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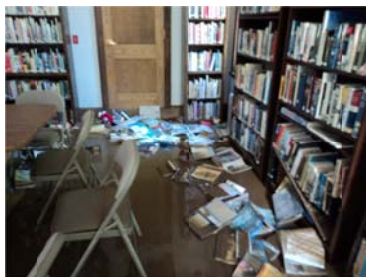
Serving the Jay and Upper Jay Communities

Flooded out!!!



The library has been closed since late August, when the swift-rising Au Sable River rose to unprecedented heights, surrounded the library, and entered the main floor to a

height of nearly 3 feet. Although the water left fairly quickly, it left behind a thick layer of mud, water-soaked books up to the flood line, destroyed equipment, and damaged bookcases.



The flood ravaged homes and businesses all along Route 9N, and left many roads impassable. Nonetheless, volunteers poured forth; the day after the flood people were using every available tool (garden shovels, dustpans, snow shovels, and squeegees) to remove the viscous mud.



Day after day they came, hauling out books, carrying out and washing book shelves and furniture, packing up what was salvageable, braving the muck in the basement to dispose of items stored there and pulling out wallboard and insulation. Patrons, church groups, school children, retail store employees, residents in neighboring towns, all contributed to this effort.



Some people brought food for the volunteers: Clare Orsi, Dawn



Klotzko, and Mary Lou Katz among them.



Many people, including Chris Straight, Nathan Farb, and John Eldridge, took pictures recording the damage, cleanup work, and salvage efforts. Children's author Kate Messner took photos and wrote a piece in her blog which resonated with authors, publishers, and librarians all over the country. Eva Jankowski, director of the CEF Library System, took close-up photos of our sodden book pile and posted them to the association of library boards.

Others also raised money on our behalf. Kathy Recchia spearheaded a benefit performance of Agnes of God in Whallonsburg, with all proceeds going to the library. Bookstore Plus in Lake Placid held a gala, including a silent auction; 20% of all book sales during the event were donated to us. Children held bake sales and set up lemonade stands: Charlotte & Lucy Ward sold cookies, as did a school group in



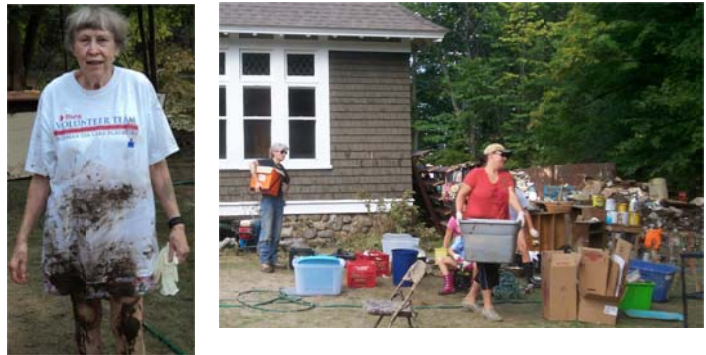
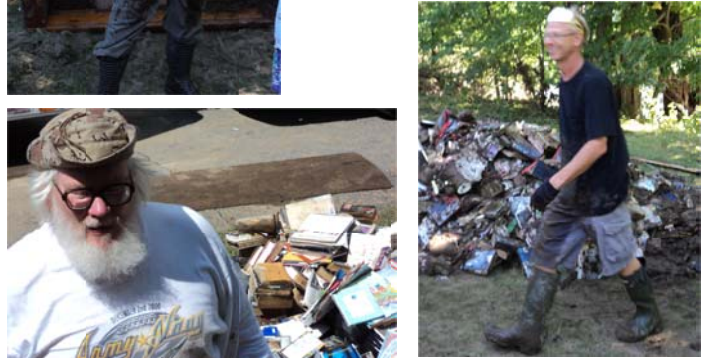


Riverdale, NY. In Longmont, Colorado Reese, Ella, Anna, Adam, and Emma set up a lemonade stand which also sold cupcakes, cookies, shaved ice, tea, little strawberry ladybugs, and flowers. Thanks to these efforts, book and cash donations have been given to our Wells Memorial Library Restoration Fund.

We have filled garages and barns with salvaged books, furniture, and items for our summer sale. Ned Gehris loaned space, and loaded two trailers of furniture and things to store. Wyatt Marcus, Luca, & Sylvia Tardlif moved 64 boxes of books to his dry garage. JEMS made the top floor of the Amos & Julia Ward theatre available for the book donations arriving from authors and publishers.



We have applied for a State Library Construction Grant to restore the library; if awarded, up to 50% of our costs would be covered. Other funds sources will be some insurance money, the Wells Memorial Library Restoration Fund, and a pledge from the Lake Placid Education Foundation.



After a drying-out period, work has just begun to restore the library, but it will be some time before that work is completed

and we can begin to reassemble what we have in far-flung places so we can once again open our doors.



In a departure from our normal newsletters, we are dedicating this one to the flood. We will resume our normal newsletters with the Winter edition.

Thanks to the Following Flood Volunteers

As we continue to work through restoration there will be other names to add to this list. If, in the crush and confusion of the moment, we neglected to note your assistance or misspelled your name, forgive us. We truly appreciate all the help we have received.

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Sharron Hewston
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Stephen Longmire & Kelly Tucker
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Kathy Recchia & Sam Balzac
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Holly Brashares
Jessie Justin
Katie Hoop
Jan Zemba
Lisa Daimeon
Steve Balmer
Michael D'Aleo
Josh Lytle
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Daniel Elissade
Meliza Gutierrez
Juliana Maylahn
Christian McMillan

Iman Mehdi
Dexter Pardon
Charlie Tasher
Bradley Therrien
Keenan Wright Sanson
Andrew Van Amorigen
Will Borchon
Matt Brady
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Fiona Craig
Elise Georger
Eryn Graham Amodeo
Chase Jones
Juli Karp
Ben MacMillian
Max Montagnino
Kai Feldstein
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Kelsie Slehusen
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