

2017-2018 budget

Creating a sustainable future

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY is a true reflection of our community. As needs change and evolve, we remain adaptable and ready to meet them while maintaining a strong and viable core collection. This year's budget strikes an important balance: devoting sufficient funds to the high-quality materials patrons expect, as well as offering new services. All of this we are doing with an eye to sustainability.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT, at its very heart, a library is about literacy – from preschool storytimes that promote early literacy to tech help for adults to reinforce digital literacy. Our budget reflects our dedication to supporting literacy in all its forms. Robust funding for books for all ages is complemented by additional resources for electronic materials, which continue to see increasing demand.

IN OUR EFFORT to provide everyone equal access to information, we have made more than a dozen laptops available to borrow daily, without time limits, for use at the library. We have also begun circulating mobile wifi hotspots for those who need their internet-to-go. Partnerships with the town have allowed us to expand our wifi presence at the Elm Avenue Park complex, and we continue to pursue additional opportunities to provide wifi in other parts of the town.

THE COMMUNITY has been very receptive to our growing “library of things,” with the Friends providing much of the funding for the telescopes, GoPro cameras, karaoke machines and more that make up this collection. We’ve also seen significant support for large, all-ages community events like library mini-golf, and our 2017-18 budget provides funding to continue these types of activities.

WITH OUR HVAC UPGRADE project well under way, we are making important strides toward reducing our carbon footprint. We will see additional efficiencies through the conversion to LED lighting in the mezzanine. Our commitment to sustainability means future projects will be reviewed with the most environmentally friendly options in mind.

THIS YEAR'S BUDGET allows us to remain an institution that reflects the needs of its community in a sustainable way. On the ballot this year is a library levy 2.07% higher than last year, within the limit specified by New York State.

— Bethlehem Public Library Board of Trustees

The proposed budget (page 2 and online) will be presented at the library on **Monday, May 8, at 6pm**; we encourage you to attend. The vote will be held Tuesday, May 16, 7am-9pm at the high school. One seat on the library board, with a five-year term, will also be on the ballot.



NYS Summer Reading Program

2017
grades K-12
weekly prizes
goal prizes
special events

signup begins **Monday June 19**
in the library or online at
www.bplkids.org • www.bplteens.org

reporting begins **Monday July 3**
for prizes at the library –
Monday-Friday 10am-8pm
Saturday 10am-4pm

kickoff event
Wednesday June 21
details on page 6

NEW for toddlers and preschoolers –
Rubber Ducky Club!
details on page 7



Adults can **Build a Better World** too with their own Summer Reading challenge!



proposed 2017-18 budget for Bethlehem Public Library

	2016-17	2017-18	comments
library materials			
books/audiobooks/ebooks	\$377,000	\$387,000	— heavy demand continues for these items
periodicals	24,000	20,000	— fewer physical magazines, increase in digital titles
online services	32,000	32,000	
movies and music	45,000	65,000	— increasing DVD purchases of new releases
special collections	5,000	5,500	— purchase innovative collections
total materials	\$483,000	\$509,500	
salaries and benefits	\$2,914,657	\$2,979,452	— increase in NYS retirement contributions, uncertainty in health insurance costs
operations			
utilities	\$94,000	\$79,000	— decreasing energy costs
photocopiers	11,000	11,000	
office and custodial supplies	43,000	43,000	
equipment and furniture	29,000	25,000	— usable life of furniture acceptable
postage	17,000	17,000	
insurance	29,000	29,000	
taxes (water and sewer)	3,500	3,500	
conference and travel	10,000	10,000	— webinars, national, state and local conferences
memberships	2,000	2,000	
special programs	17,500	20,000	— Summer Reading Program and community events
building and equip. maint.	79,500	79,500	
van operation	1,700	1,700	— library owns van; maintenance and gas only
financial services and auditing	26,500	26,500	— three-year contract for audit services
printing	25,000	25,000	
professional services	20,000	15,000	— fewer attorney, consultant needs
miscellaneous	3,500	3,500	
online catalog/circ. system	50,000	50,000	— based on circulation/items owned
IT/hardware and software	42,000	42,000	— upgrades and replacements as needed
refund of real property taxes	4,000	4,000	
capital improvements	125,000	125,000	— portion of anticipated HVAC replacement and repair
total operations	\$633,200	\$611,700	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,030,857	\$4,100,652	
income			
fines and fees	42,000	37,000	
interest	3,200	5,000	
book sale	5,500	6,000	
gifts and donations	1,000	1,000	
photocopiers	6,000	6,500	
state aid	24,500	24,500	
PILOT	198,100	192,382	
TOTAL INCOME	\$280,300	\$272,382	
BUDGET	\$4,030,857	\$4,100,652	— 1.73% increase
minus income	280,300	272,382	
equals LEVY	\$3,750,557	\$3,828,270	— 2.07% increase
reserve funds			
operating reserve		\$1,200,000	— provides cash flow from July until taxes received in October
capital reserve		1,665,861	— earmarked for HVAC renovations and building needs
TOTAL		\$2,865,861	

