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weekdays 9-9 • Saturdays 10-5

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Holiday hours

• November 11: OPEN 12-5

• November 21: OPEN 9-5

• November 22: CLOSED

Thanksgiving Day

• November 23: OPEN 9-5

• December 7: CLOSED

Staff development day

• December 24-25: CLOSED

Christmas holiday

• December 31: OPEN 9-3

• January 1: CLOSED

New Years' Day

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The *footnotes* newsletter is published six times a year and mailed to all households in the Bethlehem Central School District.

What's new?

First Night at the Library

Bethlehem Public Library is part of the lineup of venues for First Night Bethlehem, a walkable family-friendly New Year's Eve celebration held in the heart of Bethlehem. The festivities kick off **Monday December 31 at 6:30pm with fireworks at the Four Corners**. Make your way down to the library anytime between **7 and 10pm** for some exciting programs and activities for kids, tweens and families.

There will be face painting and performances by Andy the Music Man, along with a theater workshop with Broadway Bound Performing Arts Academy. We'll also have the green screen set up in the Board Room for some picture-taking fun. Regular library services will not be available.

It will be a night to remember as we welcome the New Year, library-style!

About this issue

This November/December *Footnotes* is the biggest issue we've ever published, and for good reason. Our **Friends of Bethlehem Public Library** have funded the additional pages for this special end-of-the-year edition as a way of introducing themselves to those in the community who may not yet know what it is they do for the library. **Read all about them on Pages 10-11.**

The added space has also allowed us to publish our **annual report of the 2017-18 fiscal year** as a part of this newsletter. **You'll find it on Page 8.** This report highlights some of the library's exciting achievements and programs over the past year, along with important circulation and collection information that tells the tale of how our users are interacting with the goods and services we offer.

Finally, we encourage you to take the time to fill out the **survey on Page 9 about library services**. We want to know how you are using your library and what we provide that is of most value to you. As our trustees begin their long-range planning discussion, they are looking to balance the maintenance and upkeep needs of our 45-year-old building with the kinds of community-supported enhancements that will allow the library to grow with and be a reflection of the community we serve. Your input is key in helping the trustees and library staff make those decisions. The survey is also available in a larger print paper edition at the library and online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

All ages

Knit One Purl One

Sunday November 4 • 2-3pm

Sunday December 9 • 2-3pm

*If you're an experienced knitter, bring your current project. If you're a beginner, bring size 8 knitting needles; we'll provide yarn and get you started. **For adults, teens and kids age 9 and up.***

Tai Chi for Health

Tuesdays October 9-December 11* • 4pm

*Weekly class explores the Tai Chi for Energy form. No experience is needed, and all ages and abilities are welcome. Wear loose, comfortable clothes. Participants will build on skills from week to week. *No class November 6.*

Morning Concert: Skip Parsons' Clarinet Marmalade Trio

Monday December 10 • 10:30-11:15am

We're joining our friends from the Center for Disability Services for a morning of music featuring a banjo, tuba and clarinet playing old-time classics like "Sweet Georgia Brown." Refreshments will be served.



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All ages *(continued)*

Still time for a library road trip

It's not too late to take part in the 2018 Upper Hudson Library Expedition. Individuals or teams are invited to visit as many UHLS locations as possible through **the month of November**. Expeditioners get to learn what makes each library in the Upper Hudson system unique as they work toward goal prizes. Maps are available at all of the libraries. Do you have what it takes to be a #Library36er? Details at uhls.org/expedition.

Adults

Coffee and Conversation: Lost Radio Rounders — Songs of Our Empire State

Friday November 2 • 1-2pm program; 2-3pm coffee hour
Explore the state's great history by going whaling with "The Montaukers," fighting the Battle of Saratoga and taking a trip on the Erie Canal. *Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.*

The Empire State and the War of Empires

Sunday November 4 • 2-4pm
A WWI 100th Anniversary event! History scholar and UAlbany Professor Richard Fogarty will discuss several aspects of the global war that New Yorkers joined in 1917.

Fun and Games for Grownups

Monday November 5 • 6-8:30pm
Monday December 3 • 6-8:30pm
An adults-only gathering where you can play games and socialize. Snacks served!

