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As the year draws to an end and the holiday season approaches, we would like to continue a C-E-F tradition by beginning this issue with a thank you to those members of the C-E-F staff who have worked hard during 1989 at the various stages of the Trailblazer's production (typing, reproduction, assembly and mailing):

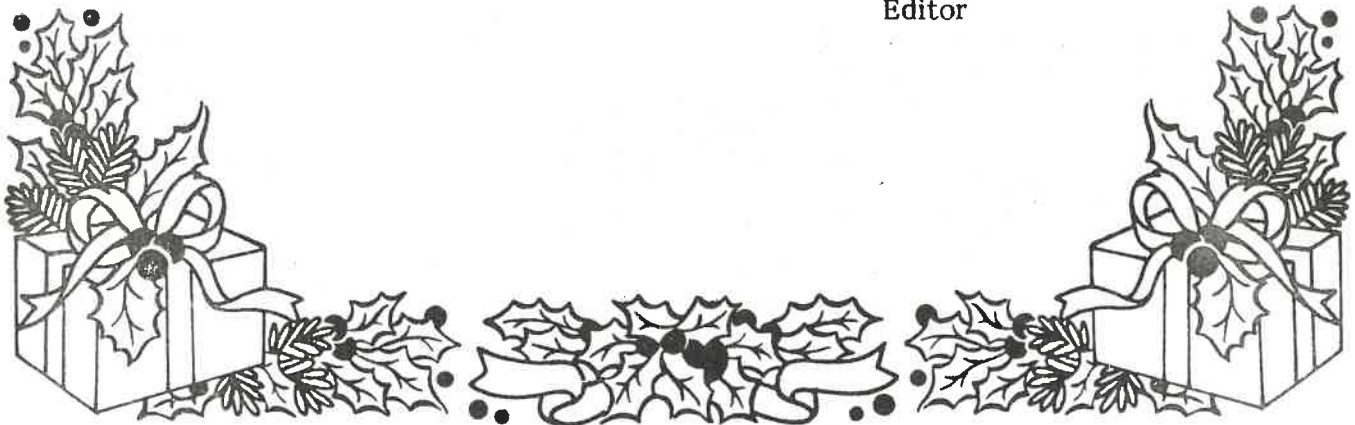
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IN MEMORIAM: ROBERT HARNDEN

We at C-E-F were shocked by the sudden death of retired C-E-F Bookmobile driver Robert H. ("Bob") Harnden on November 4th.

Bob had retired on December 30, 1985 after 30 years of dedicated service to the System -- although he was continuing to help out on a substitute basis.

Bob began work at C-E-F on August 22, 1955 at the very beginning of the System: Bob was involved in planning the first bookmobile routes and developing this service when it was in its infancy. In 1980, he wrote an article "Parnassus on Wheels," a lively account of his years on the bookmobile.

Many friends and co-workers will mourn the passing of this pioneer in North Country library service.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Now is not too early to contact legislators and to ask them for support for passage of the library Omnibus Bill in the Assembly in 1990. Please advise our legislators that the Senate Bill 2943-A which provides 29 million dollars for public libraries for all types of library services, has been passed. We need a bill in the Assembly as a companion bill to the Senate Bill and we need to have this bill passed in 1990. Please contact your legislators and let them know how badly we need to have this bill. We have had no increase since 1986.

Stanley A. Ransom
Director

STAFF CHANGES

Barbara Beach is now on maternity leave and her place is being taken by Diane Golden, who will be with us until Barbara returns in the Spring or Summer of 1990. Our Head of Reference, Elizabeth Rogers, has been on sick leave for an extended time and her place is being taken by Sharon McCausland. Rosemary Burdo has left the reference department to return to her earlier home in Lockport, New York. We wish Rosemary all the best, and we wish Elizabeth a speedy recovery.

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GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON LIBRARIES

There will be a Governor's Conference on Libraries to be held in Albany in November or December of 1990. This will precede the White House Conference on Library and Information Services, which is scheduled to take place before September 1991. The theme of the Governor's Conference will be the same as that of the White House Conference, namely, library service as it affects productivity, democracy and literacy. Other topics that we expect will be discussed are the financing of libraries and a discussion of the ways libraries reflect social change. Stanley Ransom is a member of the NYLA Governor's Conference Committee and has been assisting in the planning. Chair of the Governor's Conference Committee is Helen Flowers, former president of New York Library Association.