BUDGET REVIEW
Monday May 8 • 6pm
library board room
regular board meeting to follow

BUDGET/TRUSTEE VOTE
Tuesday May 16
7am-9pm
Bethlehem Central High School

**proposed levy
increase: 2.07%**

trustees

Mary Redmond, *president*
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Lisa Scoons, *trustee, UHLS board*
Paula Rice, *trustee*

director

Geoffrey Kirkpatrick

library board

- Monday May 8 • 6pm
- Monday June 12 • 6pm

friends board

Monday June 19 • 6:30pm

library hours

weekdays 9-9 • Saturdays 10-5
Sundays 12-5

holiday hours

- May 27-29 CLOSED Memorial Day Weekend
- July 4 CLOSED Independence Day

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A visit with Ann Leary

Originally scheduled to speak in September, bestselling author Ann Leary, whose writing credits include "An Innocent, A Broad," "The Good House" and "Outtakes From a Marriage," will be stopping by the library on **Sunday June 4 at 2pm** to discuss her work.

Leary's books have always had a certain New England sensibility to them, and her latest novel, "The Children," continues that tradition with the story of a wealthy but unconventional Connecticut family.

Her work has been translated into 18 languages, and she has written for the *New York Times*, *Ploughshares*, National Public Radio, *Redbook* and *Real Simple* among other publications. "The Good House" is currently in development for a feature film.

She and her husband, Denis, live on a small farm in northwestern Connecticut.

Copies of "The Children" will be available for purchase at the event through Friends of Bethlehem Public Library. The author will also be signing copies following her talk.



Cathrine White

** Because space is limited, this is a first-come, first-admitted event; doors will open at 1:45pm.*



Thursday Cinema

May 4: Life, Animated
(Sony Pictures, PG, 92 min.)
showtime at 6:30pm

Sunday Cinema

May 14: La La Land
(Lionsgate, PG-13, 128 min.)
showtime at 2pm

Friday Coffee & Cinema

June 23: Hidden Figures
(20th Century Fox, PG, 127 min.)
June 30: The Eagle Huntress
(Sony Pictures, G, 87 min.)
showtimes at 10am

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- no signup necessary

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

*co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

● Amelia Earhart and Flight — Friday May 5 • 1-3pm

Learn more about "The Flying Feminist" and world-famous aviator through slides, music and artifacts courtesy of SUNY Poly CMOST. This year marks the 80th anniversary of her disappearance.

● Jia-yi He — Friday May 12 • 1-3pm

This unique musical performer and harmonica virtuoso has played in concerts worldwide, as well as on "America's Got Talent."

● JFK and Camelot — Friday May 19 • 1-3pm

Marking what would have been the 100th birthday of John F. Kennedy, Professor Eric Martell will discuss his presidency and the "Camelot" years.

● Conversation with Susan B. Anthony — Friday June 2 • 1-3pm

Hear all about the Women's Suffrage Movement in honor of its 100th anniversary in this first-person depiction portrayed by Phyllis Chapman of Vintage Visitors.

● Song of the Century — Friday June 9 • 1-3pm

Learn about the little-known songwriters behind some of the best-known songs.