Open Sewing

Monday November 5 • 6-8pm
Monday November 19 • 6-8pm
Monday December 3 • 6-8pm
Sewing machines will be available for independent projects. Bring your own supplies. Volunteers may be on hand to assist you. *Register for up to two sessions.*

Friday Cinema: Gallipoli (PG, 111 min., Paramount Pictures)

Friday November 9 • 2:30pm
A WWI 100th Anniversary event! Film series with titles suitable for adult audiences. Shown with Subtitling for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing when possible.

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The write stuff

Do you know what NaNoWriMo means? It's a catchy way of referring to National Novel Writing Month, which just happens to be in November.

The goal of NaNoWriMo is to create the first draft of a novel within the month. The library is here to encourage that creative enterprise by offering working and collaboration space in one of our meeting rooms for adults taking up the NaNoWriMo challenge.

Join other would-be authors in this exciting literary pursuit starting **Friday November 2, from 5-8pm**. Other drop-in times include **November 9 and 16, both Fridays, from 5-8pm**. Stop by for one or more sessions at your convenience; writing instruction is not provided. Visit nanowrimo.org for more details and tips for getting started.

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2018 UPPER HUDSON
LIBRARY
EXPEDITION

Through November!



NaNoWriMo
November 2, 9 and 16



Adults *(continued)*

100 years after The Great War

The library is marking the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI – The War to End All Wars – with films, music and lectures **through December**. Learn more about the wartime experiences of soldiers from New York and across the country in a series of events that highlight the historical and cultural significance of the Great War, which drew to a close November 11, 1918. Some of the themed events will even be integrated in regular book discussions, Friday Cinema, A Little Sunday Music and more.

Look for **A WWI 100th Anniversary event!** before the description of programs in this series, and pick up a flyer at the library or go online for a detailed list.

Adobe Premiere Elements 2018 Training **S**

Monday November 5 • 10am-noon

OR Monday November 26 • 2-4pm

OR Thursday November 29 • 6:30-8:30pm

OR December 3 • 2-4pm

Learn how to edit videos, create titles, insert transitions, add special effects, adjust audio and more to create a professional looking video suitable for a variety of media. Sign up for one session.

A Little Sunday Music: Over There — Songs of World War I

Sunday November 11 • 2-3pm

A WWI 100th Anniversary event! Linda Russell and her trio will explore the marching tunes, humorous ditties, love songs and wistful laments that were popular when the Great War raged in Europe a century ago. *Sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library. All ages welcome!*

American Red Cross Blood Drive **S**

Thursday November 15 • noon-6pm

Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go to www.redcrossblood.org for more information and to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

Listening Parties: Claude Debussy

Thursday November 15 • 7pm

Listen to and discuss this influential composer who invented his own system of harmony and musical structure.

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A Little Sunday Music

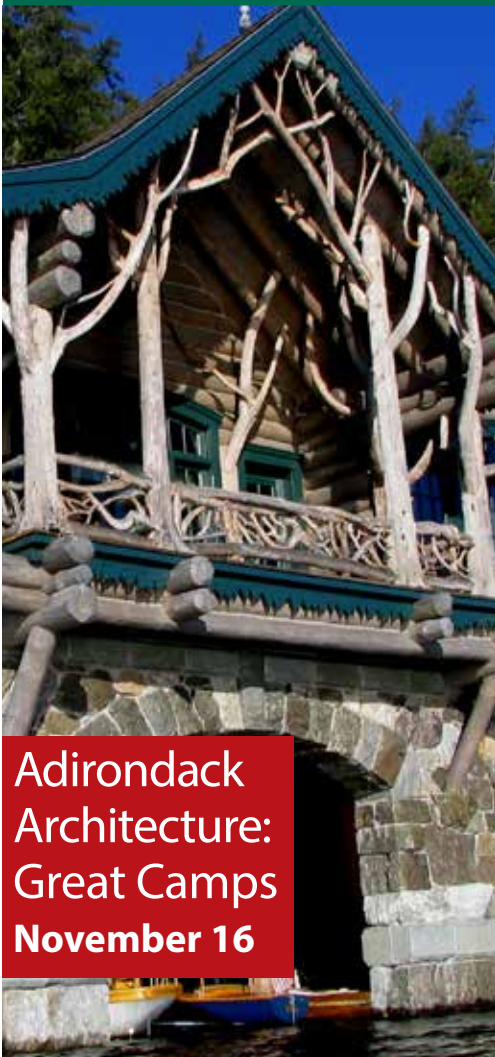
For more than 15 years, Bethlehem Public Library's annual winter concert series, A Little Sunday Music, has entertained and delighted audiences. This popular series is still going strong, with a 2018-19 lineup that includes some very talented musicians and ensembles.

