



## New York Library Association

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### **Wells Memorial Library to Receive Donation from New York Library Association for Flood Damage**

Upper Jay, NY (December 9, 2011) The Wells Memorial Library will receive a donation of \$1,000 to be presented by the New York Library Association (NYLA) on Thursday, December 15th.

The library sustained serious damage during the floods caused by Tropical Storm Irene in August. The storm destroyed 40% of the their collection, and virtually wiped out the entire children's section.

NYLA Past President Marcia Eggleston will be presenting the donation check at the Wells Memorial Library on December 15th to Director Karen Rappaport and Library Board President, Marie-Ann Azar Ward. 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.

The Wells Memorial Library has been serving the Jay and Upper Jay communities since 1907.

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; Goshen Public Library & Historical Society, Goshen; and Wallkill Public Library, Wallkill.

#### **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.