● Virtual Tour of Schuyler Mansion — Friday June 16 • 1-3pm

Take a peek inside the home of renowned Revolutionary War general and U.S. senator Philip J. Schuyler. Photos and more will highlight the mansion's history.

Hourlong program is followed by a coffee hour featuring beverages and light refreshments.



● Fun and Games for Grownups

Mondays • 6-8:30pm
May 1 and June 5

An adults-only gathering where you can play games, including chess, color and socialize. Snacks served!

➔ **Featuring a special Locked Box Challenge on May 1!** Work collaboratively with a group to open a locked box by solving a series of clues. Program begins at 6pm and lasts 30-45 minutes.

- 📍 sign up online or call
- no signup necessary

● Craft, Color and Create

Monday May 15 • 2-3:30pm
Tuesday May 16 • 7-8:30pm

Get creative at one of several crafting stations (zentangle, puzzles, etc.) with some supplies provided, or bring your own knitting project. Snacks served!

📍 Trivia Night

Monday May 15
Tuesday June 6
7-8:15pm

Sign up alone or as a team and match wits with others. *Prizes donated by the Friends.



Job Seekers series

📍 Art and Science of Getting a Job

Tuesday May 9 • 7pm

Learn the importance of network building and research, and get some tips on working in public service and being prepared for a job offer. *Presented by Evelyn Neale, president of Successful Change, Inc. and director of the Colonie Town Library.*

📍 Resume Tools

Wednesday May 10 • 7pm

Tips, tricks and one-on-one help formatting a resume and cover letter. *Presented by Sarah McFadden with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County.*

These programs are supported by funds from the New York State Library's Adult Literacy Library Services Program.



📍 Intro to Microsoft Excel

Mondays • May 1 and 8
10am-noon

Find out how to get started with the spreadsheet software in this two-session program.



Listening Parties

Thursdays at 7pm

May 18

Brad Mehldau

innovative and lyrical jazz pianist and composer

June 15

Be the DJ

bring a recording to share and discuss, any genre

listen to great music, discuss and share your opinions



Summer Reading for adults!

June 19-September 1



What is Facebook?

Monday May 15 • 9:30-11am

Learn the hows and whys of this popular social media tool and show you how to create your own account. Bring your digital device if you have one. **The Albany Guardian Society* co-sponsors.

Adirondack Baroque Consort

Sunday May 21 • 2-3pm

A musical experience featuring rare instruments, such as the rauschpfeife, hurdy-gurdy, harpsichord and more.

Care and Feeding of Your Car

Friday June 9 • 7-8:30pm

Staff from the Glenmont Job Corps will provide an introduction to how the components of your car work together.

Learn to Meditate

Sunday June 18 • 2:30-4pm

Find out more about the practice of meditation and mindfulness in this introductory class by instructors from the Shambhala Meditation Center of Albany. Wear comfortable clothing.



DayWriters

Mondays • 1:30-3pm

May 22 and June 26

Spend an hour writing with the final half hour for optional sharing and feedback. Open to anyone interested in writing; all abilities and genres are welcome.



- sign up online or call
- no signup necessary

Book Discussions

Spring 2017

DayBooks

Mondays • 1:30pm

May 8

Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff

June 12

The Illegal by Lawrence Hill

AfterDinner Books

Wednesdays • 7pm

May 10

Circling the Sun by Paula McLain

AfterDinner Too

Tuesdays • 7pm

June 13

The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness
by Sy Montgomery

New members welcome. Copies are available at the information desk. Audio, large print and downloadable copies may be available.

Sew It Yourself: Envelope Clutch

Monday May 8

2:30-3:30pm or 7-8pm

Bring 1/2 yard each of two coordinating cotton fabrics to create a simple clutch pouch. Basic sewing machine knowledge recommended. Sign up for one session.