A Little Sunday Music opens **Sunday November 11 at 2pm** with **Linda Russell and her trio** performing songs popular during the Great War. This performance is part of the WWI 100th Anniversary series. A Little Sunday Music continues **December 9 at 2pm** with **Eric Roth**, who will present a program of 19th century guitar music.

After a short break in January, the concert series resumes **February 10** with audience favorite **The Bleeker Consort**, who will play a diverse set of instruments, including early strings, reeds and a variety of percussion. A vocal recital by **Irina Tikhonenko** rounds out the series on **March 10**. *A Little Sunday Music is sponsored by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.*



100 Years Later: Anniversary of the end of WWI



Adirondack Architecture: Great Camps November 16



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Adults *(continued)*

The Philosophy of Philanthropy

What are the costs and rewards of philanthropic giving? In a four-part series *grant-funded and sponsored by Humanities New York*, Dr. Erzebet Fazekas will talk about the key issues behind charitable giving: motivation, the selection of recipients and worthy causes, and the impact of giving on the donors and society in general. Join us for one or more of the following programs.

Monday November 12 • 7-8:30pm: The Ethics of Giving and Taking

Monday November 19 • 7-8:30pm: Why Give? Motivations and Impact

Monday November 26 • 7-8:30pm: To Whom or For What to Give?

Monday December 10 • 7-8:30pm: What and How Much to Give

Coffee and Conversation: Adirondack Architecture — Great Camps

Friday November 16 • 1-2pm program; 2-3pm coffee hour

Steven Engelhart, executive director for Adirondack Architectural Heritage, will discuss the rustic style of the park's "Great Camps." *Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.*

Sammy Doughboy Remembers

Sunday November 18 • 2-4pm

A WWI 100th Anniversary event! Military curator at the New York State Museum Robert E. Mulligan Jr. will use images from the New York Times rotogravure section to highlight the sights, places and events of WWI as experienced by the soldiers from New York.

Make It Yourself: Ceramic Tile Painting

Sunday November 25 • 2:30-4pm

Local artist Lydia Lynch will show you how to create unique ceramic tile artwork using the trendy medium of alcohol inks. All supplies provided. Wear an old shirt or smock. Registration closes Saturday November 24 at 3pm; minimum attendance required.

An Introduction to Advanced Directives

Tuesday November 27 • 1-2pm

Kim Bode, a staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, will discuss health-care proxies, living wills, powers of attorney and more. *Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.*

Trivia Night for Adults

Tuesday November 27 • 7-8:30pm

Wednesday December 5 • 7-8:30pm **Friends vs. Seinfeld edition!**

Come alone or as a team and match wits with others as you compete for trivia supremacy. Limit of 10 teams. *Prizes donated by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.*

Identity Theft Prevention

Wednesday November 28 • 1-2:30pm

A representative from the Division of Consumer Protection of New York State will share strategies to prevent falling victim to identity theft.

Make It Yourself: No-Sew Sock Snowman

Sunday December 2 • 2-3pm

These super-cute sock snowmen make great gifts and decorations. *Teens welcome!*

A Little Sunday Music: Guitarist Eric Roth

Sunday December 9 • 2-3pm

Enjoy a program of primarily 19th century guitar music performed on a period instrument, along with historical commentary. *Sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library. All ages welcome!*

Friday Cinema: All Quiet on the Western Front (NR, 133 min., Universal)

Friday December 14 • 2:30pm

A WWI 100th Anniversary event! Film series with titles suitable for adult audiences. Shown with Subtitling for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing when possible.



