

October 1966

Eleanor Brown, Editor

Dear Friend:

Welcome to the company of initial members of the Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library.

By enrolling in this brand-new organization, you have joined with over 500 other Friends of the Library groups throughout the country in supporting one of our nation's most valuable resources-- its free public libraries.

As you read the plans for programs and activities noted here, please remember that each one of the library's friends has a share in the Friends. Make known your ideas for the shape of the Friends in the future. Officers and committee chairmen will welcome hearing from you.

"Books and Authors" Series

Each month during the coming season the Friends will sponsor a "Books and Authors" program, featuring local authors. This will be an unparalleled opportunity to hear authors speak on their own work, to learn how books come into being, and to indulge our pride in our community's literary luminaries.

The series will be initiated on October 27 by Fred Lape, director of the George Landis Arboretum in Esperance and research associate in biology at Union College.

On November 17, Mrs. Hesper Liddle, owner and operator of the Ridge Book Shop in Glens Falls, will talk about Christmas book buying.

December 7 will feature a joint program by Irene Bowen and Jeanne Schwarz, discussing "Writing for Children: Two Approaches." Miss

Bowen, librarian at Pleasant Valley Elementary School, has written several mystery stories for children. Mrs. Schwarz, a social studies teacher at Galway High School, is

First BOOKS AND AUTHORS Program

Thursday, October 27, 8:00 p.m.
Children's Room, Central Library

FRED LAPE
will speak on

"A GARDEN OF TREES AND SHRUBS"

the author of children's books on New York State history, geography, and local Indian tribes.

Among the speakers for early 1967 will be Codman Hislop, author of "The Mohawk," and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rienow, conservationists and authors.

These programs will be held in the Children's Room of the Central Library at 8:00 p.m. Mark the dates -- come and bring your friends. The programs will be open to the public, with no admission fee.

Sandwiches and Shut-Ins

Besides the "Books and Authors" programs, several other Friends' activities are currently in the planning stage.

One is a series of lunchtime book review programs, during which people can listen to literary matters while eating their sandwiches. A series of evening programs scheduled for the spring will explain the mechanics of how our library functions. Another future project is providing library service to shut-ins.

Friends interested in these proposed projects are invited to call the Program Chairman.

Plans for the New Building

The architects -- the Schenectady firm of Feibes and Schmitt--expect to have plans for the new central library building completed by November 1. The drawings and specifications must then be sent for approval first to Albany, to the Library Development Division of the State Education Department, and next to Washington, to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare's Library Division. These approvals are necessary for the County to qualify for federal

THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

Cheers for the flying start made by the Friends! The library board and staff are looking forward eagerly to the proposed Friends' programs and to the morale-lifting support that has come with the knowledge that a group of interested citizens are ready to provide some of the auxiliary services so long needed.

The library's most pressing needs continue to be (1) more space and (2) more trained librarians. The progress toward a new building offers hope for the alleviation of the first need in 1968.

The number of Schenectady candidates enrolled at the Albany State Teachers' College for the master's degree in library science gives hope for some help with our second need, but more trained librarians will continue to be needed.

Best wishes from the SCPL staff for an overwhelmingly successful first season.

--Lenore White

aid toward the library's construction costs. It is expected that about \$350,000 will be available from the federal government's funds for aiding libraries.

After approvals have been granted, bids will be let for the actual construction. The architects estimate that the building will be completed within 1 1/2 years after contracts have been signed. The new building, then, will probably be an actuality in mid- or late 1968.

Both Albany and Washington have given preliminary approval to the plans, and the granting of formal approvals should be a routine matter. No evidence of public concern seems to be needed at the moment. If such a circumstance should arrive, however, the Friends will be prepared to speak out.

Friends' Committees: 1966-1967

Membership

Mrs. R. H. Norris - FR 4-2031
John S. Balwit
Mrs. Paul A. Frank
Mrs. Leo Jandreau

Program

Mrs. Fred E. Luborsky - EX 3-7545
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Gifts

Walter Grattidge - EX 3-9145
Mrs. Charles Concordia
Harold A. Dewhurst
Heaward Robinson Jr. (serves also as legal advisor)

THE NEW YEAR brings with it a new series of programs sponsored by the Friends.

