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Leaves

from the Mynderse Library

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The Origin of Regional System

At its 1944 annual meeting, the New York State Library Association was insistent upon the need for improving library service in the state. The State Education Department was persuaded to survey the situation and as a result recommended the establishment of regional libraries. As a pilot project, a Regional Library Service Center was established in Watertown to serve Lewis, Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties.

In 1949 the Governor's Committee on Library Aid recommended a change in the state aid formula to again encourage the development of regional libraries, which the State Legislature passed in 1950. By 1956, only three more systems had been added outside New York City. They were Erie County, Pioneer, covering Wayne, Monroe and Livingston Counties and the Clinton-Essex County System.

A new commission was appointed by Education Commissioner Allen that year and brought in its report in 1957. Once again regional systems were to be encouraged by appropriate grants in state aid, but at the same time the Commission emphasized the responsibility of the local community for providing good service.

The local community would be free to determine how it would finance the system, with income from endowments and private sources considered supplemental to community support. The control and management of endowments would be retained by the local library.

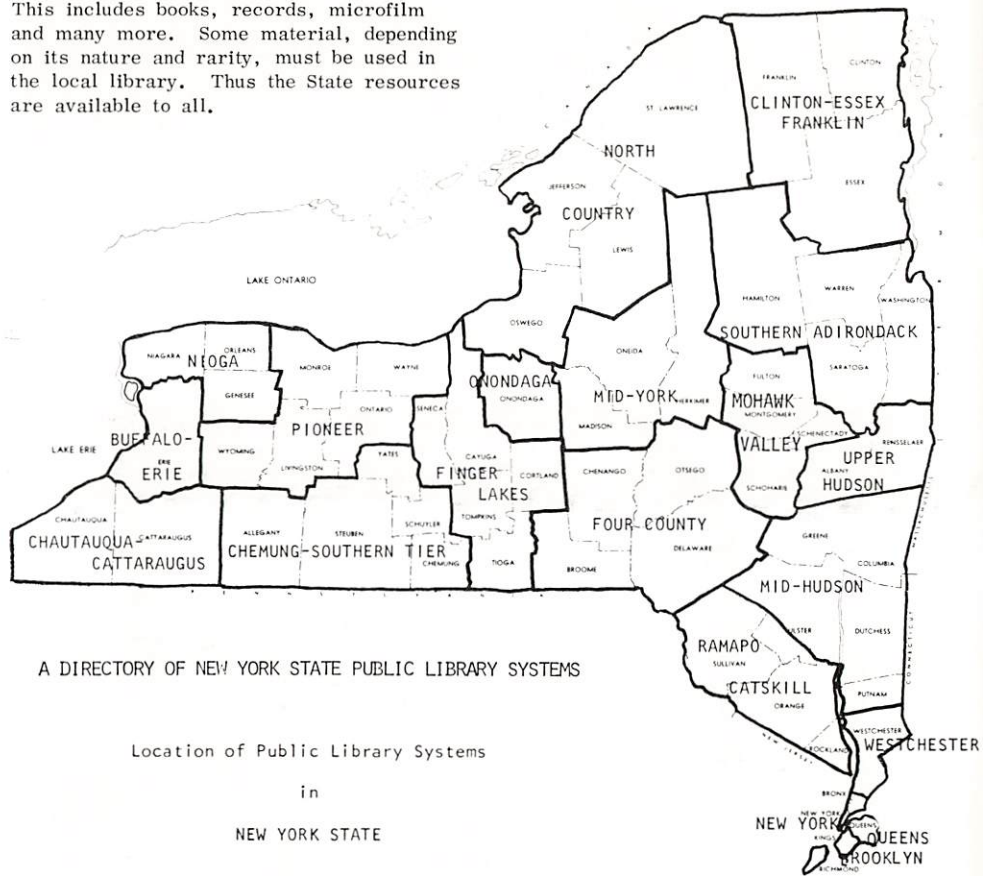
The Commission recommended that the basis for developing a system should be a minimum of 200,000 people, or in scarcely populated areas no more than 4,000 square miles.

The recommendations were based on the need for library service, the growing costs of operation and the circulation of different kinds of books. At the community level there should be dictionaries, encyclopedias, technical books, biographies, current economic and social problems, current fiction and local history.

At the regional level a collection of 100,000 books would be needed for those important, but less frequently used books. Each system was to decide what service was to be provided by the regional library: interlibrary loan, central purchasing, processing, book selection assistance and consultant were among those suggested.

Finally, at the state level, the rare books in less demand would be found, but available to each library on interlibrary loan. New York State is fortunate in having the resources of New York City, and Cornell University available as well as the State Library.

Today, there are 22 regional systems in the state with their resources available to any resident, through his local library. This includes books, records, microfilm and many more. Some material, depending on its nature and rarity, must be used in the local library. Thus the State resources are available to all.



