

Crandall Public Library 2010 Comprehensive Annual Report



Crandall Public Library, Peter Vanderwarker, photographer

Dedicated to our beloved friend and colleague:

Jane Derby Strelz, Senior Library Clerk

(August 26, 1924—July 15, 2010)

Crandall Public Library employee for 21 years.

She is missed.



President's Message/Rick Leonelli

As the world-wide economic downturn finally arrived in upstate New York in 2010 the Crandall Public Library and its services served as a refuge for many people: circulation of materials continued an upward trend; library visits increased; and Internet usage grew exponentially. Exciting new events such as Tee Time @ Crandall Public Library, Selected Shorts, and the Henry Crandall Award appealed to a wide range of participants young and old. Children were delighted by the myriad of offerings from the Children's Department and teens defined their own space in the Teen Center. Adult services offered programs ranging from book discussions to writing workshops and the Folklife Center managed new collections and introduced new music groups to our community.

All that the Library has to offer does not happen randomly. A great deal thought, preparation, dedication and passion goes into the process that enables the Crandall Public Library to be all that it is. I would like to thank the entire Board of Trustees, the Friends of the Library, volunteers, donors, staff and our Director, Christine McDonald, for continuing to provide our community with a visionary, 21st century library whose old-fashioned values of customer service and care are ingrained in all of our services.

Most of all thanks go to the voters of the Crandall Public Library District for your past, present and future support.

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Director's Message/Christine McDonald

The Library broke all records for use of services and programs in 2010 following the same success as 2009. This was the second year in the new building. The community continues to discover the great variety of materials to browse, services, programs, space and opportunities for growth at the Library. On behalf of the Library Board of Trustees, the Staff and Friends of the Library, I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to the community for supporting for the 2010 budget making it possible for the Library to expand what we do, while keeping increases to a minimum.



To increase our fund raising efforts and to offer new programs, the Library took on three new events in 2010:

- Mini-Golf in March was a huge success with almost 600 golfers participating!
- The Selected Shorts program from Symphony Space in New York City in May entertained a sell-out crowd to hear actors Isaiah Sheffer, Keir Dullea and Mia Dillon read stories by Glens Falls native Lorrie Moore, T.C. Boyle and Sherman Alexie.
- In October, The Library honored Richard J. Bartlett, the first recipient of the Henry Crandall Award.

Having completed the building project, the Library took on a major revision to the Strategic Plan. Using a consultant and a community planning committee, progress was made towards a final plan to be adopted in 2011. We wish to extend our deep appreciation for the time and expertise offered by the following distinguished members of our community who served on the Library's Strategic Planning committee:

Jennifer Boyer, Crandall Public Library Reference Librarian; John Brodt, Behan Communications; Pamela Conine, Southern Adirondack Child Care Network; Christine Dawson, Director of Development, The Hyde Collection; David DeMarco, Executive Vice President, Glens Falls National Bank; Rabbi Matthew Durbin, Temple Beth-El; Thomas I. Ford, retired Superintendent of Schools, former Crandall Trustee; Alice Grether, Director of Tourism, City of Glens Falls, City Hall; Todd Kusnierz, Town of Moreau Councilman; Mark Mahoney, *The Post-Star*, Editorial Page Editor; Amanda Magee, Trampoline Design; Naftali Rottenstreich, SUNY Adirondack, Red Fox Books; Christopher Scoville, Scoville Jewelers; Robert Sheahan, Library Trustee, retired teacher; Barbara Sweet, Executive Director, Tri-County United Way; Jean Tedesco, Assistant Superintendent, South Glens Falls Central School District; Roy Thomas and Vera Wanser, NAACP; Lucy Vail, Vice President for Human Resources, Glens Falls Hospital; Hannah Wakely, Student, Glens Falls High School.

In 2010, the Library received certification from the United States Green Building Council as a LEED certified "Green" building. Efficient lighting, cooling, heating and other systems are in place to keep energy use to a minimum. The Library received a competitive grant for \$244,000 from the federal government via the NYS Library to establish a Public Computing Center to teach computer and job hunting skills.