January 16 will mark the first of four noon-time programs of "Books Sandwiched In." Paul C. Lemon, professor of ecology at the State University of New York at Albany, will discuss Robert Ardrey's new book "The Territorial Imperative." Dr. Lemon, a specialist in animal ecology, should have some enlightening comments to add to Ardrey's controversial thesis that man's innate compulsion to defend his property is a controlling influence on his behavior.

Bring a sandwich to the YWCA on January 16 to hear this stimulating program and join in the discussion afterward. The program starts at 12 noon and will end by 1:30, but feel free to leave earlier if necessary. Coffee will be available.

"Books Sandwiched In" will continue for the three succeeding Mondays, with programs led by Mrs. Selden Crary, instructor in the Schenectady Schools' Adult Education Division; Anthony Perrino, minister of the Unitarian Church; and Professor Manfred Jonas, specialist in 20th Century American history at Union College. Don't miss any of these programs on timely, provocative, and/or controversial topics.

"Books and Authors", Continued

A second "Books and Authors" series of evening programs will open on March 16 (see calendar). Dr. C. Guy Suits, former vice president and director of research for G.E., will lead off with a discussion of his biographical research on the life and work of the late Dr. Irving Langmuir.

Also note the fine family film fare offered by the library at

both the Central Library and the Woodlawn Branch. The Scotia Branch expects to initiate film programs in February; details will be announced later.

Tickets are necessary for all film programs, and are available at the library.

Volunteers Needed

Would you like to bring books to a shut-in? or drive some one to the library who could not otherwise reach it? A service group is being organized by the Friends to provide help in such cases. If you can, call Mrs. Luborsky at EX 3-7545 to offer your assistance.

THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

We're always happy to have people think of the library in connection with memorial gifts. Books purchased with memorial contributions are marked with a bookplate giving the name of the person so honored, and bearing also the name of the donor, at his discretion.

The library attempts to buy, with memorial gifts, books it would not otherwise be acquiring, and to add books in the field of interest of the person in whose name they are given.

The best procedure to follow, for any individual or group wishing to make a memorial gift, is to notify the library of the approximate amount of the contribution. The library is then usually able to purchase the book or books at a discount, and the gift can thus be extended.

--Leonore White

FRIENDS OF THE
SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Program: Mrs. Fred E. Luborsky
Public Relations: Mrs. Donald Kerr
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Treasurer: Donald A. Titley

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NEWSLETTER

Editor: Mrs. John F. Brown, Jr.
Circulation: Miss Vivian Kline,
Mrs. Robert Parker

The New Library: Progress Report

Building plans and the final request for a Federal grant were submitted to the Library Development Division of the State Education Department in Albany on October 21. After these plans are approved, the next step will be to advertise for bids for the actual construction.

More Friends

Individual and family memberships in the Friends now total 177. Have you told a friend about the Friends?

CALENDAR OF LIBRARY EVENTS

Jan. 16, 12:00, YWCA, Dorp Room
Prof. Paul C. Lemon:
Robert Ardrey's "The
Territorial Imperative"

Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m., Children's Room
Central Library
Film: "Mark Twain's America"

Jan. 18, 9:30 a.m., Children's Room
Central Library
Films for pre-schoolers:
"Millions of Cats", "Little
Blue and Little Yellow",
"The Snowy Day"

Jan. 23, 12:00, YWCA, Dorp Room
Mrs. Selden Crary: Samuel
Beckett's "Waiting for Godot"

Jan. 24, 8:00 p.m., Children's Room
Central Library
Meeting of the board of the
Friends of the Library

Jan. 30, 12:00, YWCA, Dorp Room
Anthony Perrino: Bishop
Robinson's "Honest to God"

Note: Admission to film programs is
by ticket only. Request tickets
in advance at the library.

