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us much joy as well as showing us so much
about the world around us. Thank you and
we look forward to future screenings."*

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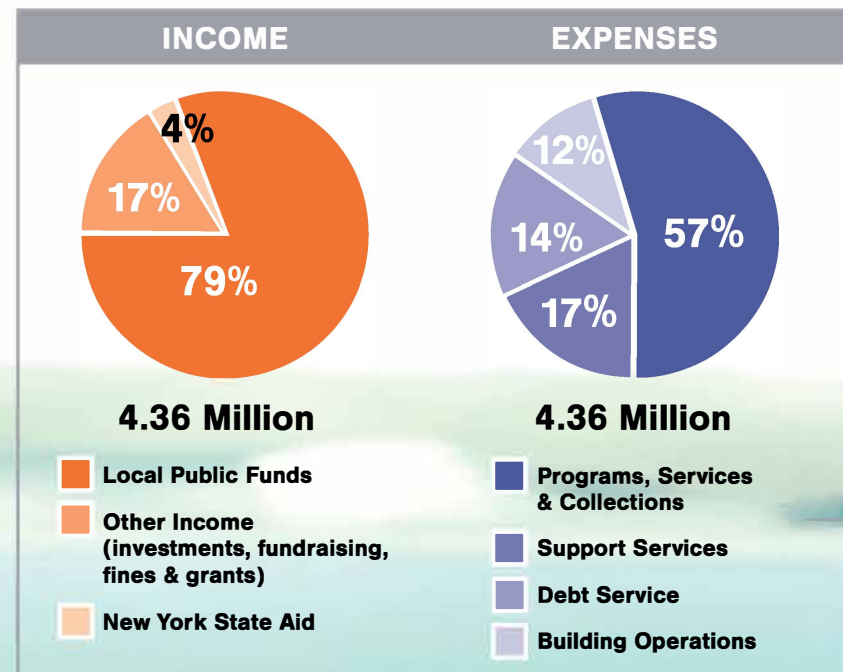
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Mark Behan was honored with the
9th Annual Henry Crandall Award
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\$37,000 for programs and services.

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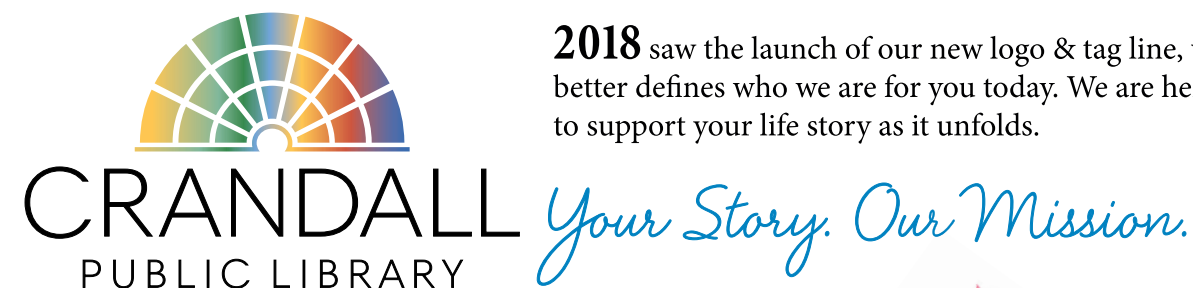


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*"This is a beautiful Library in the heart
of downtown. It serves as a community
meeting place and offers a wide variety
of programs for all ages."*

Our mission is to provide you with programs and services that enrich your life. Thank you for sharing your stories with us!

"Love the Crandall. Physically beautiful, with its artful combining of old and modern wings, it's a lovely place to sit and think. The staff is always helpful and friendly. The Tuesday night free movies are ones that couldn't ordinarily be seen in Glens Falls. The Historical Center is a great resource. Thank you, Crandall!"



2018 saw the launch of our new logo & tag line, which better defines who we are for you today. We are here to support your life story as it unfolds.

Expressing your creativity

When we create, we grow. We provide programming for patrons to express themselves and their ideas through writing, story telling, art, musical performance, and acting.

- Teens staged several plays, like *Random Fandom Trivia Night*, while collecting goods and cash donations for local charities in lieu of admission fees
- Teen Center volunteer Sarabeth Mason began a new program, "Crafting with Sarabeth," a weekly drop in activity with painting, crocheting, and other vibrant crafts
- Collaborated with Cornell Cooperative Extension to provide programs: Pumpkin Planters, Make a Terrarium, Gardening for Climate Change, and Making Holiday Wreaths
- Crandall Crafters celebrated National Coloring book day
- Winter Bluegrass Jam with Alan Epstein welcomed pickers and listeners alike on the 2nd Thursday of the month over winter

Cultural engagement

We provide access to some of the best theater, film and musical performances for your enjoyment.

- Children's field trip to the NYC Ballet at SPAC and the Saratoga Dance Museum funded by a grant from the Vivienne Anderson Foundation through the SPAC Action Council
- *Women of Lockerbie*: Reading of the award winning play by the Glens Falls Community Theatre
- Tang Museum held a workshop on making musical instruments
- Live theater performance of *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* at the PB&J Café Dinner Theatre for Kids funded by the Friends
- Saratoga Opera performed the children's opera *The Ugly Duckling*
- Bach's Big Birthday Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra
- Spring and Fall Film & Video Festivals featured thought provoking feature films, documentaries, and creative award winning shorts
- Summerland Music Society featured a WORLD PREMIERE work, *Bujeo*, by Panamanian composer Emiliano Pardo-Tristán in celebration of Crandall Public Library's 125th Anniversary
- 18 Live! Folklife concerts with acts from around the country and world



Expanding your knowledge

We hold programs about current events, social engagement, health & wellness, the environment, art, science and technology.