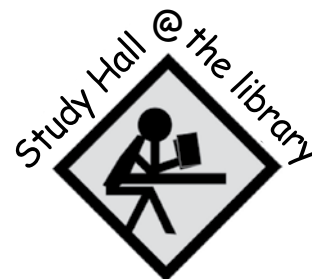
Open Sewing

Mondays • 6-8pm

May 1 and 22

June 5 and 19

The library's sewing machines will be available for independent projects. Bring your own supplies. Volunteers may be available to assist you. Sign up for one or more two-hour sessions.



May and June 2017

Group-study space for exam prep in May and June. Schedule will be available in the library and online at www.bplteens.org. Some dates will include scheduled breaks for relaxation and fun! See flyer for times and activities.



Be a summer volunteer!

We're looking for volunteers who will be in grade 6-12 in September to help with our summer reading program. Our teens staff the summer reading desk, assist with online submissions, read to children, review books, and help with programs and activities.

Applications are available beginning May 1 online at www.bplteens.org and in the library. They will be accepted until 9pm June 5 or until all positions are filled. **Volunteers must attend an orientation session.**



Super Smash Afternoon

Friday June 9 • 3:15-4:45pm
grade 5-12

Drop in anytime and join your friends for an afternoon of Super Smash Bros. on the WiiU. Snacks will be served!

Bookmark Contest

See Page 6 for details!

kids and families

Summer Reading kickoff event!

Balloon Extravaganza

Wednesday June 21 • 2pm

Get ready to start your summer off right with a magic show followed by a master balloon artist who will twist and build amazing sculptures before your eyes!

For kids and families.



BUILD A BETTER WORLD

Summer Bookmark Contest 2017

age groups:

3-6

7-9

10-12

13 and up

entry forms available
beginning June 19 at

www.bplkids.org

and the Children's Place

* winners in each
age group

● Hatch: Inside the Egg

Sunday May 7 • 2:15pm (for kids and families) —

See how the library's eggs are doing and learn about embryo development with naturalist and educator George Steele.

● Origami Club

Friday May 19 • 3:30-4:45pm (for kids and families) —

Stop by for some paper folding fun. Bring a project or start something new!

● Seed Bombs

Wednesday May 24 • 4pm (for age 9 and up) —

Get your hands dirty as we mix up some wildflower seed bombs.

● Tween Fuse Beads

Thursday May 25 • 3:45-4:45pm (for grade 5) —

Get to know fifth-graders from other schools, make some crafts and meet your teen librarian, Tori. Snacks will be served!

● Pokémon Card Gamers

Thursday June 1 • 3:30-5pm (for kids and families) —

Bring your Pokémon trading cards to play and meet with other gamers. All skill levels are welcome.

● Fancy Nancy Tea Party

Wednesday June 7 • 10am (for kids and families) —

Dress in your fanciest best for stories, a royal craft and tea party refreshments. Each child must be registered individually.



● Chia Hair

Thursday June 29 • 10-11am (for kids and families) —

Hear a story and create your own chia creature with Master Gardener Charlie Brenner. Each child must be registered individually.

Creation Station

Monday-Friday 9:30am-8:30pm

Saturday 10:30am-4:30pm

Sunday 12:30-4:30pm

May 1-7 — Downy Chick Finger Puppet

May 8-14 — Healthy Kids Week!

June 5-11 — Duck Pond

● Paws to Read

Thursdays • 3:45-4:45pm

May 4 and 18

Bring a book and read to a gentle dog who loves stories. **Grade 1-5.**



● Lego Club

Thursday May 11 • 4pm

Monday June 5 • 4pm

We supply the Legos; you supply the imagination. Build structures and make friends.

For kids and families.



Summer Cinema

Fridays • 2:30pm

for children and families

June 23

Sing (PG, 108 minutes)

June 30

Finding Dory (PG, 97 minutes)



Bring a blanket or pillow; we'll bring the popcorn!

● Chess Club

Tuesdays • 6:30-7:30pm

May 2-16

Sign up for one or all sessions and try your hand at chess with our teen volunteers. All experience levels welcome. For kids in grade K-5.

—storytimes and more—

Introducing ... Rubber Ducky Club



Rubber Ducky Club is a brand new, fun and educational early literacy program for you and your child to do together — creating special moments and encouraging a love of language and reading.