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NOVEMBER 20th WORKSHOP

The CEFDA Workshop was held on November 20 at Plattsburgh Public Library. Directors and trustees attended this meeting in the morning. In the afternoon Dr. Nancy Groce, Assistant Director of the New York Council on the Humanities, discussed the ways in which libraries could use the grant and speaker programs for their community programs. Participants met the C-E-F staff and discussed the C-E-F library services in the afternoon.

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BLACK POETRY DAY 1989

Black Poetry Day was held on October 17, the birthdate of Jupiter Hammon. We had planned to have as our speaker Ntozake Shange, but at the last minute she called to say she was ill with the flu. Mr. Bernard Finney, who was already presenting poetry programs at Altona Correctional Facility and Plattsburgh Air Force Base, graciously consented to substitute for our speaker. Before an audience of 100 persons, Mr. Finney delivered a delightful address, focusing on black poetry and his own poetry especially. He charmed the crowd with his poetry and his witty observations on poetry in general. A throng of delighted listeners clustered around Mr. Finney for more than an hour after the conclusion of the program. We appreciated very much Mr. Finney's willingness to substitute for our speaker.

The program was funded in part by the New York State Council on the Arts and the New York State Writer's Institute as well as Plattsburgh State University College departments, Akeba, the black student organization and Plattsburgh Air Force Base. We also appreciated a donation by Mr. Lloyd Archer, President of Quick-Cast Limited.

An outstanding poster commemorating black poetry day and designed by CreativeEdge, a principal of whom is Rick Salzman, PSUC faculty, was distributed to the 739 public libraries in New York State and to a number of local schools and other institutions, as well as all correctional facilities in New York State.

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NYLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The NYLA conference was held in Saratoga Springs from October 25-29, 1989. The gavel passed from president Janet Steiner to the new president Fran Roscello. The staff members who attended were Lee Salzman, Kathie LaBombard, Julie Wever, Carol Bedore and Stanley Ransom. C-E-F Board members who attended were Janet Decker, Emily Castine, Mary Leggett and Anne Russell.

There were some very worthwhile programs, including space planning for public libraries, managing the one person library, legislative activities, outreach activities and programs for trustees. There were also approximately 200 exhibitors. As a result of attending the conference, we are purchasing a die cutting machine to cut out letters and logos and bookmarks for the library system and member libraries.

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TRUSTEES IN THE NEWS

C-E-F Board Trustee Bill Johnston of Westport was a co-recipient of an Alliance of New York State Arts Councils Partnership Award for his role, as Essex County Planner, in nurturing the Essex County Arts Council since its formation.

Also included in the award were Caroline Rubino, Director of the Essex County Arts Council; the Essex County Board of Supervisors, for their outstanding financial contributions to the Arts Council and the Essex County Tourism Bureau, which produced a promotional video on Essex County.

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HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

LEE SALZMAN REPORTS:

C-E-F has received approval of four Library Services and Construction Act Title I grant projects: Job Information Center (\$6,818), Beginning with Books (\$10,908), Reading Partners for Older Adults (\$3,535) and Literacy Volunteers (\$2,273). Reading Partners for Older Adults is a newly funded project which will match volunteers with print handicapped older adults so that they may share the joy of reading. Beginning with Books is a variation of last year's Family Reading Program, and will include an information and referral component designed to establish ties between local libraries and community

human service agencies. This year's Literacy Volunteers project will focus on computer training for literacy tutors, and the Job Information Center will be expanding its collection size and looking to serve more individual patrons and agencies.

Seventeen member libraries participated in our September 25th workshop, "Reading is a Family Affair." components of the workshop included the showing and discussion of the video Drop Everything and Read, review of the family literacy training packet Laying the Foundations, sharing of member library experiences with our 1989 Family Reading Program and a slide presentation on using children's books with

adult new readers. The workshop was very well received, and is probably best summed up by this comment from one of the workshop participants on the evaluation form -- "I expected something cut and dried but it was enjoyable, interesting and informative."

Several new items are available for loan through our Outreach Department to use for programming with older adults. We've purchased four additional Bifolkal kits: Remembering Fall, Remembering Music, Remembering Train Rides and Remembering Summertime. These new kits include a videocassette as well as slides/tape, so that you can use whichever format works best for your group. Another Slideas volume has been added to the collection, and it includes slides on the following themes: Fathers, Shopping, Postcards and Manners. Also available are Visit Kits. The purpose of these kits is to supply volunteer visitors, family members and others who visit with older adults with materials that they can look at, talk about and use together. The kits include such items as historic photographs, reproductions from old catalogs and magazines and special "props."

