After years of planning and implementation, Crandall Public Library reopened at 251 Glen Street with the best of circumstances - the campaign goal met and the project fully funded. The capital campaign began and ended with two transformational $1 million gifts by the Charles R. Wood Foundation, whose impact on our Library and in this area is beyond compare. In the years between, over 500 others contributed with a generosity no less impressive. We extend our sincere gratitude to every individual and business donor, foundation, and granting agency who has supported this project. Your investment, combined with that of Library taxpayers’, has provided a tremendous resource for generations to come. The new and improved Crandall Public Library is a testament to your dedication and determination. Thank you for making the dream a reality.

2008 Annual Support

Many individuals and businesses contributed to Crandall Public Library’s annual fund during 2008. This private support supplements public income, enhancing the Library’s ability to provide the highest quality services, collections, and programs to benefit the people of our region. We would like to thank the following for their generosity:

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Mary Brown

Gifts
Michelle & Scott Bedell, in honor of Ethel Willson
Mr. & Mrs. David E. Beeman
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The year of 2008 was a monumental year for the Crandall Public Library and will be part of the history of our library for many years. On December 12, 2008 we celebrated with a dedication ceremony and the opening of our newly renovated and expanded library facility. The Library staff and the entire project management team worked on the project for twenty months giving us one of the most beautiful and technological state of the art equipped public libraries in the Northeast. We are thankful to all the staff, trustees & past trustees, Friends of Crandall Library and all the citizens of our communities and our many donors that have made this facility possible. Our entire community needs to be thankful to the Charles R. Wood Foundation for their generous support in donating for the second time making a total donation of 2 million dollars to our project. To show the commitment to Crandall Public Library the three communities that make up our Library district voted in favor of a 2009 annual budget one month prior to our opening the new facility with a statement of confidence during a most trying financial time.

It was the goal of the Library Board and entire staff to complete our construction project on time and on budget. This was a special focus of our immediate past Board President, Richard Merrill, who spent many hours dedicated to the construction project. On March 9, 2009 the Crandall Public Library along with the entire area served by our library district was saddened by the loss of Richard Merrill who had served as Board President during our entire expansion and renovation project. Dick Merrill put his heart and soul into the development and completion of the expansion and renovation and always could be counted on for being a gentleman and good citizen.

On behalf of the entire Board of Trustees we would like to thank our communities for their support and will continue in 2009 to make the Crandall Public Library a cornerstone to downtown Glens Falls.

On December 12, 2008 when the Library dedicated the newly renovated and expanded Library, we received congratulations from all of you for the successful opening and dedication of the NEW Crandall Public Library. However, the voters of the Library District who approved the bond and the 2009 budget and our generous donors who contributed to the project are the true heroes of this success story. The Library project was a community project. The Library was able to raise almost five million dollars and then, we met our Capital Campaign goal of $6 million when the extraordinary donation of $1 million from the Charles R. Wood Foundation was announced. This was the second million donated to the Library in its history! The Charles R. Wood Foundation is our modern day Henry Crandall, the Library’s first benefactor.

After almost 20 months occupying temporary space in the old YMCA/Godnick’s building, the Library moved for the second time in two years in November 2008 to the new space. There was a sneak preview of the Library on Saturday, November 1, 2008 during which over 500 people saw their new Library for the first time. In the first days of operation, it was clear that the community loved the new Library. The RFID self-check system was essential to meet the enormous demand for circulation services. The statistics in December indicated close to a 40% increase in use and this trend has continued!

Dick Merrill who was Board President during the entire construction project promised the community a project that would be on time and on budget. The team of architects, construction managers, trustees, the Friends of Crandall Public Library, the Library’s Management Team and entire staff made sure his promise would be kept, and it was. Library staff worked closely with the architects, Ann Beha Architects of Boston and our local partner, JMZ Architects to insure that the building would meet the public’s needs for service and be a beautiful, functional, welcoming and inspiring civic space for decades to come. Welcome to the new Library!
Dick Merrill's sudden death on March 9, 2009 stunned the library community and all those in the many communities who worked with Dick on many other projects besides the Library. We extend our deepest sympathy to Dick's wife Mary, his children and family for their profound loss. It is our loss as well. Dick Merrill became the President of the Crandall Public Library Board of Trustees in January 2006, just after the passage of the Library's bond for the renovation and expansion of the Crandall Public Library building. The architects were setting up design meetings with staff, the Board was selecting a construction management firm and we were all grateful that Dick Merrill stepped forward to meet the challenge of steering the Library Board, staff and community through the building process. Having been an engineer for decades at GE, Dick knew that with all projects, there would be bumps in the road ahead. Dick had served for six years on the Friends of Crandall Public Library Board from 1999 to 2005 and became a Library trustee in 2004. The challenges the Library faced during Dick's tenure as President included the design phase, hiring the construction manager, final design approval, the bidding process, demolition, moving out of the old building and back to the new, raising $6 million, passing a budget with a 20% increase and communicating effectively with the press, the public, staff and Board.