All programs are open to the public.
There are no admission fees to any
of the film showings or other programs.

Feb. 6, 12:00, YWCA, Dorp Room
Prof. Manfred Jonas: An
evaluation of recent books
on President Kennedy

Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m., Woodlawn Branch
Films: "New York, N.Y.," and
"Legend of Johnny Appleseed"

Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m., Children's Room
Central Library
Films: "The Red Balloon" and
"Madeline"

Mar. 14, 7:30 p.m., Woodlawn Branch
Films: "The Ugly Duckling" and
"The Doughnuts"

Mar. 16, 8:30 p.m., Children's Room
Central Library
"Books and Authors":
Dr. C. Guy Suits

Mar. 21, 7:30 p.m., Children's Room
Central Library
Film: "White Mane"

Apr. 20, 8:30 p.m., Children's Room
Central Library
"Books and Authors":
Prof. and Mrs. Robert Rienow

May 18, 8:30 p.m., Children's Room
Central Library
"Books and Authors":
Codman Hislop

April 1967

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Eleanor Brown, Editor

"Books Sandwiched In"
Series a Success

The four programs held this winter as "Books Sandwiched In" at lunch-time proved popular, and most rewarding to the participants. Attendance varied from 35 to about 70. The Friends extend thanks to the speakers--Professor Paul C. Lemon, Anthony Perrino, Mrs. Selden Crary, and Professor Manfred Jonas--and to Steve Fitz, of WMHT, who served as moderator for three meetings. Thanks are also due the YWCA for generously allowing our use of the Dorp Room.

The Program Committee is meeting to discuss the possibility of a similar series in the future.

SCPL Board of Trustees

At its February meeting, the County Board of Supervisors filled two vacancies on the library board. Donald Hirshorn, a Glenville attorney, was named to replace H. Richard Lewis; Charles D. Abba, assistant principal of Linton High School, was reappointed for another term.

Continuing on the board are Mrs. Harrison Beale, Charles H. Betts, Ernest A. R. Cohen, Ronald C. Dixon, Eugene D. Lanigan (board president), Fred W. McChesney, William M. Murphy, Louis J. Rinaldi, and Mrs. Donovan F. Wade.

and don't forget...

the last of the current "Books and Authors" series will be on

May 18 - 8:30 p.m.

Codman Hislop will speak on his book "THE MOHAWK"

Children's Room, Central Library

Mark the date...

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 7:54 p.m.

COME HEAR...

Robert and Leona Train Rienow speak on their forthcoming book "Moment in the Sun"

plans for a gift to the library from the FRIENDS

COME VOTE...

for new officers and board members of the FRIENDS

COME...

to the FRIENDS Annual Meeting
Children's Room, Central Library, April 20, 7:45 p.m.

"Moment in the Sun"

Will we--like old King Louis--leave behind us only a deluge...will our inheritors be submerged in too many people, in dirty water and filthy air?

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Rienow of Selkirk--authors and conservationists--have studied the problem for over 20 years. Taking a long look at man at this crossroads, they have written "Moment in the Sun: A Report on the Deterioration of the American Environment," to be published later this spring. We are privileged to have them with us for our Annual Meeting, and to hear Dr. Rienow speak on the making of their book.

There will also be a brief review of the first year of the FRIENDS' organization; announcement of a proposed gift to the library from the FRIENDS; and election of officers.

Come to the Annual Meeting for a stimulating talk and to share the pride in your FRIENDS of the Library.

WOULD YOU LIKE A FILM?