The success of the Library in 2010 depended on offering the books, films, programs, computers, classes and other services that our customers want. We'll continue to get your opinions on how to improve the Library so your experiences here continue to be the best ever.

2010 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Operating Income with Amendments

Local Public Funds

City of Glens Falls	781,229
Town of Queensbury	1,633,367
Town of Moreau	595,880
Warren County	12,000
Subtotal	\$3,022,476

New York State Aid

Central Reference Library Grant	87,424
Local Library Aid	13,748
NYS Energy Research & Devp Authority	79,559
NYS Patron Grant	3,747
Subtotal	\$184,478

Library Generated Income

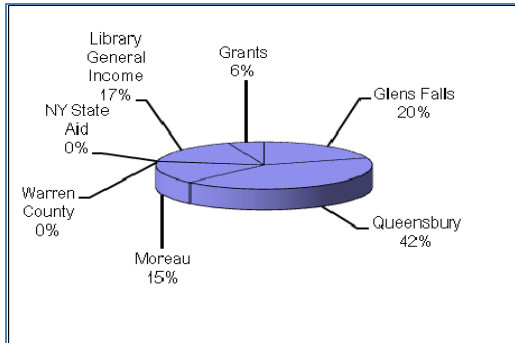
Foundations and Trusts	91,211
Investment Account (GFNB)	46,806
Crandall Trust	75,000
Newburger Trust	21,404
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Friends Contributions	66,929
Fines	126,871
Donations	26,209
Copy Machines & Magazine Collections	6,930
Interest Income from accounts	3,132
Insurance Refunds	3,027
Misc. Fees and Other charges	2,874
Special Events	45,335
Other	986
Subtotal	\$661,715

Grant Income

NYS Council on the Arts and Corporate	85,224
NYS Broadband Tech Opportunity Program	39,630
Leo Cox Beach	14,800
So. Adirondack Library System	325
Target	109
Central Dist Library Council	2,500
Subtotal	\$142,588

Transfer in from Investments

\$65,000



*SOME FUNDS CARRIED OVER FROM PRIOR YEAR
FIGURES ARE UNAUDITED*

TOTAL \$4,076,257

Operating Expenses with Accruals

Salaries

Certified Librarians	626,518
Other Staff	1,037,843
Subtotal	\$1,664,361

Benefits

Social Security/Medicare	123,417
Health Insurance	184,599
Worker's Comp/Disability/Unemp/EAP	10,360
NYS Employee's Retirement	176,083
Subtotal	\$494,459

Library Materials

Book/Audio Visual	273,684
Periodicals	8,615
Bookbinding	977
Subtotal	\$283,276

Operation of Building

Building Equipment Maintenance & Repair	29,899
Gas, Electric, Water, Sewer	130,226
Telephone	5,270
General Maintenance/supplies/service	118,583
Insurance	21,325
Subtotal	\$305,303

Grant Expenses

NYS Council for the Arts and Corporate	84,836
NYS Broadband Tech Opportunity Prgm	34,488
Leo Cox Beach	2,101
Target	101
Central Dist Library Council	3,300
Stewart's	828
NYS Patron Grant	3,747
Gates Foundation	3,900
Subtotal	\$133,301

Miscellaneous Expenses

Supplies, printing, postage	32,760
Outside Computer Services	4,920
Travel	5,338
Audit and Accounting	7,000
Professional Fees/Honorariums	15,522
Professional Fees / Security Service	46,736
Special Events	10,845
Contingency	13,216
Other Misc. Workshops, Membership Dues	12,464
Subtotal	\$148,801

Other Expenses

Automation and Telecommunication's Costs	98,655
Program Costs	18,673
Friends of CPL Projects	82,641
Subtotal	199,969

Debt Service

2008 Debt Service Payment	824,558
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Surplus 22,229

TOTAL \$4,076,257

Library Development 2010/Lynn Shanks

Crandall Public Library wishes to thank the following individuals, businesses, and granting organizations for supporting Crandall Public Library during 2010. As public demand for the Library continued to grow and New York State funding decreased, these contributions became vital to maintaining the scope and quality of our programs and services. On behalf of the board, staff, and tens of thousands of patrons, we express sincere gratitude for our donors' generosity.



