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*Keeping the lines of communication open
in the North Country Library System.*

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NEW! System-wide Calendar of Events on NCLS web site

The NCLS web site not only has a whole new look, but new functionalities are rapidly being added. The next time you visit www.nclsweb.org, click on "About NCLS" and then click on "Calendar", you can explore the new format. Each library has the ability to add their own events to the calendar, which can then be viewed by anyone who visits the NCLS web site. Library staff will receive instructions on how to add events and maintain their calendar.

A particular library's events can be viewed by selecting them from the drop-down list and then clicking "Go". Events can be viewed by category, day, week, month, or a pop-up yearly summary. A list of upcoming events can be viewed in date order and any event name can be clicked on for further details. A search option is also available.

The goal of this combined, system-wide calendar is to create a centralized location where patrons, trustees, friends, and staff can find out what's going on at their library and all others in the System.

Congratulations to the Williamstown Library

The 65th chartered library of the North Country Library System



At the NYS Board of Regents session on May 22nd and 23rd, the Division of Library Development (DLD) presented the charter application from the Williamstown Library for approval. The application was approved and a provisional charter was granted! The provisional charter is valid for a five year period. The library will apply to make the charter absolute within that time frame.

Amy Degnan, NCLS Consultant, has been working with the board and volunteer staff of the Williamstown Library since 2004 on their charter application. After a lot of hard work put in by everyone involved, the Williamstown Library is now the official 65th library of the North Country Library System.

This past year, the library loaned an average of 255 books per month, ran a successful summer reading program with almost 1,000 total books checked out, re-decorated the children's room, had monthly book club meetings, put on a book/bake sale in June and an Election Day Dinner in November, entertained hundreds of children with puppet shows and stories at the library and out in the schools, and began hosting a music program at the library. What they have accomplished on almost no budget and all volunteer effort is astounding.

Goals for the coming year are to apply for 501c3 non-profit status, purchase new computers, continue to work on policies and long range planning, work towards NYS registration, and much more!



NCLS Service Center Renovation Begins!



In preparation for the renovation of the NCLS Service Center building (to commence.....now!), NCLS staff have been working hard to clean up, rearrange, reorganize, and eliminate many of the books in our collection. Many of our member library staff and trustees have visited the Service Center to go through the shelves and select materials to add to their library collections. In the photo to the left are the bins full of books that went to the Harrisville Free Library.

On Saturday, June 1st, NCLS held a book sale from 8am-1pm. We put a sign out front for passers by to see, and ended up selling over 80 grocery bags of books for \$1.00 per bag. Notice part of the leftovers in the photo on the right. **Another book sale will be held Saturday, June 24th from 8am-12pm at NCLS.** Member libraries are, of course, still welcome to choose books from the remaining selection to use in their own book sales.



One of the first changes to take place with the renovation is the relocation of shelving, which will make room for the new computer training lab and meeting room. This means that many NCLS staff members will have to clean out their cubicles and move to alternate locations in the building. The photo to the left is evidence of one of our clean-out sessions, with many more to come! Many of the shelving units have found new homes at our member libraries. Stay tuned to our web site at www.nclsweb.org for updates and photos as the project develops!

Former NCLS Delivery Supervisor Graduates from Police Academy

Scott McIntyre, former Delivery Supervisor at NCLS, graduated from the St. Lawrence Law Enforcement Academy on May 19th. Candidates at the Academy are put through a rigorous five month schedule of academic, physical and hands-on training. Scott, as those who know him would expect, excelled in all aspects of this. The Academy students started their day at 6:00 AM with physical training, followed by a full day of classes and ended the evening by typing their class notes and studying for three or four hours. Scott finished fourth in his class (out of twenty-two students) for academic test scores. He also received a plaque honoring him as best in the class in the area of Defensive Techniques and Arrest Procedures. Scott has joined the Watertown City Police. **CONGRATULATIONS SCOTT!!!**



If your library has newsworthy information to share in *NCLS Access*, please contact Amy Degan at NCLS: 782-5540 or adegan@ncls.org