Leona Salzman
Assistant Director/
Head of Outreach

ACQUISITIONS NEWS

The Autographics AGILE II system is now up and operating thanks to Julie Wever, Mike Pavone and Hugh Starke. This system will allow C-E-F to put our libraries' holdings in MARC format. The process of searching the AGILE II system will be both ongoing and retrospective with Lettie Liberty doing the major part of the input, assisted by Marilyn Blanchard and Lorraine White. Kate Sudekum from Autographics conducted a training session on November 2nd and 3rd with Holly Heller, Violet Feazelle from Plattsburgh Public Library attending, along with Tracey LaBarge, Lettie Liberty, Marilyn Blanchard, Lorraine White, Kitty Miller and myself from our staff.

Mike Pavone has also placed an updated version of ACQUIRE in our IBM and cleaned the database of all extraneous material so that the response time has been enhanced. He is also looking at a software package that at the present time looks to be a combination of database, spreadsheet and word processor. Hopefully Mike will conduct another teaching session for us soon.

Carol Bedore
Head, Acquisitions

NOTES FROM MR. STARKE

Mr. Starke will be visiting several libraries during the month of November to provide additional computer training. If any other libraries would like to have additional computer training, please call Mr. Starke to set up a time for this training.

Early in December, Mr. Starke plans to make a roundrobin trip to all our libraries interested in rejuvenating their art prints collections. He will be calling again toward the end of the month to set up a date. He will fit as many as possible of our art prints into the van and give the librarians an opportunity to select the prints they want for their collection and return those no longer wanted by the local library.

The RAIN (Rural Assistance Information Network) project is now being actively promoted. As soon as he can fit this project into his tight schedule, Mr. Starke will travel to each library to enter the necessary computer handshaking information and phone number into the "phone book" contained on each library's modem software. Then each library will be able to supply information about state and federal grants available to their local patrons who may need this information. Publicity about this program occasionally appears in local newspapers.

WARNING - Librarians are reminded that they should always back up important computer files. The back-up should never be tampered with or updated until you are

ABSOLUTELY SURE that you have a more up-to-date file. This assurance is NOT there at the point of saving, but only at the point of recalling again into the computer what you saved last time. Therefore I recommend that you have a 3-disk set for all important files:

#1 - use this disk for loading, use and saving files.

#2 - use this for your back-up of alternate sessions.

#3 - use this disk for sessions NOT backed up on #2.

A session consists of all work done with a file from the time you load the file into the computer until you remove that file completely from the memory of the computer. At least one back-up disk should NEVER be touched for ANY reason during a session. If, then, problems develop during the saving function due to disk malfunction or any other reason, only one session is lost. If in your next session, you cannot load either your disk #1 or your latest back-up, call Mr. Starke for advice before touching your earlier backup, (two libraries have lost major files because of unforeseen problems in the saving function affecting their main disk and their only backup.)

Hugh Starke
Administrative Assistant

OUTREACH NEWS

The bookmobile department is battening down the hatches for the holidays and another long winter of service to patrons at our 70 favorite stops in the North Country.

On October 6, Craig Leonard of Thomas Bookmobiles visited C-E-F to talk with staff about features of new bookmobiles on the market. He then returned home to North Carolina, and left us to coax our 12-year-old vehicle through another winter! We are tentatively planning to write specifications for a new bookmobile after the first of the year, and are keeping our fingers crossed that Old Gussie has another winter left in her.

We are ushering in the holidays with a Second Annual Turkey Giveaway. For every five items checked out, bookmobile patrons may enter their name in a drawing for fabulous prizes. This year, there will be two winners per bookmobile. Prizes include: two turkeys donated by Sun Foods, and two \$15.00 gift certificates redeemable at any Grand Union store. We owe special thanks to our generous donors, and to our patrons who obligingly "gobble up good books" and boost our circulation.

We were saddened to learn that Kenny Gero passed away on November 6. We were fortunate to have been able to rely upon Kenny as a longtime substitute driver on the van delivery and bookmobiles as well as for his great sense of humor. He will be greatly missed.

Our local state correctional facilities are now fully staffed with librarians. John Furman was recently appointed Librarian of Adirondack Correctional Facility in Ray Brook. As this position had been vacant since spring, John visited C-E-F recently for a catch-up orientation to services available through our State Correctional program. Adirondack is now very active in interlibrary loan transactions. Hans Plambeck has joined the staff at Bare Hill Correctional Facility in Malone. We look forward to working with Hans and the staff of this new facility during the 1990 program.

Five local facilities hosted Black Poetry celebrations on the weekend of October 20-22 as Jacqueline Warren-Moore from Syracuse NY shared her poetry and writing tips with over 500 inmates. Ms. Warren-Moore's presentation was much appreciated by her audience. She in turn was rewarded with many encores from the inmates, and a kind reception from the staff at each facility.