Do you know that films are available through the library for group use? Ask at the information desk for a list of films currently available. If what you want is not listed, other films may be ordered through the Special Services Section of the State Library.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers and directors for the coming year:

President: Mrs. R. Hosmer Norris

1st V. P.: Glenn Burrows

2nd V. P.: Dr. Walter Grattidge

Secretary: Miss Anna Turkalo

Treasurer: Mrs. Paul A. Frank

Directors (for a three-year term):

Glenn Burrows
Mrs. Charles Concordia
Kent Dixon
Mrs. John F. Kagay
Mrs. T. A. Rich
J. F. Heaword Robinson, Jr.
Miss Anna Turkalo

Board members continuing in office are Joseph Allen, John S. Balwit, Ralph Bengtson, Mrs. John F. Brown, Jr., Mrs. Harold Chestnut, Dr. Harold A. Dewhurst, Mrs. Paul A. Frank, Mrs. Charles Gallagher, Dr. Walter Grattidge, Mrs. Donald Kerr, Mrs. Fred E. Luborsky, Mrs. R. Hosmer Norris, Mrs. Herbert Poller.

Serving on the Nominating Committee were Ralph Bengtson (chairman), Mrs. Paul A. Frank, Dr. Walter Grattidge, Mrs. Joe F. Settle, and Mrs. Ronald H. Wilson.

Mrs. Murry Sprung was named at the Board meeting on March 9 to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Leo Jandreau, who has resigned.

Friends' Finances Filed

Treasurer Donald A. Titley has released a statement for the fiscal year ending March 21, and has declared the Friends to be solvent and balanced. (The auditor concurs!)

<u>Income</u>		
Dues	\$1095.00	
Donations	20.47	
		\$1115.47
<u>Expenses</u>		
Printing & stationery	389.23	
Postage	37.95	
Misc.	10.00	
		\$ 437.18
Balance		\$ 678.29

THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

The disaster that struck the Duane branch is the first fire in the history of the SCPL, and we hope it will be the last. Destruction was complete--the building and its contents were a total loss. Insurance on the contents was carried by the County, but of course the claim will not be settled for some time.

For now, the bookmobile will provide service for Duane borrowers, and the Library Board also hopes to establish a neighborhood book or reading center that will serve until provision can be made for a new branch.

The Federal Grant for \$350,000 for the new library has been approved. The contract between the State and the County of Schenectady is in the process of being signed. Bids for construction of the new building were advertised March 13, 14, and 15, and will be opened April 26 in the Supervisors' Chamber at 8 p.m. Friends who have watched the gestation period to this stage may like to be present for this significant occasion.

A new bookmobile for the County is almost a reality; bids will be opened on March 27.

--Leonore White

The FRIENDS' First Year:
A Report from the President

Although this is the first year of the organized "Friends of the Library" in Schenectady, it has been almost four years since a great many of the same individuals who are among its members organized themselves to encourage a decision on the building of the new central library. For this reason, and because progress on the new library is of special concern to all library-friends, it is impossible not to start this report with a word of congratulation to the community now that steps are actually being taken toward construction of the long-hoped-for building.

The Friends group has had no responsibility for this progress, though it has great interest in it. The program of the Friends is, however, intimately related to the new building, for the focus of our present activity is the greatly expanded opportunity which will be ours in 18 or 20 months. Therefore, although hampered presently by lack of space, we have undertaken experimentally two program series, one the four-session noontime "Books Sandwiched In" series; the other, six programs in the evening on the theme "Books and Authors." Both series were conspicuously successful measured by the high caliber of speakers presented. From the experience we also learned that under present circumstances there is much greater demand for daytime than for evening programs.

In addition to the program offerings, we have taken preliminary steps toward organizing a library service for shut-ins as a service project; have outlined the framework of a procedure to encourage memorial and other gifts to the library; and have begun publication of a quarterly newsletter for communication among us. Relying only on a very "soft-sell" campaign, we have enrolled 270 individuals in the organization.

Board members and others have quietly done the often very routine work involved in the start-up operation. On this foundation, and with continued support of interested members, we should be able to build an effective and going program which will contribute enormously to the expansion and diversification of library activities that the new building will make possible.

There has been much satisfaction in helping to launch an organization that has such prospects. I hope that others who have shared in the work have felt the same satisfaction, and I want to extend to them my sincere thanks for their able and willing cooperation.

--Kathryn Rich

The Annual Meeting
 on April 20

comes in the middle of

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
 April 16-22

Look for some surprises in the Central Library and branches to mark the week's celebration

News on Gifts and Bequests

Mrs. Charles Concordia has been named Gifts and Bequests Secretary. She will record and acknowledge all memorial and other gifts made to the library through the Friends.