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Hostesses for A.A.U.W. Arlene Austin, Shirley Parker, Louise Shannon and Rosa Smith.

Hostesses for the Friends of Mynderse Library: Iva Lay, Kathleen Rychlewski, Ruth Janssen and Hilary Shultis. Arrangements were made by Mrs. Betsy Shultis, president. Jan Caraccilo was in charge of the Women's League display.

Patricia Gregory and Joan Doshi, readers for the summer story hour.

Co-workers and Friends from Goulds Pumps for \$150 given in memory of Mrs. Lulu Crothers to buy books about crafts and gardening. Large Print books for readers with visual handicaps will be purchased for the library.

Ruth Janssen, co-ordinator for displays by local women's organizations during the Bicentennial Barge visit. Hostesses for the D.A.R. quilt exhibit; Ella Strong, May Vogel, Helen Barben, Caroline Varricchio, Elizabeth Kasad, Isabelle Youngs, Florence Andrews, Gladys Haines and Eleanor Page.



Happy Thanksgiving

Given in Memory . . . (con't)

THE FLOWER AND THE NETTLE: Anne Lindbergh.
Presented by Lincoln First Bank.

GOLDEN HANDS, A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO KNITTING, DRESSMAKING,
AND NEEDLECRAFT.

Presented by Mr. Edwing Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Fausto Calarco,
Mr. Michael Dentes, Mr. Dave Rogers, Mr. Peter Doran, and the
Seneca Falls Travel Bureau.

THE COMPLETE BOOK OF GREENHOUSE GARDENING: Ian Walls.
Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Don Calarco.

WOMEN THEMSELVES: Johanna Johnston.
Presented by Howard and Louise Conkey.

AMERICA'S BEGINNINGS: Lee Loftin Snell.
Presented by Mr. Harry S. Fredenburgh.

THE AMERICAN DREAM: SHADOW AND SUBSTANCE: Marvin Miller.
Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Vassos Saroodis, Mr. and Mrs. John
Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weeks, and Mr. and Mrs. William
Saroodis.

FOODS OF THE WORLD:

THE COOKING OF CHINA: Emily Hahn.
Presented by Mr. Louis Ronson.

LATIN AMERICAN COOKING: Jonathan Norton Leonard.
Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Nick Ronson.

DOLLS, DOLLS, DOLLS: Shirley Glubok.
Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hartman.

AMERICA'S INLAND WATERWAYS: National Geographic.
Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Patak.

THE AMERICAN REGIONAL COOKBOOK: A TREASURY OF OUR CULINARY
HERITAGE: Nancy and Arthur Hawkins.
Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Georges.

HOW NEW ENGLAND HAPPENED: THE MODERN TRAVELER'S GUIDE TO
NEW ENGLAND'S HISTORICAL PAST: Christina Tree.
Presented by Mr. Thomas Bantouvanis.

A DICTIONARY OF MYTHICAL PLACES: Robin Palmer.
Presented by Mrs. Mary Matos.



FICTION.

A GOD AGAINST THE GODS by Allen Drury.
TOUCH NOT THE CAT by Mary Stewart.
JUDAS FLOWERING by Jane Aiken Hodge.
LIBERTY TAVERN by Thomas Fleming.
WINTER WHEAT by Jeanne Williams.
THE HOMECOMING by Norah Lofts.
CASTLE BAREBANE by Joan Aiken.
THE EASTER PARADE by Richard Yates.
THE R. DOCUMENT by Irving Wallace.
ORDINARY PEOPLE by Judith Guest.

NON-FICTION.