The Henry Crandall Award debuted as a Library benefit in October of 2010, with Dick Bartlett selected as our first recipient. He is pictured above with Kate Hogan, who nominated him for the award.



The first annual Tee Time @ Crandall Public Library, Saturday, March 20, 2010. 18 holes of mini golf through the stacks, food, prizes, Bugs & Daffy, and more than 560 golfers of all ages made this fundraiser a "hole-in-one!"

The Friends of Crandall Public Library 2010/Kathy Naftaly, Assistant Director

President Cheryl Bilodeau, Vice President Courtney Smith, Secretary Barb McCarthy, and Treasurer Mark Powers skillfully directed the Friends of Crandall Public Library towards the goal of continuing to provide our community with a beautiful, purposeful library. The Friends of the Library steadfastly embraced the Library.

Funding came from three regionally renowned book sales, executed under the leadership of Marilyn Gorman and Margot Hyde and an annual appeal. Total contributions from the Friends of Crandall Public Library enhanced library services by more than \$80,000. Funded points of support included but were not limited to:

- Sponsorship of Selected Shorts public radio series reading
- New microfilm readers for the public
- Increased copies of and access to the McNaughton book collection
- A portable stage for the Community Room
- Reference programming such as musicians Don Dworkin, Maria Nestle and Michael Eck
- Providing funding for *BookPage*, a printed book review which highlights Crandall Public Library promotional information
- Children's programs such as the NYC Ballet and the summer reading prize/signs "Library Celebrities Live Here"

The Friends of Crandall Public Library continue to welcome new members.

Outreach Services 2010/Frank Pelkey Coordinator of Outreach Services & Reference Librarian

Crandall Public Library's Outreach Services offers library materials and services to help meet the information and entertainment needs of homebound individuals in a variety of settings. The Outreach Coordinator selects and delivers materials, places requests, offers reader's advisory and research services, and maintains comprehensive reader histories. In addition, Outreach Services strives to promote and facilitate programs offered by a number of relevant agencies. These include the New York State Library for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the New York State Office for the Aging, Hospice, The Glens Falls Home Inc., and the Glens Falls Lions Club.

As a rule, deliveries are made to individual homes on a monthly basis, with exceptions made for those who require more frequent delivery of materials. Monthly visits are made to group facilities. These include Adirondack Manor Adult Home, Cedars Senior Living Community, Cronin High Rise, The Glen and Glen Terrace at Highland Meadows, The Landing of Queensbury, Midtown Apartments, Moreau Community Center, The Pines at Glens Falls, Prospect Child and Family Center, Snowdrop Manor, Solomon Heights, The Stanton Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre, Stichman Towers, Westmount Health Facility, and The Willows.

Outreach Services delivered 14,931 items in 2010, and whether the setting is a private home or public setting, it takes great pride and pleasure in making the library experience available to those who are unable to visit Crandall Public Library in person.

Adult Services 2010/Andrea Herman

Reference Programs

- *Experience Turkey*, a professional tour guide, Tamer Teoman shared the rich stories and history of Turkey
- *Not For the Faint of Heart*, Nancy Corliss spoke about her experience of traveling alone into the Himalayan Mountains and working in a Tibetan Children's Village
- *Writing Workshop* led by Bernice Mennis, a local writing instructor and author.
- *Garden Thugs in Disguise* presented by Kerry Mendez
- Yoga program
- *S. L. Smith Band*, an acoustic based group
- *Lost Radio Rounders*, played songs from the Smoky Mountains to the plains of Texas
- *Ann Whiting*, clogging and step-dancing accompanied by Frank Orsini and Josh Ward
- *Flame*, a group of 11 musicians with physical and developmental disabilities
- *Smokey Greene & The Boys*, old-time country, bluegrass and comedy
- *Tom Akstens & Neil Rossi*, old-time string band music, country blues and ragtime
- *Michael Jerling Trio*, music rooted in blues, rock, country and R & B
- *Doc Scanlon Trio*, swing jazz with country and 50s and 60s rock
- *Coupon Class*, with Tegan Bussing

