



CEF Library System Services to Essex County and Associated Fast Facts Summer 2009

System Mission: To foster and improve public library service to the residents of the system area.

The System achieves this through support of 30 public libraries (sixteen of which are located in Essex County) and directly through 61 bookmobile stops. The bookmobile stops at 14 locations in Essex County as detailed on the next sheet.

Member Libraries:

16 of 30 CEF member libraries are in Essex County:

AuSable Forks Free Library	AuSable Forks
Hammond Library	Crown Point
Elizabethtown Library Association	Elizabethtown
Belden Noble Memorial Library	Essex
Keene Public Library	Keene
Keene Valley Library Association	Keene Valley
Keeseville Free Library	Keeseville
Lake Placid Public Library	Lake Placid
Sherman Free Library	Port Henry
Schroon Lake Public Library	Schroon Lake
Black Watch Memorial Library	Ticonderoga
Wells Memorial Library	Upper Jay
Wadhams Free Library	Wadhams
Westport Library Association	Westport
Paine Memorial Free Library	Willsboro
Wilmington E.M. Cooper Memorial Public Library	Wilmington

Nursing Homes and Senior Facilities Served in Essex County:

Horace Nye Nursing Home, Elizabethtown
Lord Howe Estates, Ticonderoga

Correctional Facilities Served in Essex County:

Adirondack Correctional Facility, Ray Brook
Moriah Shock Incarceration Facility

Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System
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Plattsburgh, New York 12901
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Web site/online catalog: www.cefls.org

The Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System (CEFLS) provides a wide range of library services through thirty independent public libraries including Plattsburgh Public Library (our central library), three reading centers, and sixty one bookmobile stops throughout Clinton, Essex and Franklin counties. In Essex County, shared library services and resources are delivered through sixteen libraries and fourteen bookmobile stops.

CEFLS provides technology planning and support, including a shared online database, reference and interlibrary loan, general consultant services to member library staff and trustees, monthly deposit collections of library materials in a variety of formats for readers of ages, and outreach services to residents with special needs. We collaborate with member libraries and local human service agencies to develop grant funded projects, online resources and materials collections that enrich the lives of community residents. CEF staff and trustees advocate for regional and statewide public library initiatives that will benefit people in our area.

The System maintains a shared online catalog (www.cefls.org) that lets users browse and request books, videos and DVDs, spoken word titles on cassette and CD, downloadable audio books, periodicals and music CDs. Requests are filled through interlibrary loan and are available for pick up at a member public library or on the bookmobile.

Complete information about member library services and hours, our online catalog, plus a current schedule of bookmobile stop locations is available on our web site at www.cefls.org.

For more information please call 563-5190.



Fast Facts About the CEF Bookmobile

FOCUS on Bookmobile Service to Essex County Residents:

Did You Know?

- The Bookmobile travels approximately 20,000 miles a year and makes 61 stops in Clinton, Essex, and Franklin counties on a four week schedule. Residents of all ages use bookmobile service at fourteen stop locations in Essex County (listed on reverse).
- Bookmobile patrons in Clinton, Essex and Franklin counties borrowed a total of 27,932 items in 2008, which is a 23% increase over 2007 when 22,544 items were loaned. Throughout 2008, a total of 334 residents signed up to be new bookmobile users.
- Patrons can now request and renew materials in person on the bookmobile or in the comfort of their own home, using our online catalog. On a typical recent month, 1,012 people from Essex County logged in to the online catalog from home or member libraries to check their account or request or new books.
- On average, bookmobile patrons borrow 26 books per year. This far exceeds the national borrowing average for public libraries of 6 books per year. Over 1/2 of our current borrowers in Essex County are categorized as “children/young adults” and “adults over age 65”.
- Bookmobile patrons are loyal and our service is meaningful to them. The average patron visits the bookmobile 10 times a year, out of a typical schedule of 13 bookmobile stops in his/her community per year!
- Our road crew reports that the bookmobile continues to average 7 miles per gallon, which is more fuel efficient than the previous vehicle. We are continuing to seek additional funding support for the fuel portion of our operating costs.



And Access for All!



Bookmobile Stop Locations in Essex County Summer 2009

Fourteen of 61 bookmobile stops are in Essex County:

<u>Stop Name/Location</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Township</u>
Bloomingtondale	Essex	St. Armand
Chilson	Essex	Ticonderoga
Grover Hills	Essex	Moriah
Lewis	Essex	Lewis
Lord Howe Estates	Essex	Ticonderoga Senior Stop
Minerva	Essex	Minerva
Moriah	Essex	Moriah
Newcomb	Essex	Newcomb
North Hudson	Essex	North Hudson
Olmstedville	Essex	Minerva
Port Kent	Essex	Chesterfield
Witherbee	Essex	Moriah
Winebrook Hills	Essex	Newcomb
Yandon-Dillon	Essex	Mineville Education Center Stop

Services Provided:

The bookmobile makes an average of 13 visits per year at each stop above on a four week schedule. This calculates out to 780 individual stops per year!

- ❖ Bookmobile patrons in Clinton, Essex and Franklin counties borrowed almost 28,000 items in 2008. Circulation was up **15%** in the first six months of 2008, in comparison with the first six months of 2007. Throughout 2008, a total of 334 residents signed up to be new bookmobile users.
- ❖ Requests placed online by bookmobile patrons increased 83% during 2008.
- ❖ Full Internet access to our online catalog is available for patrons and staff at all stops.
- ❖ A variety of free databases such as Auto Repair Reference Center, Home Improvement Reference Center, Small Engine Repair Reference Center and Encyclopedia Britannica are available on the bookmobile and through the Library System's web site at www.cefls.org. Bookmobile staff members have been specially trained to assist their patrons with these terrific new resources.



Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System

The mission of the CEF Library System is to “foster and improve public library service to the residents of the system area.”

What We Do

Public libraries and area residents benefit from cost effective resource sharing...

- Do you need specialized information or are you trying to track down an elusive title? We provide interlibrary loan and delivery service through your local public library.
- Rotating collections of books, videos, DVD's and audio titles are loaned to member libraries to expand the scope of their collections for readers of all ages.
- Free centralized cataloguing by CEF staff translates directly into better access to materials in all formats.
- We collaborate with member libraries and local agencies on grant funded projects and programs that enrich the lives of all residents, including older adults, families with young children, adult new readers and those for whom accessibility is an issue.
- CEF staff organizes continuing education and technology training programs that help librarians provide the best possible services to their communities. Training is held regionally or in our modern training facility and facilitates the exchange of ideas, experiences and information.
- We help member libraries plan for technology and provide computer and network trouble-shooting.
- CEF staff and trustees advocate for regional and statewide public library initiatives that will benefit area residents.