

## ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Carthage Free Library had a good year in 2009, despite budget cuts by New York State. We all hope things will turn around in the near future. But our patrons are loyal to our library and support us in many ways. One gentleman remarked he was “pleasantly surprised” at the number of hours we managed to stay open with the tight economy.

Our computer use has steadily increased with youth and adults both coming in for research and homework, looking for jobs and posting resumes on-line. We had more than 30,000 library visitors this past year!

We house over 17,000 books, over 400 movies, audiobooks and microfilmed newspaper editions, and 44 magazine subscriptions for our patrons, and are always able to look for more through our inter-library loan program with the North Country Library System.

Programs and more programs! We try to offer something for everyone and more in the future. This year we had book & movie nights for kids and parents, pre-school story hour, a Battle of the Books for youngsters and another for teens, vacation activities, a book club for adults and lots more. This past summer, our Summer Reading Program theme was “Get Creative at your Library”, and more than 100 kids did! We hope to see them back this year for “Make a Splash at your Library”.

We hope to see lots of our patrons and visitors in 2010.

