

## **Joslin Memorial Library Report to the Towns of Waitsfield and Fayston**

If there was a theme to our work during 2011 at the Joslin Memorial Library it was combining tradition with change. In the long honored tradition of libraries we provided a diverse selection of print books, reading recommendations and a beautiful, (usually) quiet building to spend time in. We are also excited to be completing our first year using an automated catalog. We have added another public computer, seen increased use of downloadable audio and eBooks, and we now offer access to a wide variety of free online classes. You can follow what we're doing on Facebook, or receive our new quarterly newsletter in print or electronically.

We have been actively increasing the number of programs offered at the library. In 2011 we presented local experts on farming and history, authors from out of state and a new way to experience a picture book while walking around the outdoor space surrounding the library. Program attendance totaled over 900 people, more than double what it was in 2010, and attendees' ages spanned from infants to over 90.

This work is made possible by our network of volunteers, the Friends of the Joslin Library and our Trustees. The dedication, creative ideas, and financial and organizational support of these groups sustain the library's core services and provide the support system necessary to try new ideas. And our patrons from throughout the Valley as well as visitors continue to bring energy, ideas and a unique and wonderful character to our library.

Thanks to everyone for another great year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Worland, Librarian



Waitsfield Town Office files and the contents of its vault were brought upstairs into the Library out of harm's way just before Tropical Storm Irene hit.

(Photo: Joy Worland)