With the thought that a permanent acknowledgment of a gift book can be made through an inscribed bookplate, the Gifts and Bequests Committee under Dr. Walter Grattidge has invited area artists to submit designs for a bookplate/symbol that could be used by the Friends for this and other purposes. It's expected that the designs submitted will be on display for the Annual Meeting.

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May 1967

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Eleanor Brown, Editor

PREVIEW...of Possible Activities
for Next Year

Under discussion or in formation are these varied program possibilities for 1967-1968:

1. Noontime film showings
2. New "Books Sandwiched In" lunchtime series
3. Service to shut-ins
4. Series of family programs

Story-Telling Course

If enough interest is shown in a course in story-telling, Miss Ruth Adams (head of children's work for the county library) will plan to schedule one in the fall. At least four sessions would be required to

HISLOP PROGRAM POSTPONED

Postponed until fall is the "Books and Authors" program featuring Codman Hislop and his book "The Mohawk," scheduled for May 18. The pressure of other community events on that same date necessitates the change.

Watch the fall Newsletter for the new date.

cover the material. If you are interested, notify Mrs. Smeallie on 372-4415, Ext. 16, or fill in the blank on your membership renewal application.

RENEWAL TIME!

It's time to renew your membership in the Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library. Please use the blank below -- fill

out and mail with your check to:
Mrs. Murray Sprung
1144 Van Curler Ave.
Schenectady, N.Y. 12308

Please renew my membership in the Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library. My check for \$ _____ for a _____ Membership is enclosed.

Classes of Membership

Individual	\$2	Supporting	\$25
Family	\$4	Patron	\$100
Contributing	\$10	Organizational	\$15

Name _____

Address _____

Tel. No. _____

I would be interested in the following volunteer opportunities with the Friends of the Library:

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| _____ Library service to shut-ins | _____ Committee Work: |
| _____ Story-telling training program | _____ membership |
| _____ Typing | _____ program |
| _____ Telephoning | _____ publicity |
| | _____ other |

Gifts to the Library

The Friends helped to mark National Library Week last month by sending flowering plants to the branches and to the Central Library. A plant was sent also to the new Duane Reading Room to celebrate its opening on May 1.

At the Annual Meeting, a new coffee urn was presented to the Central Library staff, in appreciation of its excellent service to the public.

The Friends were pleased to be able to make two further gifts to the Library--a portable display case for exhibits, and a sum of money to be used for adding books and other materials to the library's Schenectady Area Collection.

Service to Shut-Ins

The Project Committee is interested in starting a library service for shut-ins. Volunteers are needed who are willing to visit a shut-in, learn his special interests in books, and take them to him. A volunteer will be responsible for taking an application for a library card to the shut-in, and will use the shut-in's card to check out the books. The library card will be left at the library. Books may be taken out on 6-week loan.

The Director's Chair

Groundbreaking for the new library building is scheduled to take place on May 13. Ceremonies at 3:30 p.m. are being planned by the Board of Supervisors' construction committee. Dr. Harold Martin, president of Union College, is to be the principal speaker.

The library staff is happy to have had the assistance of the Friends in conducting a recent telephone questionnaire concerning the best location for a new Pleasant Valley branch library.

Another bow to the Friends for their gifts to the library during National Library Week. You may like to know that we are already collecting items for the Schenectady Area Collection, thanks to the Friends' contribution.

--Leonore White

Applications for this service will be accepted on referral of a doctor, clergyman, or any health agency. If you are interested in becoming a part of this project, call Mrs. Olive Graves, at FR 7-6961.

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Story-telling training program	_____
Typing	_____
Telephoning	_____
Committee work	_____
Membership	_____
Program	_____
Publicity	_____
Other	_____

September 1967

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"Books Sandwiched In"
to Resume on October 16

The popular "Books Sandwiched In" series of last winter will be continued starting on October 16 for four successive Monday noontimes.