The bookmobile staff extends best wishes to all for happy holidays and all things good in the New Year as we begin a new decade of bookmobile service.

Julie Wever
Outreach Librarian

JEIC NEWS

We are happy to welcome Martha Schmidt to our staff to fill in for Judy Menard while Judy is on an educational leave of absence. Marty is a mother and grandmother who has learned her new job very quickly and seems to enjoy giving Center patrons lots of help and attention. We're lucky that Marty is here.

Added recently to the C-E-F video collection are several new titles to help

our member library patrons. We can now provide language teaching videos in French, German, Spanish and Japanese. Also available are computer tutor videos for Pagemaker, Appleworks, Wordstar, Wordperfect and Lotus 1-2-3. We hope you'll contact Marie Chauvin in the film department to borrow these or some of our other videos.

Kathie LaBombard
JEIC Librarian

NEW VIDEOS AT C-E-F

Here are a few videos not listed in the Catalogue:

Alice in Wonderland. Disney 75 minutes. Color.

A magical trip through the looking glass and enter the topsy-turvy, colorful world of Wonderland. Based on Lewis Carrol's beloved fable. C-E-F funds.

Cinderella Faerie Tale Theatre 53 minutes. Color.

The best known and loved fairy tale in the world, stars Jennifer Beals as Cinderella and Jean Stapleton as the Fairy Godmother. Family Reading Grant.

Goldilocks & The Three Bears. Faerie Tale Theatre 47 minutes. Color.

Tatum O'Neil stars as the mischievous but lovable child who invades the lives of the three bears. Family Reading Grant.

Moby Dick. MGM/UA 72 minutes. Color.

A wonderful animated version of Melville's classic novel complete with storms, mad Captain Ahab, and the enormous white whale Moby Dick. Children will love this all-time favorite. C-E-F funds.

Pinocchio. Faerie Tale Theatre 60 minutes. Color.

The story of a puppet who dreams of becoming a boy. Family Reading Grant.

Princess & The Pea. Faerie Tale Theatre 50 minutes. Color.

How delicate should a princess be? According to this tale, delicate enough to feel the presence of a pea through twenty mattresses. Liza Minnelli is the very sensitive very lovable princess in this romantic comedy. Family Reading Grant.

Puss in Boots. Faerie Tale Theatre. 51 minutes. Color.

A cat, not a dog, is one man's best friend in this entertaining tale. Family Reading Grant.

Rapunzel. Faerie Tale Theatre. 48 minutes. Color.

From high in a tower, a beautiful young woman lets down her hair -- and lets in love. This is the time-honored story of Rapunzel. Family Reading Grant.

Rumpelstiltskin. Faerie Tale Theatre 48 minutes. Color.

Boasting about one's daughter is one thing, but telling that she can spin straw into gold is quite another -- especially when the penalty for failure is death. A very entertaining comedy that demonstrates the dangers of boasting. Family Reading Grant.

Tale of the Frog Prince. Faerie Tale Theatre 55 minutes. Color.

A romantic comedy starring Robin Williams as a frog who needs a kiss from a princess to return to human form. Family Reading Grant.

Three Little Pigs. Faerie Tale Theatre. 51 minutes. Color.

Three little pigs who must overcome obstacles and outsmart the big bad wolf or they will end up on the wolf's dinner plate. Family Reading Grant.

Thumbelina. Faerie Tale Theatre 50 minutes. Color.

The story of Thumbelina, a girl so tiny she sleeps in a matchbox, how she is kidnapped and then her escape to a beautiful kingdom where she meets a handsome tiny prince. Family Reading Grant.

Wizard of Oz. MGM/UA 101 minutes. Color/Black & White.

An enchanting journey over the rainbow to the wondrous land of Oz. This is the classic version, starring Judy Garland as Dorothy. Based on L. Frank Baum's book.

Marie D. Chauvin
Head, Film Department



C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S
TO C-E-F STAFF MEMBER BARBARA BEACH
AND HER HUSBAND, CHRIS

**LEONA SALZMAN APPOINTED TO NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY
SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ACT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The New York State Board of Regents has appointed Leona Salzman, Assistant Director of Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System, to the 12-member Library Services and Construction Act Advisory Council.

The Council is broadly representative of library users and types of libraries, in accordance with Federal law. Meeting four times annually, the Council advises the State library agency on the development of the State Plan for the Library Services and Construction Act and policy matters relating to this program, assists in the evaluation of activities assisted by the Act; and advises on such other matters as the State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries may seek counsel. LSCA funds projects in such areas as literacy, family reading, job information, reference skills and automation.