Dick Merrill accompanied me and the management team to all architect design meetings and other meetings with engineers and consultants. Once the bid process was completed and we knew what funds had to be raised, he supported the efforts to hire a Development Director and establish a Capital Campaign Committee. Dick supported staff during the first move out of the old building and into the Godnick's building in April 2007. Once construction started, he attended all Project meetings with me that The Pike Company, our construction management firm, coordinated. Throughout the process he worked with the project team and staff to keep the project on time and on budget and he succeeded in this goal splendidly. Dick Merrill was available at a moment's notice to me during the three years of his presidency. He planned vacations around Board and other meetings and gave freely of his time, expertise and opinions. The message from Dick was always “Keep it positive.” He supported staff in the request to implement RFID self check in the Library. He understood that with the demand for service likely increasing about 40%, the Library had to turn to technology to keep personnel costs reasonable and provide excellent customer service.

For Crandall Public Library, Dick Merrill was the right person at the right time for the Library renovation and expansion project. What a thrill it was to stand with him on December 12, 2008 and present the new Library to the public. Dick Merrill excelled in civility and he will always be a role model in our hearts for fairness, hard work and a job well done.

Christine McDonald
Director
# 2008 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Operating Income with Amendments

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## New York State Aid

| Central Reference Library Grant | 103,600 |
| Local Library Aid              | 16,280  |
| **Subtotal**                    | **$119,890** |

## Library Generated Income

| Foundations and Trusts | 81,407 |
| Investment Account (GFNB) | 63,955 |
| Crandall Trust          | 85,000 |
| Newburger Trust         | 26,766 |
| Weing Trust             | 126,161 |
| Friends Contributions   | 30,451 |
| Fines                   | 78,744 |
| Donations               | 21,027 |
| Copy Machines & Magazine Collections | 3,883 |
| Interest Income from accounts | 15,223 |
| Insurance Refunds       | 1,970  |
| Misc. Fees and Other charges | 15,215 |
| **Subtotal**             | **$550,160** |

## Grant Income

| NYS Council on the Arts and Corporate | 68,600 |
| NYS 21st Century Community Grant     | 17,735 |
| NYS SARA Grant                       | 3,224  |
| NYS Patron Grant                     | 2,500  |
| NYS TAUNY Grant                      | 10,500 |
| CDLC Grant                           | 2,500  |
| Stewart's Grant                      | 1,000  |
| Gates Foundation Grant               | 2,500  |
| Folklife Internship Grant            | 1,000  |
| **Subtotal**                          | **$116,909** |

## Miscellaneous Expenses

| Supplies, printing, postage   | 43,411 |
| Outside Computer Services     | 4,100  |
| Travel                        | 3,935  |
| Audit and Accounting          | 5,950  |
| Professional Fees/Honorariums | 5,850  |
| Professional Fees / Security Service | 22,775 |
| Other Misc., Workshops, Membership Dues | 11,248 |
| **Subtotal**                   | **$97,135** |

## Other Expenses

| Automation and Telecommunication's Costs | 52,176 |
| Program Costs                         | 3,304  |
| Friends of CPL Projects                | 30,165 |
| **Subtotal**                           | **$91,645** |

## Debt Service

| 2006 Debt Service Payment           | 788,863 |

## Surplus/Deficit '07 (due to reduce Trust income)

| Surplus/Deficit '07                  | 80,446  |

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New Grants & Income
• New York State Council on the Arts–Folk Arts Program $40,000
• Quebec Project—NEA & NYSCA $11,700
• NYS Archives–LGRMIF $6,449
• NYSCA–Folk Arts & NY Folklore Society Folk Arts Internship $5,000
• Capital District Library Council’s—Cataloging grant $2,500

Envoye a Maison! A Franco-American Homecoming
• 4-day, 10-event, 14-artist program to celebrate Quebec’s 400th anniversary with a cultural exchange of music, dance, crafts, food, the building of an outdoor bread oven, & making of a documentary film of its construction, with partners Hubbard Hall, Cambridge Library & Farmers Market, NY (October).