- SMILE (STEAM & Making in Informal Learning Environment) for adults
- National Explore Earth: Our Changing Planet Exhibit organized by the Space Science Institute's National Center for Interactive Learning, American Library Association, Lunar and Planetary Institute and Afterschool Alliance
- Explorers Club STEAM programs like Terrific Turtle with CMOST and Engineering Expo
- Dr. Jay Lemery discussed his book, *Enviromedics*
- Celebrated National Poetry Month with Poet Therese Broderick's poetry readings
- Presented 3D printer programs to learn what 3D printing is as well as how you can find, create, and print objects for a nominal fee
- The Friends Gallery hosted monthly exhibits by local artists, guilds, and art societies featuring works in many different creative mediums



Connecting people

We connect people with programs, services and each other.

- Foreign language teachers and students from Lake George High School coordinated with the Library to provide a series of classes in Spanish and French for preschool children
- Children enjoyed making friends during story times, playgroups, and art time.
- Children and parents learned about fire safety from Glens Falls City fire fighters on field trips to the fire station.
- Launched SANG, a digital resource to find community services and assistance in the Southern Adirondacks
- Launched Library by Mail home book delivery service
- Provided Outreach Services to patrons at home and to those living at group facilities
- The Teen Center Prom was held in the fall and welcomed all area teens
- Beat the Winter Doldrums: Big Bang Trivia Night
- Hosted "In the Public Interest" film series
- Crandall Cares needlework group met to socialize and use their craft to aid others
- Meeting spaces for community organizations



Exploring our past

People have a yearning to discover their roots, understand their place in history, and to broaden their knowledge of our community's past.

- Book Discussion: *Secret History of Wonder Woman* with SUNY Adirondack
- Women's History Month: Remarkable Adirondack Women Adventures
- Old Time Logging and River Driving with Dick Nason
- Folklife staff created *Battenkill Inspired: The Flow of Creativity, Ingenuity, & the River*, a 30-part video series available on YouTube and on kiosks at various locations
- *Adirondack Place Names: Why is this Thing Called That?* book discussion by Erik Schlimmer
- *Harnessing Nature, the Great Sacandaga* film and discussion co-hosted by the Adirondack Mountain Club and the Folklife Center
- Family History One-to-One with volunteer Folklife Center genealogist Lisa Dougherty

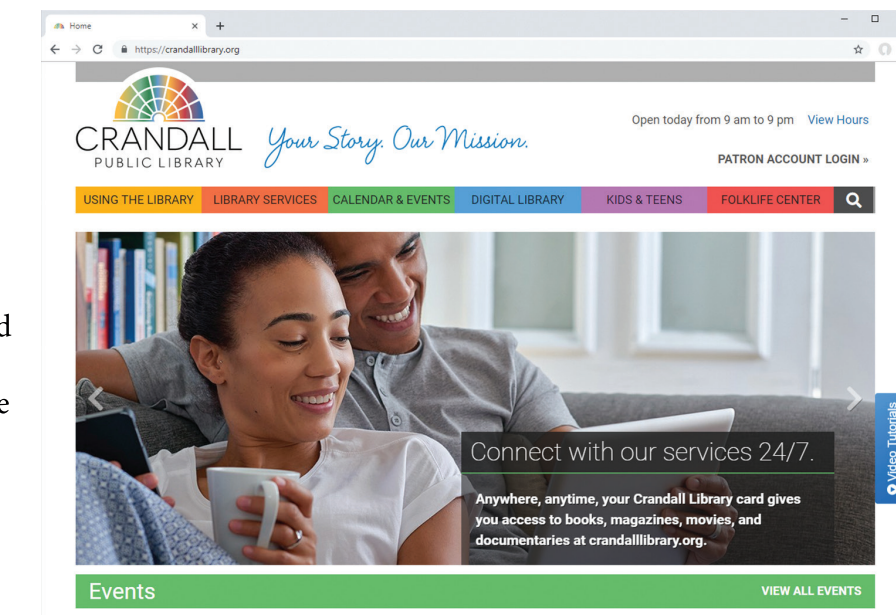


"As a young child in the late 1940s, I loved to go to story hour. As a high school student in the 1950s, the Library was a great resource. As an adult, the Folklife Center has been a valuable source for genealogy research and local history, as well as the latest books and DVDs."

Updating & upgrading to meet your needs

We were pleased to launch our new website in 2018 which incorporates our new branding in a user-friendly, mobile responsive design. The new layout features easy to find calls to action that highlight our print and digital collections, our extensive program offerings, and community partnerships providing you improved access to information, day or night. We also continue to strive to improve your experience within the Library with technology upgrades and exceptional customer service.

- Csaplar Silver Bay Collection inventory made into a searchable database
- Friends of Crandall provided a bill changer for the convenience of our all our patrons
- Installed a new self-check credit card machine in the Children's department
- Installed new webcam on the tele-conferencing system
- YouTube: Folklife Center at Crandall Public Library features an ever-growing collection of live concerts, documentary shorts, and storytelling



Connect with Us YouTube

"As a student and later an elementary teacher, I used numerous book resources at Crandall Library. Now, (as a retiree), Crandall has furthered my education as I have learned to navigate the world of electronic books. That new-found convenience of electronic borrowing has enlightened my exploration of technology!"

Looking to the future

We're proud of our history and we'll continue to adapt and grow to meet our mission to provide programs and services that educate, enrich and encourage our thriving community. 2018 Board of Trustees:

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"All the services help keep me connected to the world. Folklife Center and the genealogy services are very helpful."