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Dear Friend,

Books build bridges that connect people and thoughts, spanning human divides. Books, fictional or factual, can bridge gaps between intolerance and understanding; apathy and passion; cultural and economic disparity; the past, present, and future; and so much more. **It's no small thing, what books can do** – when they are available to everyone.

Crandall Public Library is dedicated to offering you and your neighbors free access to a diverse collection of books, ebooks, magazines, newspapers, DVDs, films on-demand, CDs, and digital music that adapts and grows to meet your needs and bridge the gaps. When free access to information is compromised, this community's quality of life is reduced. Without books to build bridges, the gaps between us widen. **We ask for your help to keep Crandall Public Library's collection of books and materials strong for the people of this community. We ask you to give to the *Building Bridges with Books* Annual Appeal.**

Providing reading, listening, and viewing materials for more than 47,000 Crandall borrowers is costly, especially with unprecedented, recession-driven demand and a growing preference for digital formats. During a time when Crandall Public Library is more essential than ever, New York State aid has dropped nearly 22% and Warren County funding has been reduced by 60%. As such, books and materials funds are suffering.

*Crandall Public Library
is my resource for
books, audio books,
magazines,
reference...I am so
glad to have such a
wonderful facility to
borrow from and to
have so many choices
in what I borrow.
Knowledge and
information are so
important to me and
what better place to get
that than at the library.*
- Library Customer

Through the *Building Bridges with Books* Annual Appeal, we seek to raise \$20,000 so we can keep a comprehensive, up-to-date selection of materials – traditional and digital – available to *all* community members. **Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the 2011 *Building Bridges with Books* Annual Appeal before December 31.** Your contribution, great or small, will help make connections for tens of thousands of local residents who rely on Crandall Public Library.

It's no small thing what you can do, when you help us build bridges with books. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Sincerely,

Rick Leonelli
President

Christine McDonald
Director

P.S. A donation of just \$50 adds two new books to the collection. Those two books alone will, on average, benefit **34** area residents each year. Please make your donation to *Building Bridges with Books* today.