FY 2007 County Funding Meetings Schedule

Jefferson County
Tuesday, June 13th
6:30pm
NCLS Service Center

Lewis County
Thursday, June 22nd
6:30pm
Lowville Free Library

Oswego County
(2nd meeting, 1st meeting took place May 10th)
Wednesday, October 4th
7pm
Vayner Branch, Fulton Public Library

St. Lawrence County
Monday, June 19th
7pm
Potsdam Public Library
Main Library Reading Room

Please send at least one representative (a trustee) from your library to the funding meetings for your county so that all libraries have a voice in this important process.

Calendar of Events

June 2006:

www.nclsweb.org
Click on "Event Registration"

June



- 5- Author Jerry Pallotta Presentation
Mama Lucia's, Potsdam
3:30-5:30pm
- 6- The Case of the Invisible Books
NCLS Training Lab,
9:30am-12pm
- 7- The Case of the Invisible Books
NNYLN, 10am-12:30pm
- 13- Getting, Training, and Keeping
Volunteers in the Library
NCLS, 9:30am-12pm
- 14- Getting, Training, and Keeping
Volunteers in the Library
NNYLN, 10am-12:30pm
- 24- Book sale at NCLS
8am-12pm

Getting to know NCLS Staff: Bernard Robinson

Bernard Robinson has been at NCLS for ten years and has recently become the Delivery Supervisor. He was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1953 and is retired (1991) from the US Army. He has traveled to many parts of the world and speaks German and fluent Korean (as well as English, of course).

Bernard is also a Non-Denominational Pastor and serves as the Youth Director of the Creative Youth and Dramatic Arts Ministry in Watertown. He is currently enrolled in online courses in a new seminary program in Modesto, California.

He and his wife, Barbara (Bobbi), live in Great Bend and are the proud parents of six children ranging in age from six to thirty-three. Their two older children, Bernard III and Bernice, both reside in Chicago, Illinois and have successful careers. Their son, Brendan, passed away in 2001 at the age of 21. Their youngest three children are Barbara, Bailey Anne, and Bertrand and are all involved in sports and music.

Bernard and Bobbi are very family and community oriented and enjoy coaching baseball together. Bernard also enjoys writing music, gardening, soccer, child education and advocacy, and firefighting.

Favorite book: *The Holy Bible* (NKJV)

Favorite movie: *The Passion of the Christ*



All School Ballot Referendums for NCLS Member Libraries Have Passed

Library	2006 \$ amount	2005 \$ amount	\$ amount of increase	# of 'Yes' votes	# of 'No' votes	% 'Yes' votes
Black River Free Library	29,000	27,500	1,500	666	339	66%
Carthage Free Library	30,000	26,000	4,000	666	339	66%
Lyme Free Library (Chaumont)	14,500	19,500	5,000	195	59	77%
Colton Hepburn Library	7,500	15,000	7,500	208	100	68%
Croghan Free Library	10,000	-	10,000	354	224	61%
Hannibal Free Library	35,000	-	35,000	476	391	55%
Harrisville Free Library	15,000	-	15,000	-	-	passed
Lowville Free Library	30,000	10,000	20,000	-	-	passed
Pulaski Public Library	20,000	-	20,000	553	283	66%
Oswego School District Library	868,000	668,000	200,000	2171	1033	67%

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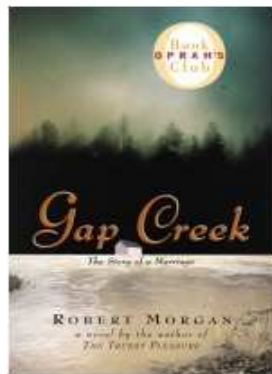
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Robert Morgan

Author of Oprah's Book Club
selection, *Gap Creek*

is coming to Fulton!



Wednesday, June 21st

at the David E. Vayner Branch
of the Fulton Public Library

Creative writing workshop: 1:30pm

Reading: 4pm

David E. Vayner Branch, Fulton Public Library

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