Live Music & Storytelling
• Abenaki storyteller James Bruchac in February for the Battenkill Valley Winter Festival (Feb.)
• Kevin & Katie McKrell (March)
• Sara Milonvich & Greg Anderson (March)
• Santa Cruz River Band at Wood Theater (April)
• Mike & Ruthy (Ungar Merenda) (April)
• Adesso, at 6th annual Women History awards with American Assoc of University Women (April)
• Storyteller/musician Peggy Lynn at Queensbury School’s Adirondack Day (June)
• Lake George Saxophone and Frank Orsini & Friends played for Library Dedication December 12

Lecture Circuit
• Kids in Archives by Burke & DeGarmo for SALS Youth Services Roundtable (March)
• Building Bridges by DeGarmo at Upstate History Alliance/Museum Assoc of NY, Troy (April)
• Life & Legend of Pete Francis by DeGarmo at Mid-Atlantic American Studies Assoc, Rochester (April)
• Folk at Crandall by DeGarmo at Mid-Atlantic Folklife Assoc & NYS Roundtable, Cooperstown (April)
• Interactions & Public Gallery by DeGarmo for NY Archives Conference, Potsdam (May)
• Building Bridges by DeGarmo at Conference on NYS History, Skidmore (June)
• History of NBT Bank Building by Burke for GF Rotary Club (July) & Lions Club (October)
• Archives to Enrich Instruction by Burke for BOCES Upstate NY Teaching American History, (October)
• Adirondack Folk Art by DeGarmo to Health Care Association of NY, Lake George (October)

Internships
• Rita Colavincenza, one of two folklife graduate students funded statewide by NYSCA/NYFS
• Caitlin Johnson, State University at Albany library school graduate student

Kids & Classrooms
• Guess What I Collect training sessions to showcase kids’ own collections at the Library
• Book Boxes travel to classrooms, home schools
• Kids in Archives, place archival collections in kids’ hands to teach local history

Special Collections & Archives
• Temporary home at Southern Adirondack Library System, Saratoga Springs
• Erica Burke passed the Certified Archivist examinations
• YMCA Building Display by Burke in temporary Library facility
• 261 titles added (purchased new or donated) to the Holden Reference Collection
• Vital Records Index (births, marriages, deaths) onsite through the NYS Health Department & Archives
• 135 Manuscript Collection descriptions placed on SALS/MVLA catalog
• Folklife fieldwork audio tapes & 16 mm films of regional interest converted to digital files
• Holden Reference Collection inventoried & Historic Children’s Book Collection catalogued
• Arts & Objects Collections cataloged & portions accessible on CDLC Digital Collections website
We Remember

Rev. Dr. George R. Long

Rev. George Long was a trustee of Crandall Public Library from 2005 until his death. George was very interested in the library's historical collections and spent many hours in the Center for Folklife, History and Cultural Programs in the old Library. His and his wife's special love of reading and writing also enriched the Library.

Margaret C. Cornwell

Margaret “Peg” Cornwell served on the Board of the Friends of the Library from 1978-1984. During that time, Peg became one of our most valued “sorters,” by organizing books into subjects for what was then an annual sale. After her term on the friends Board, Peg stayed on and worked in the basement of the Library for many more years sorting books, making friends and delighting us with her humor and broad taste in music and other topics. She was ever curious about the world and loved being around books which brought her to the Library to volunteer. She touched many lives through her work at the Library and will be remembered for her wisdom and kindness.

Crandall Public Library

Trustees 2008

Richard “Dick” Merrill, President - Queensbury
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Robert Sheahan - Moreau
George Long - Glens Falls

Did You Know?

Crandall Public Library by the Numbers 2008

Borrowers Registered at Crandall Public Library

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<td><strong>TOTAL BORROWERS</strong></td>
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President Sarah Hussa, Vice President Susan Brandi, Secretary Barb McCarthy, and Treasurer Mark Powers ably guided the Friends of Crandall Public Library towards the goal of giving our community a beautiful, functional new library. The care from the Friends for the project and library activities came both financially and spiritually. They were instrumental in supplying support for infrastructure of the building, Library programming and celebrating the Library’s reopening.

