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Goshen and Wallkill Public Libraries to Receive Donation from New York Library Association for Flood Damage

Goshen/Wallkill, NY (December 9, 2011) The Goshen and Wallkill Public Libraries will receive donations of \$1,000 each to be presented by the New York Library Association (NYLA) on Tuesday, December 13th.

Both libraries sustained serious damage during the floods caused by Tropical Storm Irene in August.

NYLA Executive Director Michael Borges will be presenting the donation checks to on Tuesday to each of the library's Directors. Matt Gomm will be accepting on behalf of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society and Mary Lou Carolan will be accepting on behalf of the Wallkill Public Library. The money will be used to aid in the rebuilding of lost collections and sustained structural damage.

Libraries throughout New York State felt the effects of Irene and its aftermath as hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of damage accompanied with the loss of thousands books, DVD's and other media forced many libraries to close. NYLA utilized their Disaster Relief Fund to enlist the help of friends of the library community and NYLA members to assist in the rebuilding of the affected libraries.

NYLA created the Disaster Relief Fund in 2007 to provide funding to libraries in New York damaged or destroyed by natural or manmade disasters.

Other libraries receiving donations are: The Coburn Free Library, Owego; MacArthur Elementary School, Binghamton; Schoharie Free Library, Schoharie; Middleburgh Library & Dr. Christopher Best Medical Exhibit, Middleburgh; Alice Curtis Desmond and Hamilton Fish Library, Putnam; Rye Free Reading Room, Rye; and Wells Memorial Library, Upper Jay.

About NYLA:

The New York Library Association (NYLA) was established in 1890 by Melvil Dewey and is the oldest state library association in the nation. NYLA represents school, college, special and public libraries, library staff, trustees, and students from around the state.

