



## New York Library Association

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### **Rye Free Reading Room to Receive Donation from New York Library Association for Flood Damage**

Rye, NY (December 9, 2011) The Rye Free Reading Room will receive a donation of \$1,000 to be presented by the New York Library Association (NYLA) on Wednesday, December 14th.

The library sustained serious damage during the floods caused by Tropical Storm Irene in August.

NYLA President Matt Bollerman will be presenting the donation check at the Rye Free Reading Room on December 14 to Director Kitty Little. The money will be used to aid in the cleanup and repair of the lower level children's room.

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 Rye Free Reading Room services the Rye, NY community in Westchester County.

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; Wells Memorial Library, Upper Jay; 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.