Monetary support 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 $30,000. Funded expressions of support included but were not limited to:

- Noted children’s book author Marc Brown coming to Crandall Public Library for our dedication weekend
- Locally raised poet Michael Cleary read his new poem celebrating the opening of the renovated Crandall Public Library
- Reference programming such as musicians Frank Orsini and Artie Traum
- 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 film Enchanted

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

Outreach Services 2008

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 both the New York State Library for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and WMHT’s RISE broadcasts.

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. Whether the setting is a private home or public space, Outreach Services takes great pride and pleasure in making the Crandall Public Library experience available to those who are unable to visit the Library in person.

Health Services 2008

2008 saw an increase in the usage of the Consumer Health Information Center (CHIC). Telephone reference services were up 23% and there was a 15% increase in information packets mailed out. Interlibrary loan requests for medical journal articles increased 62%. The CHIC website had an increase in traffic as well. There was a 173% increase in first time visitors to the website and an almost 200% increase in returning visitors.

The medical librarian participated in community events such as the local Health Literacy Conference held at the Great Escape Lodge and the CHIC was featured in an article for the ADK Health Magazine. The CHIC is now conveniently located on the 1st floor near the Park Entrance and the medical librarian is available to provide specialized reference services on a variety of health & wellness topics.
As the expansion project grew to completion, we worked to grow new users. We brought many children and families into the library through creative programming. 18,759 people attended the 652 children's programs and 1,170 attended 82 teen programs offered in 2008. The summer reading program set a new record for enrollment of over 1,000 children, teens, and adults. Programs encompassed a wide range of interests from literacy to science exploration and were available to all age groups from babies to teens:

- Marc Brown, children's author
- Daryl Baldwin, master balloon artist
- Super Grover from Sesame Street Live
- Logging Camp program a collaboration with the Adirondack Museum and the Corinth Museum
- Tae Kwon Do demonstrations

Full assistance was provided to all customers seeking information at the busy children's reference desk. Staff answered 26,485 requests for information ranging from help with homework to finding books on child development for new parents.

Despite being in a temporary location and closed for the move to the expanded facility, children's fiction book circulation increased by over 12%, and nonfiction book circulation increased by 10%. Local schoolchildren helped us to begin the move back to our renovated library.

Three years ago in the Spring of 2006, the Library formed a new group for the local teens of the region, later named “Twisted Teens” by its founder members. This group started with just 2-3 members. During the first year of its existence, it grew to about 10 members and now in its third year of its continuation; this remarkable group has broken all odds with 35 energetic, smart and witty members.

“Twisted Teens” meets weekly taking part in various activities including book discussions, game contests (including an introduction to the sport of cricket), debates, study groups, and many artistic activities. “Twisted Teens” provides teens with a way to be socially a part of the local community.

On December 11, 2008, the opening day celebration for our new renovated building, the teens showed up with signs to support the library where they also went to the roundabout to proudly hold up their signs demonstrating their love for the library. Furthermore, the brand-new Teen Center at Crandall Public Library was off to a great start, with over 1,000 uses in the first month of operation. Teens did homework projects with friends, got research assistance from library professionals, browsed our great fiction and new Hot Topics collections, used the computers for socialization and homework, and renewed the vibrant Teen Group with an emphasis on community service. Library staff and volunteers are excited to be a part of this wonderful chapter in the history of the library.
The Film/Video Festival completed its 28th year in 2008. 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; anonymous; and Rosemary Reardon Kingsley, CPA.

In 2008, the Library was still housed in temporary quarters in the Godnick's building two doors down from the Library construction and renovation site. In the Godnick's building, the theatre space created in the old YMCA basketball court was the screening room for all films with seating for 155 people.

In 2008, 30 works plus an evening featuring choices from the 27th Black Maria Festival were screened and 3,289 people attended the screenings an increase in attendance of 24%. The Ninth Annual African American American Film Forum was held four Tuesdays in February with sponsorship from Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church. Films included were: You Got To Move: Stories of Change in the South; The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till; The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow; and Banished: How Whites Drove Blacks Out of Town in America.