Many thanks to the Friends of Crandall Public Library for their generous support of Reference programs

Writers Series

- *Paul Pines and Stuart Bartow* presented "Fish Gotta Swim" a program inspired by Pines' experiences trolling for marlin, Bartow's time fly-fishing and the writings these experience helped produce
- *Nancy White and Barbara Unger* presented "Women Throughout History: from Eve to Barbie", a joint reading of their poetry
- *Christa Parrish*, 2010 Christian Book award winner for her novel, *Watch Over Me*
- *Regina W. Daly* discussed her book, *The Shackleton Letters: Behind the Scenes of the Nimrod Expedition*
- *Anne White*, local favorite spoke about her fifth novel, *Cold Winter Nights* in the popular Lake George mystery series
- *Patricia & Robert Foulke* discussed their book, *Historic Daytrips Near Home*
- *James A. "Buddy" Edgerton*, model and neighbor of Norman Rockwell gave a multimedia presentation on his book, *The Unknown Rockwell: A Portrait of Two American Families*
- *Eleanor Berger*, a well-traveled writer discussed her book, *Stepping Out: A Tenderfoot's Guide to the Principles, Practice, and Pleasures of Countryside Walking*
- *Writers in Our Community with the Everywoman Writers* shared poems and essays they've written, and their thoughts on the process of every woman writing
- *Jon Katz* discussed his new novel, *Rose in a Storm*
- *Jon Clinch*, critically acclaimed author of *Kings of the Earth*
- *Agata Stanford*, a local mystery author read and discussed the first title in the Dorothy Parker mystery series, *The Broadway Murders*
- *Robert Knightly*, mystery writer discussed his latest novel, *Bodies in Winter*
- *Paul Post*, spoke on his book, *Soldiers of Saratoga County from Concord to Kabul*

The Writers Series is made possible thanks to public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency and co-sponsored events with Red Fox Books.

Each month, the Library sponsors three book discussion groups. A librarian acts as facilitator for the discussions which follow the reading of either a fiction or nonfiction work. Once a month, the Memory Sharing Group meets to share stories and memories. Once a month Crandall Knits meets to learn and enjoy their love of knitting.

Adult Statistics 2010

- Circulation increased 4.45% over 2009 [768,391 items in 2009 to 802,624 in 2010.]
- Self check circulations and all customer initiated circulations and reserves averaged 91.5% of transactions in 2010.
- The use of self check stations alone was 80.25% in 2010.
- The Library added 4,355 new borrowers in 2010 for a total of 47,241 (32,661 in-district) for 2010.
- The total door count for 2010 was 3.02% higher than 2009. [453,401 in 2009 vs. 467,099 in 2010]
- Visits to our web site totaled 306,862 in 2010. That's an average of 841 visits per day!
- Total Internet use in 2010 was 82,268 a 26.28% increase over 2009.
- Volunteers contributed a total of 3,991.25 hours to library services in 2010.
- Total reference questions in 2010 were 75,872 while 75,018 questions were answered in 2009. This is a 1% increase.
- 535 registered CPL patrons used OverDrive digital library items. Total checkouts by Crandall Accounts 3,845.
- A total of 14,933 items were distributed by our Outreach Services in 2010.
- 2010 interlibrary loan statistics 26,311 items were requested by other libraries with 24,757 of these sent. Thus 94% of requests were filled.



Performers: Flame The Band



Speaker: retired teacher, Nancy Corliss in Tibet

Health Information Services 2010/Guin Forshey

The Consumer Health Information Center (CHIC) continues to offer reliable health resources in both print and electronic form. In 2010, the Medical Librarian provided over one hundred information packets to local patrons on a variety of health & wellness issues. To meet the growing interest in complementary and alternative medicine, the CHIC began subscribing to the Natural Standard database which is accessible on the dedicated "medical computer".

