



### **Crandall Public Library: 2022 Central Library Report**

Although the COVID-19 pandemic was not declared officially over, our Central Library operations resumed full-force in 2022. Fortunately, for our consortia colleagues and patrons, Crandall Public Library was able to provide our communities with access to eContent and expert material retrieval (ILL) in addition to our tax-supported operations. The Library received \$180,787 directly from Central Library Services Aid money.

The money allowed the Library to provide eligible materials and resources in a myriad of formats to SALS member libraries in Hamilton, Saratoga, Warren, and Washington counties. The following statements demonstrate our reach and effectiveness in 2022:

- Central Library monies provide access to eResources such as OverDrive and Ancestry.com/Heritage Quest Online for all SALS cardholders. The use of electronic content reached an all-time record, 136,451 uses.
- In-house and WiFi penetration into City Park and roadside connections supported 17,183 unique clients.
- Total electronic materials additions to: 66,328.
- 37,543 interlibrary loan items were provided (loaned) from the Central Library

State financing for Central Libraries falls under NYS Education Law 273. In late 2021, the law changed to combine the former Central Library Book Aid (CBA) and Central Library Development Aid (CLDA) programs into a streamlined, flexible program called Central Library Services Aid (CLSA). CLSA funds are intended to adhere to the current provisions of Commissioner's Regulation *CR 90.4 Standards for Central Libraries*. In December 2021 and continuing into 2022 Lauren T. Moore, NYS State Librarian, appointed a joint New York State Library, Public Library System Directors Organization (PULISDO) and Central Library Directors Association (CLDA) committee to develop proposed amendments to *CR 90.4* submission to the Board of Regents in late 2022. There were multiple opportunities for input and updates. The new standards were vetted and accepted in the first quarter of 2023.

We would not succeed if we did not have the unfettered support of Sara Dallas, Director of SALS, and her staff, the SALS Board of Trustees, and the Joint Automation experts. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the Library staff, and the Friends of the Library, once again, it is our great fortune to work with SALS and member libraries.

Kathleen U. Naftaly, Director

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