

Persuading my Grandfather to use the Bethlehem Public Library

I would persuade my grandfather to utilize the resources of the Bethlehem Public Library by pointing out everything that would be available to him. If he understood everything that he could take advantage of and that it was all available to him at no cost, he would surely come to the library more often.

For example he could use the libraries subscription to a periodical such as *Consumer Reports* to research before making a large purchase. He would appreciate knowing exactly what he was purchasing prior to spending money on it. Having grown up in the depression he is always conscious of his spending, but this extra bit of information may help him make a better decision.

Another resource of the library that my grandfather would appreciate is the collection of museum passes. My grandfather is interested in history and always eager to expand his vast knowledge. By visiting some of the local museums that the library has passes for he could do just that.

Finally by visiting the library my grandfather can borrow books from a collection much greater than his own. Although he has many books of his own there is plenty of information for him to learn by reading other books.

I believe if my grandfather knew of these benefits and the many others not listed above that he would surely better utilize the resources of the library.

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There's an amazing place that you've been missing out on. It provides tranquility for the introspective, society for the gregarious, and erudition for the scholars. If that doesn't sound amazing enough, let me tell you something else: all of this is within the confines of your own town!

Don't know what it is yet? I'll give you a big clue. It's the Bethlehem Public Library.

Let's say you're looking for a nice spot to reflect. The reading booths and convenient chairs that are strategically placed along the rows of book shelves provide the atmosphere and mood you need to harbor the most complex thoughts. Also, if you ever come by an epiphany, the resources are abundant throughout the library ranging from books to computers that complement your genius.

Maybe you need to work on a school project with a group. Many times have I reserved private rooms and colluded around the tables in the library to work together on presentations. It is all about location. These tables are ripe for socializing and the limitless information in the library are just within arms reach. The library naturally produces teamwork.

Perhaps you are a scholar on your own quest to find the universal truth – the fact of life. The aforementioned books and other media of the library surely will not disappoint. Repeatedly I find myself browsing the overstuffed shelves of the non-fiction section looking for answers to my own questions. One search leads to another and the tree of inquiry never stops growing when nurtured by the immortalized ideas stored in the library.

If you still aren't convinced, let me tell you this. There is always something to do in the library for the adventurous, the spontaneous, and the committed. So take a ride down, it's open Monday - Friday: 9am - 9pm, Saturday: 10am - 5pm, and Sunday: 1pm - 5pm. Opportunity is just a trip away.