In 2010, the Medical Librarian worked with the Adirondack Lyme Disease Foundation to offer 3 showings of the acclaimed documentary "Under Our Skin". The CHIC continued to partner with MVP healthcare to provide programs such as: Humor & Health; Beating the Cheats; and Fall Prevention. In addition, space was provided to the American Red Cross to hold four blood drives.



New York State Council on the Arts
2010 Film/Video Festival
 Christine McDonald, programmer

The Film/Video Festival completed its 30th year in 2010. The Electronic Media Film Program of the New York State Council on the Arts continues to provide grant funds for the program. Other support comes from the Friends of Crandall Public Library, the Experimental Television Center, the Gloria Bittman Foundation, private donations and local corporate donors: the Glens Falls National Bank, Rosemary Reardon Kingsley, CPA and other donors.

The Eleventh Annual African American Film Forum was held three Tuesdays in February with sponsorship from the Glens Falls Chapter of the NAACP. Lee Braggs, First Vice President of the NAACP led the discussions. Films screened were: Brick By Brick: A Civil Rights Story; Scarred Justice: The Orangeburg Massacre 1968 and Prom Night in Mississippi.

In 2010, there were 36 screenings showing 50 films plus almost 30 YouTube™ sites accessed during the August 2010 program, “YouTube™: The Phenomenon and the Future.” Attendance at the programs topped 4,621 people, an increase of 25% over 2009.

Marie-Hélène Cousineau made a personal appearance with her film “Before Tomorrow” which was shown at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival to enthusiastic audiences. In June, as part of The Hyde Collection’s exhibition, “Andrew Wyeth: An American Legend”, the Library screened two films on Wyeth with a discussion led by The Hyde Collection’s Director of education, Sara Boivin. In May, John Columbus, Director of the 28th Black Maria Film and Video Festival brought 12 of the latest cutting-edge films from the competition, including American independents, documentary, animation, narrative and experimental works.

In addition to the films screened for the Black Maria Film Festival program, the following films were screened this year:

Spring:

The Hurt Locker
 The September Issue
 29th Black Maria Film Festival
 Bright Star
 Reporter
 Before Tomorrow
 The Maid
 The White Ribbon
 Julie & Julia
 Mary & Max
 Andrew Wyeth films
 The Cove
 A Serious Man

Summer:

Crazy Heart
 Where the Wild Things Are
 YouTube™: The Phenomenon
 and the Future
 Crude
 Avatar
 Up in the Air
 The Class
 Oscar™ Nominated Short Films
 2010: Animation

Fall:

The Last Station
 Secret in Their eyes
 Women Without Men
 The Kids Are All Right
 Ghost writer
 Please Give
 Cyrus
 Mademoiselle Chambon
 The Father of My Children
 Coco Before Chanel
 Get Low
 Winter’s Bone

2010 Annual Report of the Folklife Center
Todd DeGarmo, Founding Director
Erica Wolfe Burke, Archivist/Special Collections Librarian

Archives & Special Collections

1. Reading Room Use

- a. 2,536 Patrons
- b. 3,901 Items Used
- c. 875 Copies
- d. 935.25 Volunteer Hours.

2. New Collections

Art, Print, Map Collections

Charles Wood portrait

Tom Ryan's donation of his 7 of his original watercolors of local, historic scenes.

Rhea Haggart Costello print, *Jack Leadley: An Adirondack Legend*.

Cate Mandigo print, *Happy Hometown Holidays*.

Charles Flichbaugh's donation of 19th century maps (2) & prints (2).

Lena Luliano's donation of *A Place for All Seasons* (framed print of CPL).

Erica Wolfe Burke's donation of her 9 *Christmas Nativity Puppets*.

Manuscript & Research Collections

Glens Falls Hospital Guild Archives.

Woman's National Farm & Garden Association Archives.

Annie Yocum research collection, *Adirondack Cowboys*.

William Lee Richards research collection (maps, papers).

