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CRANDALL PUBLIC LIBRARY TO LAUNCH A FARM-2-LIBRARY PROGRAM

Glens Falls, NY - - Crandall Public Library is gearing up to bring fresh local food to you for free. In partnership with the Southern Adirondack Library System (SALS) and Comfort Food Community, Crandall will be the latest Library to join the Farm-2-Library Program. The goals of this program, which began in 2017, are to reduce food waste, address the issues of food access and insecurity, and reconnect individuals with the abundance of resources that libraries have to offer.

The Comfort Food Community operates the Fresh Food Collective (FFC), which harvests and purchases excess produce from local farms that is then distributed to participating libraries. Once the program is launched, anyone can come to Crandall Public Library and pick up fresh produce and dairy items.

“Two organizations that, on the surface, appear to have little in common have been able to come together to create a valuable resource for our community,” stated Barbara Caimano, Library Board Chair.

The FFC will make two deliveries a week. The items delivered will vary depending on what is leftover at the farms. The Library will provide eco-friendly bags to carry groceries. Crandall Public Library partnered with the Health Promotion Center of



Glens Falls Hospital funded by the NY State Department of Health to participate in the Farm-2-Library Program.

“The funding from The Health Promotion Center has allowed us to purchase all the materials we need to make the back corner of the New & Popular area look like a small Farmers Market,” said Kathleen Naftaly, Library Director. “We are extremely grateful to provide this free resource to our community. The pandemic shined a light on the food insecurity that truly exists within our municipalities.”

Crandall Public Library will launch Farm-2-Library the week of June 6, 2022.

Updates on progress and the launch date will be shared on their Facebook page,

@CrandallPublicLibrary.

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About Crandall Public Library:

Crandall Public Library, established in 1892, offers a vast selection of approximately 350,000 reading, viewing, and listening materials (including digital formats); a Children’s Library with several activity spaces; a designated Teen Center for our young adult audience; computer and internet access for all; expansive programming to provide educational, cultural, and literary experiences (and a state-of-the-art venue in which to present them); free meeting and program space for local non-profits; and a comfortable, accessible space in which to read, study, and socialize. Regularly offered at Crandall are a progressive film series, live music, children and family programs, lectures on a variety of subjects, book discussion groups, computer classes, and more. Unique to Crandall Public Library is the Folklife Center, offering programs, exhibits, and research related to cultural traditions of the region. In 2019, over 325,000 people visited the Library. Visit www.crandalllibrary.org.

