  
Step-by-step instructions on painting a loon. Highwood Bookshop.
- Minimum Impact on Wilderness** 15 Minutes. Color.  
How people visiting wilderness areas can help retain their wild character. WestWind Productions.
- Of Rivers and Men** 28 Minutes. Color.  
Describes the rivers and tells the story of the all-out effort to protect the wild character of the region made by the State, the Adirondack Park Agency and by the people of our state and elsewhere. Video Publishing Ltd.
- Oral Historian's Work** 30 Minutes. Color.  
All you need to know for a successful oral history project. Northeast Historic Films.
- Rivers** 60 Minutes. Color.  
How Americans are working together to protect our nation's rivers. National Wildlife Federation.
- Wetlands** 60 Minutes. Color.  
Citizens working to halt wetland destruction. National Wildlife Federation.

Marie Chauvin  
Head, Audiovisual Dept.



**-- ANNOUNCING THE PRE-PUBLICATION SALE --**  
(Publication in mid June '91)

**THE PLATTSBURGH PLATTS**  
A Genealogy of  
**THE FOUR PLATT BROTHERS WHO SETTLED PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**  
Beginning in 1785  
by

Margaret Myers Byrne  
46 Cumberland Avenue  
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

This book should be of interest to both North Country and downstate libraries and historians, as the Platt family moved from Long Island to Poughkeepsie and then on to our region in the post-Revolutionary era. This labor of love by Margaret Myers Byrne, who is a descendent of the Platts, has taken 8 years to compile and contains a very useful index of Platt and non-Platt names.

This book may be obtained from the author. A price list follows:

1 to 9 copies @ \$14.50 per copy plus \$2.50 postage & handling  
10 or more copies @ \$12.50 per copy plus \$3.75 postage & handling  
Post-publication price: \$19.95 plus postage & handling  
(+ 7% sales tax, if applicable)

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## MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

### AUSABLE FORKS FREE LIBRARY

Library Director, Gayle Maicus reports:

The first quarter of 1991 has been a time of change and growth for our library. Our school year story hour which meets each Wednesday morning, has grown from four children to twenty-four, thanks to our talented and caring volunteers. It is wonderful to see the children come with such enthusiasm and excitement for our time together. Our school year story hour will end with a party June 19th, but our youth program will not. We will be running the reading program Discover Camp Library as well as having story hours for both three to five year olds and six to eight year olds. A film festival is planned for July 31st with story teller Judith Gerog. Our final program for the youth for the summer will be a celebration of our summer reading program accomplishments.

On April 28th our Board of Directors honored our many faithful and dedicated volunteers with a recognition tea. Each volunteer received a certificate of appreciation as well as our deep gratitude for jobs well done. C-E-F Director Stanley Ransom attended and entertained all with his musical talents. It was a delightful afternoon.

We are looking forward to our summer and all the challenges and growth that it will bring.

### BELDEN-NOBLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ESSEX

Board Secretary Arline Leaning reports:

Our quarterly meeting in April brought new officers to the board. President, Katherine Gross; Vice-President, Norma Goff; Treasurer, Mary Oliver; and Secretary, Arline Leaning.

Fern Cunnion resigned and we are all sorry to lose her. Having served for two years, trustee for six and president for four, she had planned many helpful and interesting programs. Her ``Miles of Pennies'' created much interest. She planned and worked our two previous book sales and cookie sales. The attractive garden plots on either side of the entrance were planned and maintained by Fern and her husband, Don. To say ``Thank-you,'' we the trustees will continue her projects for the coming season.

## WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

Having a Star Lab in the Conference Room, by virtue of BOCES, Bill Rizos, and the TAG program, was a different experience for the past few weeks. The youngsters involved in it certainly enjoyed it. As a teaching tool, it has to be considered something which would awaken all sorts of interests. Portable planetariums were not possible decades ago. If Star Lab does have a downside, which seems unlikely, it might be merely the fact that entry into it demands that "old bones" (particularly those George Burns sings about) be fairly flexible.

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At the Wead Library's Annual Election, on April 17, 90 total ballots were cast, 79 in favor of increasing the Library's appropriation from \$156,631 to \$202,977.

In the balloting to fill the five-year term for Trustee expiring June 30th, Jacqueline Shields received 80 votes. There were 2 blank ballots and 8 "write ins."

## PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

An art exhibit, "Spring Inspiration," is on display at the library through June 30.

The June Luncheon Social will take place on June 6th at noon. Richard Langdon, Travel Columnist for the Press-Republican will be the guest speaker. The topic of his talk is "Adirondack Guides and Their Territory: A Historical Approach to Present Day Travel."