Tom Lapham's donation of Pruyn family DAR applications.

Additions to DAR local chapter archives.

Additions to Glens Falls Community Theater.

Floyd Dumas' own World War II story.

David Casey donation of Irish genealogy research, postcards & Crockwell mag.

Stephen B. Mischo's donation of O'Leary family history. (12 binders & 1 box).

Books & Serials

John C. ("Jack") Mannix Magician's Library (361 volumes, 91 videos, 28 DVDs).

Amy Smith's donation of high school yearbooks.

Paul McCarty's donation of high school yearbooks.

Adirondack Community College donation of newspapers & census microfilm.

Antonio & Michelle Cerro's donation of the serial, *Liberty Proclaimer*.

Janet Delong's donation of 1807 Bible.

Todd DeGarmo's donation of books on sacred, community & Jazz music.

Ballston Spa Library's donation of books on Adirondack subjects.

Main Street (newspaper) donation of missing issues.

Lucy Cornwell's donation of Margaret Cornwell materials (ephemera, books).

Audio-visual Collections

Irv & Fran Shapiro Folk Music Library (11 linear ft of albums, books, papers)

Ann Cornell Folk Music Library (6.5 linear ft albums, 66 books, 1 linear ft serials).

DeGarmo's digital video recordings of *Live! Folklife Concerts* and other.

DeGarmo's digital fieldwork photographs.

Steve Davis' donation of a DVD of *The Visitors* live performance at CPL.

Kevin Ankeny's donation of his film, *Farm Raised*.

Folklife Gallery

1. Exhibitions for *Have a Seat in Glens Falls*, summer 2010:
 - a. *This Seat Taken lol*
 - b. *Come Sit a Spell*
 - c. *Stand up. Be heard.*
2. Display: Folk Art & Folklife Center, internship information for Public History conference hosted by Empire State College, Saratoga Springs.
3. Exhibition: *Peak to Peak: Verplanck Colvin and the First Years of the Adirondack Survey*, handmade book by Bob Walp of Chester Creek Press, and winner of LARAC Individual Artist Grant.

Music, Storytelling

1. Swing Peepers in Lake Lovers, a family, inactive concert
2. Live! Folklife Concerts, Thursday evenings, 7 to 9 pm in Community Room:
 - a. Red Haired Strangers
 - b. Roadside Blues Band
 - c. Siver Family
 - d. Mike & Rick (Hair of the Dog)
 - e. Lissa Schneckengerger
 - f. Hungrytown
 - g. Bread & Bones
 - h. Red Molly
3. Women's History Awards, co-hosted by the American Association of University Women, featuring storyteller Jeannine Laverty, and 5th graders reading their winning essays
4. Batt & Maura Burns, stories & music from County Kerr, Ireland
5. Dan Berggren at Adirondack Day for Queensbury third grades.
6. Live! Folklife Concerts, Thursday evenings, 7 to 9 pm in Community Room:
 - a. Fairview Avenue
 - b. Red Hen
 - c. Dana & Susan Robinson

Workshops & Talks

1. *Henry Crandall's Catsup Bottle*, an archival workshop collaboration with the Teen Center
2. *Family History 101*, genealogy workshop by Burke
3. *Guess What I Collect*, workshop by DeGarmo in collaboration with the Children's Department, to teach kids how to showcase their collections at the Library
4. *Ancestry Library Edition*, database workshop by Burke.
5. *Managing Historic Photographs*, workshop by NYS Archives Documentary Heritage Program
6. Warren County History Camp, tour of Warren Street by Burke
7. *Folk Arts All Around Us*, illustrated talk by DeGarmo for Hamilton County historian's summer series, Indian Lake
8. *Women in the Adirondacks*, folk art display for Empire State College's Public History conference, Saratoga Springs.
9. *Archival Saturdays*, workshops by Burke & DeGarmo for NYS Archives Month:
 - a. Caring for Family Treasures
 - b. Clues in Family Photographs
 - c. Share Your Photos with Crandall.
10. Saratoga in Bloom, author talk & book signing
11. LGRMIF Grant workshop by NYS Archives, December.