NEW DIRECTOR FOR HUMANITIES SERIES

Ken Lawless, of Owls Head, has recently assumed the directorship of the Humanities Series in Upstate New York, succeeding founding director Abby Zito, who is now Executive Director of the Iowa Humanities Board.

Lawless comes to the Humanities Series from Potsdam College, where he helped create the award-winning MENTOR program, a nationwide Distance Learning project to improve teaching for the children of migrant workers. Prior to that he served as Managing Director of the Center for Music, Drama and Art at Lake Placid where he was also an official of the National Fine Arts Committee of the 1980 Winter Olympics. He was a college teacher at the University of Pittsburgh, Michigan State University, the City College of New York and Baruch College who left the city about a dozen years ago so his children could grow up in his native Adirondacks. He lives in the schoolhouse in Owls Head with his wife, Nan, and his kids, Mary and Shem.

Lawless is a writer as well as an administrator and educator. His specialties are history and humor. His articles have appeared in SPORTS ILLUSTRATED, SPORT, ANTIOCH REVIEW, ADIRONDACK LIFE, THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION and other journals. Fifteen books of humor have appeared from major trade paperback publishers. He has given five performances as a storyteller under the auspices of the Adirondack Park Visitor Center at Paul Smiths. He is a reporter for WCFE's North Country Review, which has expanded its regional coverage under its lively new format.

The Humanities Series in Upstate New York will continue to sponsor its successful American Dreams and Time Slices series at libraries all over the state. It hopes to network with SUNY Plattsburgh and other regional institutions to present performances of Pendragon Theatre's production of ANTIGONE plus a lecture series ANTIGONE THEN AND NOW: THE LIVING LEGACY OF CLASSICAL GREECE. In the planning stages are Humanities Series dealing with the environment, regional literature, aging, American values and other issues.

DEADLINE

THE DEADLINE FOR NEWS
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WILL BE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1990.

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

Director Dave Minnich reports:

The Wead Library has been given \$2,500 to be used to purchase a set of the 2nd edition of the Oxford English Dictionary. The set of the OED is to be a memorial to the late H. Charles Ellsworth and his mother, Jessie M. Ellsworth. H. Charles Ellsworth was a North Bangor native and graduated from Franklin Academy in the late 1920's. The gift is from Mr. Ellsworth's widow, Mary M. Ellsworth of Iowa City, Iowa. She has been in the Malone-North Bangor area only for short visits, "but holds a special place in her heart for it." The library is fortunate to receive such a fine remembrance.

The "Open House" on September 23rd for the newly renovated Children's area drew about 100 people during its two hour course. Those who attended seem to be favorably impressed with the arrangement. On October 18th, Susan Wool began another series of story hours. This year, she's even getting the Headstart program and its children involved. A full-time position as Children's Librarian allows for such niceties. On November 4th, Susan commenced the Film Programs once again.

The Humanities Series "Time Slices - the 1920's" will be presented in this area beginning with the New Year, in cooperation with Ballard Mill, where the programs will be held. Two who are aiding the Library Director in coordinating the "Time Slices" program are David Conaway and Therese Gibeau.

SHERMAN FREE LIBRARY, PORT HENRY

On Thursday, November 2, the Friends of the Sherman Free Library sponsored a holiday craft night at the library in Port Henry.

Mrs. Barbara Wisley, owner of Buttercup Florist, and her assistant, Tracey

Sayre, demonstrated how to make a floral centerpiece in a hollowed-out pumpkin. The finished product was an arrangement of fresh flowers and other seasonal plant materials -- a clever way to decorate a fall-harvest table.

TOWN OF WAVERLY PUBLIC LIBRARY ST. REGIS FALLS

An open house was held at the Town of Waverly Public Library, Old Bank Building, Main Street on Saturday, September 23.

This library was began by a core of volunteers several months ago. It operates under the guidance of the Waverly Town Board and the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System.

Most of the books shelved at the library have been donated by local residents and in addition, the C-E-F System sends to the library a rotating collection of most wanted books every other month.

At the open house, the townspeople were able to see what progress the volunteers have made and were given small treats. A Reading Wizard was on hand to read a short story to the children and to speak to them about the importance of a library.

Sherry Chapman is the volunteer director of the library.

WESTPORT LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Janet Kois Connally has recently filled the library director's position vacated by the resignation of Marilyn Trienens. An accomplished puppeteer, Janet spent a summer several years ago on the C-E-F Bookmobiles presenting puppet shows for children throughout the tri-county area.

Stanley A. Ransom, Director
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