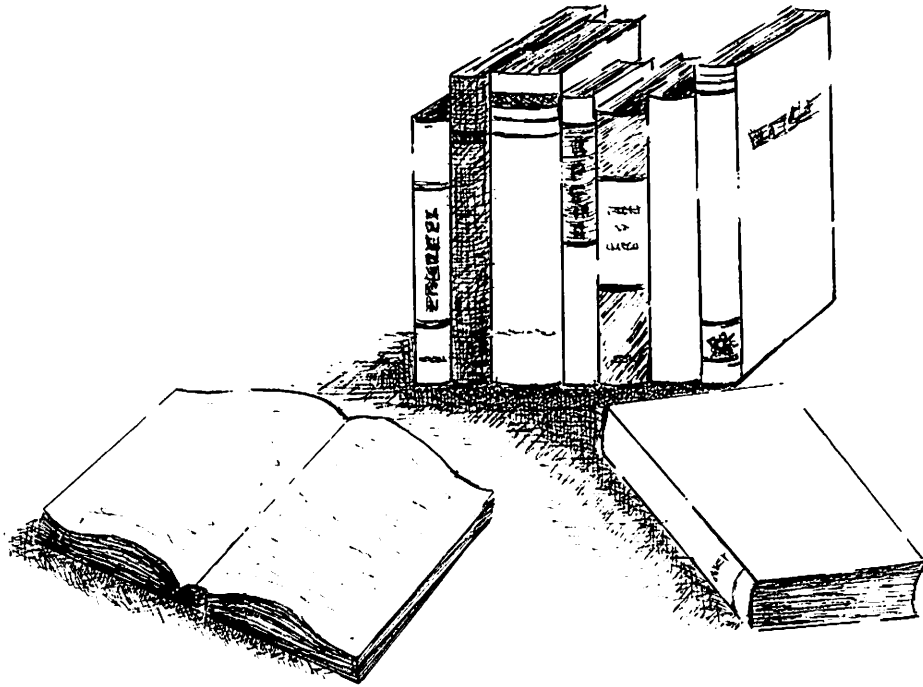
THE FIRE CAME BY by John Baxter.
SOMEWHERE A CAT IS WAITING, YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN A CAT MIGHT BE READY
TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE, a true story by Derek Tangye.
FRANCES PERKINS, A MEMBER OF THE CABINET, by Bill Severn.
TROLLEYS, RIDING AND REMEMBERING THE ELECTRIC INTERURBAN RAILWAYS
by Ruth Cavin.
YOU'RE YOUNGER THAN YOU THINK, A MATURE PERSON'S GUIDE TO VIBRANT
HEALTH, by Lelord Kordel.

FOR TEEN-AGERS.

THE PARTY THAT LASTED ALL SUMMER by Winifred Madison.
CATCHPENNY STREET by Betty Cavanna.
BECKY'S HORSE by Winifred Madison.
TURKEYS, PILGRIMS AND INDIAN CORN, the story of the Thanksgiving Symbols,
by Edna Barth.
GREAT COMEBACKS IN SPORTS by Phil Pepe.

FOR BEGINNING READERS.

THE MAGGIE B. by Irene Haas.
THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS by Felix Hoffmann.
I'LL BE THE HORSE IF YOU'LL PLAY WITH ME by Martha Alexander
THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER by Freya Littledale.
THE BEAR'S NATURE GUIDE by Stanley Berenstain.



Books Given in Memory of Mrs. Georgia Bantuanis

GROW IT INDOORS: Richard W. Langer.

Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Serling.

THE GARDENER'S BASIC BOOK OF FLOWERS: Stanley Schuler.

Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Suffredini.

SUCCESSFUL TERRARIUMS: Ken Kayatta.

Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wm. Koch.

THE FOOD OF GREECE: Vilma Chantiles.

Presented by Miss Birdena Campany and Miss Teresa Compitello.

SOME ARE BORN GREAT: Adela St. Johns.

Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bishop.

QUILTS IN AMERICA: Patsy Orlofsky.

Presented by the Seneca Falls Teachers Association.

HELPING CHILDREN OVERCOME LEARNING DIFFICULTIES: Jerome Rosner.

Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Bisso.

HOME PRESERVING MADE EASY: Vera Gewanter.
Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kennedy.

BEARD ON BREAD: James Beard.
Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Victor Mastroleo.

KNITTER'S ALMANAC: Elizabeth Zimmerman.
Presented by Mrs. Lillian McCartney.

THE FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES COOKBOOK: Jean H. Shepard.
Presented by Mary Gavras.

NEW YORK TIMES COOKBOOK: Craig Claiborne, ed.
Presented by Mrs. Mary Williams.

THE GREEK TREASURE: Irving Stone.
Presented by Miss Sofia Kenyes.

HOW TO IDENTIFY AND CARE FOR HOUSEPLANTS: Jack Kramer.
Presented by Mr. and Mrs. V.J. Colella.

FLOWERS ARE FABULOUS FOR DECORATING: Diane Love.
Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schaertl.

THE COMPLETE BOOK OF RUG MAKING: Cecelia Felcher.
Presented by Miss Georgia Kenyes.

OUR HIDDEN HERITAGE: Eleanor Tufts.
Presented by Mr. and Mrs. W. Gary Youngs.

WOMEN IN SPORTS: Irwin Stambler.
Presented by the Fosters.

FROM JULIA CHILD'S KITCHEN: Julia Child.
Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Gus Carlos.

FOODS OF THE WORLD:

AMERICAN COOKING: Dale Brown

Presented by Mrs. Emma Kibbey.

CLASSIC FRENCH COOKING: Craig Claiborne and Pierre Francy.

Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Russo.

THE COOKING OF ITALY: Waverly Root.

Presented by Marian McBride.

THE COOKING OF GERMANY: Nika Standon Hazelton.

Presented by Mrs. Margaret Michel.

WINES AND SPIRITS: Alec Waugh.

Presented by Miss Sinibar Battaglia.