Red Molly



Roadside Blues Band

HERITAGE QUEST ONLINE

ancestry library edition

Genealogy Databases Available at Crandall Public Library

Children's Services 2010/Pam Frazier

Programs

Program attendance continued to grow in 2010 with **24,948** people attending children's programs. Programs were designed to promote early literacy, encourage reading for pleasure, satisfy curiosity, provide children with opportunities to explore a variety of topics of personal interest, and to spark their imaginations. Programs for very young children, birth through age 3, were in such high demand that two regular weekly program sessions were added for this age group, a third toddler story time and an additional multi-age family story time. Programs for young children and their care givers were designed to encourage new parents to visit the Library and also to promote early language development and reading readiness.

Many programs inspired kids of all ages to read for pleasure. Once again the participation in the **Summer Reading Program set an all-time library record, 1049 kids, 65 teens, and 131 care givers were enrolled.** This program encouraged reading through offering prize incentives. The Friends of the Library provided "Library Celebrities Live Here" lawn signs for all children in this program who read over 10 books. A winter reading program also encouraged pleasure reading on a smaller scale with an enrollment 119 kids. Two book parties featuring popular children's books provided enjoyable ways to celebrate reading. The *Charlotte's Web* book party appealed to kids in early elementary school and preschool, and the *Lightning Thief* book party was for the tween age group. Kids enjoyed reading to the reading therapy dogs that were available at the Library several times during year. Children had a very special treat when the Disney character Belle from *Beauty and the Beast* visited the Library and read a story.

Other programs offered kids many opportunities to explore a variety of topics of personal interest from art and history to science, and appealed to their creativity and sparked their imaginations. Popular science programs included exploring aquatic ecology, birds of prey, and desert life. Kids looked back in time at the frontier life program. Music programs encompassed dance and movement, sing-alongs, and concerts. Cooking programs were of interest to many kids, and extra sessions were added to accommodate the demand. *Fabulous Flying Fingers* introduced children to sign language. Many children engaged their imaginations in numerous art activities from quilling for older kids to open-ended art for preschoolers. A *Writer's Club* was formed for an enthusiastic group of kids wishing to explore creative writing. Magic and juggling shows left kids wanting to try these activities. The library teen group performed lively puppet shows that fascinated young children. The most popular new program was *Legomania*. Many kids had such a keen interest in creating with Legos that this program grew into a Lego Club with a monthly event. All the Legos were donated by members of the community.

Some programs were made possible through cooperative arrangements and/or funding from community businesses or agencies. Children were captivated by a performance by the Seagle Colony of the children's opera *Jack in the Beanstalk* funded by the Glen Falls Kiwanis Club. Many kids enjoyed the annual trip to the ballet at SPAC funded by the Friends of the Library. A birthday celebration for Dr. Seuss featuring community members reading from his books was coordinated with the Iroquois Reading Council. The annual Spelling Bee, a cooperative event with *The Chronicle* newspaper, Red Fox Bookstore, and the Library, gave kids who love spelling the opportunity to shine. Through a cooperative effort with Red Fox Books, popular children's author Patricia Reilly Giff inspired kids with a talk about her new book series *Zig Zag Kids*. A monthly Sensory Story and Art Time were established especially for children on the autism spectrum in cooperation with Upstate NY Autism Awareness. Many more businesses donated the prizes kids received as incentives in the reading programs.

Reaching out to the community to attract new users and educate the public on the many services and materials offered by Library was a large emphasis. Library orientations were offered to students in school classes both at the Library and at all the elementary schools in the library district. Informational programs were also offered to parents at area elementary schools. Information tables were staffed and activities were offered at the Chronicle Book Fair, Warren County Youth Fair, Moreau Fun Days, Moreau State Park, and even Haviland's Cove beach.