In May, John Columbus, director of the 27th Black Maria Film and Video Festival brought 10 of the latest cutting-edge films from the competition, including American independents, documentary, animation, narrative and experimental works.

Leonard Reitel Helmrich of Indonesia appeared with his film, Shape of the Moon. Seth Kramer whose film The Linguists was screened at Sundance 2008, also appeared at Crandall. Local filmmaker Colin Bannon did two screenings with discussions of his new film, True Stories from Rug City.

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

Spring: La Vie en Rose, The Diving Bell and the Butterfly, Atonement, Juno, Miss Potter, Nights of Cabiria with a discussion led by syndicated film columnist and WRGB film critic Dan DiNicola, The Kite Runner, Into Great Silence, Persepolis, Grace is Gone and The Savages.

Summer/Fall: Once, Taxi to the Dark Side, There Will Be Blood, Nanking, The Great Debaters, Enemies of Happiness, Michael Clayton, The Counterfeiters, Up the Yangtze and Note By Note.
Reference Programs 2008

- **George Gershwin Remembrance & Discovery**: multimedia concert with pianist Richard Glazier
- **Kerry Mendez**: program on the top performing perennials, shrubs and annuals for low maintenance gardens
- **String Dusters**: American acoustic music
- **Artie Traum**: traditional folk, urban jazz and delta blues music
- **Sky Blue Boys**: old ballads and parlor songs
- **Whippersnappers**: old world tunes
- **Lake George Saxophone Quartet**: mix of jazz, ragtime and popular music
- **Buskers**: mix of folk, jazz, swing and rock music
- **Ramblin Jug Stompers**: string band music
- **Adrenalin Hayride**: bluegrass music influenced by swing, rock and jazz
- **Crandall Knits**: a program for patrons interested in learning knitting basics

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One Community, One Book

*Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortensen and David Oliver Relin was selected as this year's choice; the book describes Mortensen’s efforts to build schools in remote parts of Pakistan. The announcement of the book and introduction to the program was held with a tea tasting presented by Donna Lynn Milford owner of SensibiliTeas. Book discussions were held at the Library and Red Fox Books throughout the summer. Programming included:

- Tom Rosecrans, Ed Sheridan and Nola Royce each presented a program of their mountain climbing in the Himalayas.
- Jane Arnold and Imam Kareem Aggour of the Islamic Center of the Capital District presented an informal conversation on the history and practice of Islam.
- “Afghans for Afghans,” knitters and crocheters met to create blankets, hats, mittens and socks to send to Afghanistan.
- The Children’s Department participated with discussion of the books *The Carpet Boy’s Gift* and *Under the Persimmon Tree*.

The Children’s Library staff and the World Awareness Children’s Museum presented a program on Pakistan and the surrounding countries including a climbing wall to experience mountain climbing and the children tasted food of the Pakistan region and created art.

The Chronicle and Red Fox Books co-sponsored the One Community, One Book events.

Writers Series

- **Anne Easter Smith**: discussion and reading from her new book, *Daughter of York*
- **Rosemary Miner**: local mystery author; discussed her book *Lies and Logs to Die For*
- **Paul Pines**: discussion and reading of his new book, *My Brother’s Madness: A Memoir*
- **Bill McKibben**: one of our most important environmental writers spoke on climate change and the need for localized economies, sponsored by Red Fox Books.

The Writers Series is made possible thanks to public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency.

Book Discussion

Each month, the Library sponsors two book discussion groups. A librarian acts as facilitator for the many interesting conversations which follow the reading of either a fiction or nonfiction work as selected by the group. Author, James Howard Kunstler attended the discussion of his book, *The Long Emergency: Surviving the Converging Catastrophes of the 21st Century.*

Memory Sharing Group

Once a month, a group comprised of amateur writers and story tellers gathers to share stories and memories. Library staff assisted the Charles R. Wood Cancer Center to form a memory writing group with cancer patients.

Computer Training

Computer classes where adult patrons spend an hour with a librarian learning to navigate the Internet or receive help with word processing were held throughout the year. One-on-one lessons were scheduled too.
New Book Browsing Area, August 2008

Children Assisting in the Move, November 2008

Children's Services During Move, November 2008

Opening Day, December 11, 2008

Dedication Evening Youthful Ribbon Cutters, December 12, 2008