Change in place: the YMCA will be the location this fall, to allow people to buy lunch in its cafeteria if they so desire. Anyone not wishing to carry a lunch tray to the second-floor meeting room can of course eat before the meeting.

Dr. William Murphy of Union College's English Department will launch the series with a discussion of Gore Vidal's political novel "Washington, D.C." On October 23, the Rev. Nicholas Cardell of the First Unitarian Church of Albany will center his talk around a recent book by Martin Luther King; and on the 30th Mrs. Helmer Webb will speak on a book written by students in East Africa and edited by Dr. Lorene Fox, formerly of the Schenectady School system. Dr. Christopher Fried of Union College's Psychology Department will present the last program, which will focus on the alienated youth in American society today.

For details of these programs, consult the Calendar.

DUES ARE DUE

Dues for membership in the Friends for the current year may be mailed to Membership Chairman Mrs. Murray Sprung, 1144 Van Curler Ave., Schenectady 12308.

Individual membership is \$2; Family membership, \$4; Contributing, \$10; Supporting, \$25; Patron, \$100.

YOU ARE INVITED

to hear
CODMAN HISLOP
author of "The Mohawk"
speak on

"Chief Joseph's Beautiful Day"

in a special
"Books and Authors" program
on Thursday, Sept. 21, 8 p.m.

at the Education Building
108 Union Street

Meeting open to all.

DON'T MISS the first fall program of the Friends--Codman Hislop, noted author, speaking on September 21 (see announcement - above). Professor Hislop, a resident of Dorset, Vt., is research professor of American civilization at Union College and is currently preparing a biography of Eliphalet Nott, president of Union from 1804 to 1866. The Friends are privileged to have the opportunity of hearing him speak.

Service to Shut-Ins

The Friends extend appreciation to Mrs. Stanley A. Graves, who has resigned as chairman of the Service to Shut-Ins project, for her excellent work in preparing this program. Mrs. John F. Kagay will succeed her as chairman.

Although the main referrals for shut-in service will come from doctors, ministers, and social and health agencies, if you know someone in need of this service Mrs. Kagay would welcome hearing from you. Call her on 377-6834.

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NEWSLETTER

Editor: Mrs. John F. Brown, Jr.
Circulation: Mrs. Walter Kerr

Coffee Parties

You'll note on the Calendar of Library Events that the Friends are sponsoring a series of coffee parties at the branch libraries this month, with the purpose of acquainting people with the variety of library services available to them. A member of the Library Board will be present at each gathering, as will members of the board of the Friends. Coffee parties were held at Woodlawn and Scotia Branches on September 12 and 13, future ones are listed in the Calendar. Anyone is welcome to attend whether a user of a particular branch or not.

Mrs. Murray Sprung and Mrs. Harold Dewhurst are in charge of arrangements for the Friends, and arrangements for the Library have been taken care of by Miss Adele Brown, coordinator of branches and extension work for the County Library system.

Gifts and Memorials

To date, gifts to the Library totaling \$158 have been donated through the Friends. The Nature Study Group of the Schenectady School System's Adult Education

Division has given a gift of books on natural history in memory of Mrs. Gilbert Eddy; a memorial fund in honor of Miss Florence Van Epps, former librarian, has been established; and a donation has been received from Phi Beta Upsilon, according to Mrs. Charles Concordia, Gifts and Bequests Secretary.

Film Programs

Both the Central Library and the Woodlawn Branch are continuing to offer their fine early-evening film programs for children each month. The Central Library's programs come on the 3rd Tuesday and Woodlawn's on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

In addition, there will be two adult film showings at the Central Library this fall, in a series named "Heritage." The Calendar carries details.