Reference Questions

The information desk in the children's department continued to be a hub of activity. Staff helped children of all ages and their care givers to find books, DVDS, audio books, music and more in a variety of areas of interest. Reader's advisory continued to be one of the main requests as parents tried to find books their kids would enjoy at the appropriate reading level, and the staff created suggested reading lists arranged by grade level to meet this need. Parents were seeking information on topics covered by materials in the Family Focus Center, from potty training to discipline for teens. College students in children's literature classes left with stacks of books for their projects. Most patrons have now mastered the self-check system, and did not require as much assistance as in 2009.

Computer Use

The computers in the department were a popular stop for kids during their visits to the library. Preloaded educational games were used by younger kids while older kids played games and explored topics on the Internet. Older kids also used the library computers to complete homework assignments. Children are also bringing in their own lap tops to use with Wi-Fi.

Volunteers

Many tween, teen, and adult volunteers assisted the children's department with a multitude of tasks. Volunteers averaged over 100 hours per month doing many different jobs such as putting DVDs in cases, washing toys, recording book lists for the reading programs, finding materials requested for loan to other libraries, and helping at various children's programs and events.

Statistics	2009	2010	change
Number of programs	856	956	+11.7%
Program attendance	24,396	24,948	+2.3%
Children in summer reading	1047	1049	+0.2%
Reference questions	43,904	37270	-15.1%
Computer use	9177	9112	-0.7%
Volunteer hours (May-Dec.)	1116	1450	+29.9%
Volunteer hours (Jan.-Dec.)	N/A	1863	



Legomania



Disney's Belle reading to children



Author Patricia Reilly Giff



Spelling Bee



Charlotte's Web Event

Teen Services 2010 /Frieda Toth

The Teen Center had another amazing and active year. Teen Center was used 16,000 times for various activities including homework, computer use, browsing, meeting friends and library sponsored programs.

The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) recommended in January that the Reduced Teen Group put on plays for younger children so we performed for three different age groups: "Nursery Rhyme Day" for toddlers, "Carnival of the Animals" for preschoolers, and "Peter and the Wolf in the Adirondacks" for school-age children. The TAG also recommended field trips, live role-playing games, and cooking classes for teens, all of which met with success.

In April we were featured in VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates) as a YA Space of Your Dreams. Also in April, one of our long-time employees, Michelle Lettus, received the Capital District Library Council Outstanding Student Employee Award .

In May, at the 52nd SALS (Southern Adirondack Library System) Annual Meeting, we were honored by SALS as "Program of the Year" for our 2009 production of Reduced Shakespeare Company.

Our structured book group, *Confabulation*, meets once a week and continues to grow, and even took a trip to see the author Laurie Halse Anderson, author of *Speak* and *Wintergirls*. Our less formal winter and summer reading programs had good participation as well.

Our teens have always been active in the community, and in June raced in the Run for Literacy (a 5K) winning the prize for best group costume.

Teens from the Teen Center also cooperated with Folklife and with Administration. With Folklife we researched Henry Crandall's Ketchup Bottle, a night in the Folklife Center to determine, as much as possible, the provenance of an artifact believed to have belonged to our founder. We also were delighted to decorate a hole on the golf course for Teen Time, a library fundraiser.

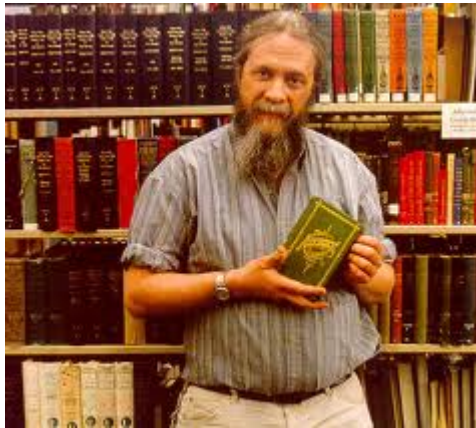
We are very excited about the continued success of the Teen Center and our teens.



Live role playing game

Puppet show by teen group

Last, but not least, our 2010 retirees...



Bruce Cole, Historian/Library Assistant 30 years



Charlotte Daly, Principal Account clerk, 25 years



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