Designed for children from birth to those entering kindergarten, Rubber Ducky Club focuses on five basic early literacy skills: **talk, read, write, sing and play**. Record your child's progress online and earn badges and prizes when you reach learning milestones.

It's easy to register online, or visit us at the Children's Desk, and we'll help get you started. All abilities are welcome.

To register online, go to:
bethlehempubliclibrary.beanstack.org

● Rubber Ducky Club Kickoff Party

Friday May 5 • 10-11am

It's a ducky-themed party to celebrate the launch of the library's new early literacy program. **For children from birth to those entering kindergarten and their families.**

🍷 Ducks in Trucks

Monday June 19 • 10-10:45am

Hear some stories, do a craft and make an edible truck to take home. For ages 2-5 and caregivers.

Rubber Ducky Club is sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

- 🍷 sign up online or call
- no signup necessary

early literacy @ the library

Tiny Sign

Mondays at 9:30am • May 1-15

Songs, stories and play incorporating American Sign Language for children up to age 35 months with caregiver.

Family Sign Storytime

Mondays at 10:30am • May 1-15

Songs, stories and play incorporating American Sign Language for children up to age 6 with family.

Tiny Tots

Tuesdays at 9:30 and 10:30am • May 2-16

Stories, songs and fingerplays for children up to age 35 months with caregiver.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am • May 3-11

Stories, songs and activities for children up to age 6 with family.

Family Playtime

Wednesdays at 10am • May 3-10

Free play and socialization with toys, blocks, balls and more. Up to age 6 with family.

Just for Me

Thursdays at 2pm • May 4-11

Children age 3-6 can get ready for kindergarten with a story, song and activity or craft while parents wait at nearby cafe tables.

Time Out for Tales

Saturdays at 11am • May 6-June 24*

*Stories and fun for children up to age 6 with family. *except May 27*

Music & Movement

Friday May 12 • 10am

Songs, instruments, dancing, learning and fun. Children age 3-6 attend by themselves in the Story Room, while babies and toddlers attend with a caregiver in the community room.

Story Walk at the Park

Fridays at 10am • May 19-June 30

Meet at Elm Avenue Park to hear some stories and take a walk to exercise your mind and body. Gather under the trees at the head of the Fit Trail and wear appropriate footwear. For kids and families.

Family Bubble Show!

Wednesday May 17
10am and 7pm

Celebrate the end of spring storytime with an interactive bubble extravaganza with Jeff Boyer, whose shows combine comedy, science and fun!



Nurture your child's love of books through music, movement and stories while helping to develop their language, motor and social skills!



parents, please note

All abilities are welcome. No signup is required, but space is limited and storytimes begin promptly; please arrive early. When Bethlehem schools are closed or delayed, all storytimes are cancelled.

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Library exhibits

May

- Bethlehem Art Association

June

- Jennie Tang – mixed media
- Joan Oliver – pastels, drawings, mixed media

postal customer

Opera times two

The library Friends are once again sponsoring two trips to Glimmerglass Opera this summer: *Oklahoma* **Monday August 14** and *Porgy and Bess* **Monday August 21**.

Each bus will leave CDTA's Delaware Avenue park-and-ride lot next to Mercato's Restaurant at **9:30am** on the day of the performance.

Your check is your reservation—no refunds unless your seat is sold.

Cost is \$135 for each outing, which includes lunch at the Otesaga Hotel. For more information, contact Polly Hartman at 439-3291.

Seats fill quickly. Send your check and the reservation form on this page to:

Friends trips to Glimmerglass
c/o Bethlehem Public Library
451 Delaware Avenue
Delmar NY 12054

Friends bus trips to Glimmerglass 2017

name _____

address _____

telephone (evening) _____ email _____

Price is \$135 per person per outing (bus, ticket, lunch, tips).

**I understand that my cancelled check is my reservation
and my money will be refunded only if my bus seat can be sold.**

Please check the performance(s) you will be attending:

☐ *Oklahoma* (Monday August 14) ☐ *Porgy and Bess* (Monday August 21)

List names of others in your party.

name _____

name _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____