The cost of the luncheon is \$8.00. Reservations may be made by calling:

Helen Ianelli 561-1584; Barbara Riley 561-4972  
Kathy Murnane 561-2535; Jann Shambo 563-1630

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PPL is planning a big book sale for July 26th!

Also the library's cookbook of North Country recipes will be published in early summer. The library book budget cut is a very serious problem and profits from this cookbook will go for new books.

## DODGE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ROUSES POINT

Father Hal Meyers, pastor of Christ St. John's Episcopal Church in Champlain has recently been appointed a trustee of Dodge Memorial, filling the position left vacant by the death of Rev. Albert Giroux.

Father Meyers was a former director of the Hospice program for Clinton County and also initiated Hospice in Rouses Point.

Father Meyers was selected as Man of the year by the Champlain -- Rouses Point Chamber of Commerce a few years ago.

## SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

The library's February Book Sale, held during Winter Carnival Week netted the library the fine sum of \$1,200! Actually the library took in \$1,500, however \$300 was contributed to the Winter Carnival Committee, which helped publicize the sale. This is the third year of the February sale and it was the most successful ever.

The August "Come to the Fair" Sale will be held on August 6 and 7.

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The library's Cantwell Community Room has been refurbished and now presents the appearance of a big-city art gallery. The improvements include a new rug, freshly painted walls and the installation of a tracklighting system to spotlight art exhibits.

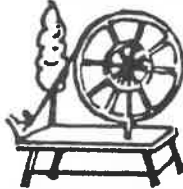
## WELLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY, UPPER JAY

The Wells memorial Library celebrated its 85th Anniversary with an informal gathering and refreshments on April 26.

Local townspeople were on hand to share true tales of the library in bygone years.

The library will hold many special events throughout its 85th year, including a book sale May 18-19.

## PAINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILLSBORO



We hope you have this date marked on your calendar! Saturday, July 27th, from 10 am to 4 pm, will be the date of the big event here in Willsboro, our 9th Annual Old Time Folk Craft Fair. Sixty-five vendors have signed up for this year's fair and we still have not reached the deadline. We have a good mix of return craft persons and new craft persons for this year's fair.

This will be an outdoor event only this year. We have outgrown the school space, so we are taking a chance with the outside weather being perfect for this exciting event.

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Three of the Trustees of Paine Memorial's Library Board have made headlines in the past few months.

Ann Choate has been named to serve on the C-E-F Library System's Board of Trustees. (see article on page 4).

Robert Hall, another of our local Trustees has just released his newest book titled North Country Almanac: Journal of the Adirondack Seasons. This is a collection of many of his writings and is divided up into the seasons of the year. Congratulations. We are very proud of all your accomplishments.

Koert D. Burnham, also a Trustee of the Library is well on his way to publishing a new book combining genealogical and historical information on the LaCorne Family. Koert's many years of research are coming together in this piece of work.

We feel that we do indeed have some very distinguished persons serving on our Board. They have your interests at heart and welcome your comments and suggestions about Library service. Plans are to have copies of both Robert Hall's and Koert Burnham's books available for sale at the Library Annual Meeting in August. Copies will also be available for loan from the Library.

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The Friends of the Library made a gift of some 85 paperback books, as well as the money necessary to send the books, to our service personnel serving in Desert Shield Forces. We were happy to participate in this most worthwhile project, and in each book we placed a note of our appreciation of their service to our country. We also included the Library's name and address.

As a result, we received a nice letter of thanks from one of our service women expressing her appreciation of receiving the material. This made the project very meaningful for all of us.

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Once again this Easter Season, the tradition of the community Easter Egg tree was continued. Thanks to Dale Boardman who each year scouts out just the right white birch tree to grace our Library interior. This year with the assistance of Dale and Gretchen Boardman, we decorated eggs that have accumulated since the early 1970's. There were over 1,000 eggs and the tree's branches were heavy laden. So we were forced to figure out how we could add this year's new eggs!

The solution . . . add a second tree downstairs. All the new eggs added in 1991 were placed on the tree in the Children's area, and we had nearly 300 eggs! In the end, the net total of eggs put away for next year was 1,400, so it looks like Dale will once again be looking for two trees next year.

## WILMINGTON E.M. COOPER MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Volunteer Friends' Group of the Wilmington/E.M. Cooper Memorial Public Library raised over \$1,000 during their March fund raising campaign this year. The library used \$500 of this money for the purchase of new books.

Several children's books were purchased with a donation made by Elloise Betters in memory of Adeline Jaques who was responsible for reopening the library in Wilmington more than ten years ago and who served as the President of the library Board of Trustees until her death earlier this year.

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