In the planning stage is another group of films, to be sponsored by the Friends and scheduled to start in January.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

1967-1968

Membership

Mrs. Murray Sprung

Program

Mrs. T. H. Rich

Volunteer Services

Mrs. Herbert Poller

Service to Shut-Ins

Mrs. John F. Kagay

Gifts and Bequests

Dr. Walter Grattidge

Secy: Mrs. Charles Concordia

Public Relations

Mrs. J. E. Bigelow

Finance

Mrs. Paul Frank

Legal Advisor

J. F. Heaword Robinson, Jr.

CALENDAR OF LIBRARY EVENTS

Fall 1967

SEPTEMBER

- 19: Coffee Party
Pleasant Valley Branch, 10 a.m.
- 19: Children's Film Program
"Japanese Boy," "Lion's Den," and
"Toccata, for Four Toy Trains"
Children's Room, Central Library,
7:30 p.m.
- 20: Coffee Party
Wingate Branch, 10 a.m.
- 21: "Books and Authors"
Codman Hislop, speaking on
"Chief Joseph's Beautiful Day"
Education Bldg., 108 Union St.,
8:00 p.m.
- 26: Coffee Party
Duane Reading Room, 10 a.m.

Martin Luther King's "Where Do
We Go from Here? Chaos or
Community"
YMCA, 12:00 noon

- 30: "Books Sandwiched In"
Mrs. Helmer Webb on "East
African Childhood; Three
Versions," ed. by Dr. Lorene Fox
YMCA, 12:00 noon

NOVEMBER

OCTOBER

- 10: Children's Film Program
"Japanese Boy," "The Camel Who
Took a Walk," "The Golden Fish"
Woodlawn Branch, 7:30 p.m.
- 16: "Books Sandwiched In"
Dr. William Murphy on Gore Vidal's
"Washington, D.C."
YMCA, 12:00 noon
- 17: Children's Film Program
Films to be announced
Children's Room, Central Library
7:30 p.m.
- 18: Adult Film Program
"The Search for Ulysses"
Children's Room, Central Library,
7:30 p.m.
- 23: "Books Sandwiched In"
The Rev. Nicholas Cardell on

- 6: "Books Sandwiched In"
Dr. Christopher Fried on "The
Uncommitted: Alienated Youth in
American Society," by Kenneth
Keniston
YMCA, 12:00 noon
- 8: Adult Film Program
"Rivers of Time" and "Greece:
The Golden Age"
Children's Room, Central Library,
7:30 p.m.
- 14: Children's Film Program
Films to be announced
Woodlawn Branch, 7:30 p.m.
- 16: Meeting of the Board, Friends
of the Library
Children's Room, Central Library,
8:00 p.m.
- 21: Children's Film Program
Films to be announced
Children's Room, Central Library,
7:30 p.m.

Note: All activities are open to the
public, with no admission fee.
However, tickets to the children's
film programs at the Central Library
must be obtained in advance, at the
Library.

A CALL

FOR

VOLUNTEERS!

THE LIBRARY, crowded though it is, could find a place for additional reliable, dependable volunteers in various capacities. Several are there at work now on many useful jobs. Most of the tasks are clerical ones -- typing, checking lists, filing, indexing, mending, etc. -- but special projects have been done by volunteers with special backgrounds.

Mr. Charles Staroba has operated the Library's movie projector for twenty evening film programs. Mr. Russell Field, who has had long experience in Civic Players, has helped a branch library make an index to the plays in its collection.

Several housewives and retired professional women have helped in the Children's and Reference Departments. Miss Louise Houghton and Mrs. E. J. Klock, both now working in the Children's Department, are planning exhibits, reviewing phonograph records, and looking up reviews for new books.

In the Catalog Department, Mrs. E. M. Stanton has been working regularly three days a week for more than six years.

The Friends also have several committees that could use your help -- The Telephone Committee and the Service to Shut-Ins, for example.

Miss Ruth Adams is planning to offer a course in story-telling this winter; and at intervals, when enough qualified people are available, the professional staff offers a training course for general work throughout the entire Library. Trained substitutes who can be called on in case of staff illness or emergency are badly needed. This is a new area of development for the Friends, and we are open to suggestions from all of you, our members.

If you'd like additional information about these or other possible volunteer activities in the Library, call Rebekah Poller (EX 3-1902).