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Schoharie Free Association and Middleburgh Libraries to Receive Donation from New York Library Association for Flood Damage

Schoharie County, NY (December 9, 2011) The Schoharie Free Association and Middleburgh Libraries will receive donations of \$1,000 to be presented by the New York Library Association (NYLA) on Thursday, December 15th.

Both libraries sustained serious damage during the floods caused by Tropical Storm Irene in August, with repairs totaling well over \$200,000 not including the loss of thousands of books and DVD's. Middleburgh suffered the loss of many rare books and documents from their Local History Room.

NYLA Executive Director Michael Borges will be presenting the donation check at the Schoharie Free Library to Director Catherine Caiazza and to the Middleburgh Public Library's Director, Teresa Pavoldi. The money will be used to aid in the rebuilding of the 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.

Both libraries are members of the Mohawk Valley Library System.

Other libraries receiving donations are: The Coburn Free Library, Owego; MacArthur Elementary School, Binghamton; Alice Curtis Desmond and Hamilton Fish Library, Putnam; Rye Free Reading Room, Rye; 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.