 Ceramic Tile Painting
November 25

Book Discussions

DayBooks

Thursdays or Mondays
at 1:30pm

November 8 or 12

*The Sun Also Rises** by Ernest Hemingway

December 6 or 10

Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan

AfterDinner Books

Wednesdays at 7pm

November 14

*Stella Bain** by Anita Shreve

AfterDinner Too

Tuesdays at 7pm

December 11

*Dead Wake** by Erik Larson

* A WWI 100th Anniversary title

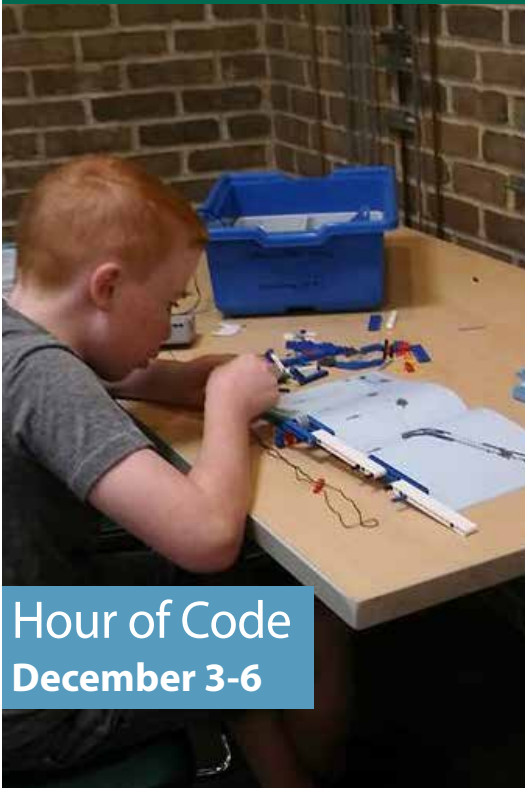
New members welcome. Copies are available at the information desk. Audio, large print and downloadable copies may be available.

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Hour of Code
December 3-6

Creation Station

Monday-Friday 9:30am-8:30pm
Saturday 10:30am-4:30pm
Sunday 12:30-4:30pm

November 5-12 — *Star Garland*
November 21-25 — *Lion Mask*
December 3-9 — *Hour of Code*

Stop Motion
Shorts 
November 12



Teens

Teen SEWcial: Bean Bag Chairs

Thursday December 27 • 10:30am-noon (for grades 6-12)

Bring 1.5 yards of non-stretchy fabric for a DIY bean bag chair. Project is OK for beginners who have not used a sewing machine before.

Super Smash Tournament

Thursday December 27 • 2-4pm (for grades 6-12)

Will you be the champion of the ultimate Super Smash Bros. battle on the WiiU? Winners get bragging rights and a 3D printed trophy!

Kids and teens

Hour of Code at the library

Join us as we celebrate **Hour of Code** during **Computer Science Education Week** and try out some of the library's cool STEM equipment. Stop by the Teen Area after school and get ready to crack the code!

Monday December 3 • 3:30-4:45pm: 3D Printing

Tuesday December 4 • 3:30-4:45pm: Ozobots

Wednesday December 5 • 3:30-4:45pm: Scratch Jr.

Thursday December 6 • 3:30-4:45pm: Snap Circuits

Giant Word Winder

Friday November 23 • 2-4pm (for kids and teens)

Stop by the Teen Area and find out how to play this larger-than-life cross between Boggle and a giant word search.

Kids and families

Chess Club

Tuesdays November 6 and 13, December 4 and 18

5:30-6:30 **OR** 6:30-7:30pm (for grades K-5)

Sign up for one session per night and try your hand at chess with our teen volunteers. All experience levels welcome.

Let's Create: Stop Motion Shorts

Monday November 12 • 2-4pm (for ages 9 and up)

Work in teams to create one-of-a-kind stop motion shorts using Legos and iPads.

KBA: Kids Builder Association

Wednesday November 21 • 10-11:30am

Tuesday December 18 • 4-4:45pm (for kids and families)

Build your own fun with Legos, Snap Circuits, K'nex, blocks, origami and more.

Paint and Watch

Friday November 23 • 10am-12:30pm (for kids and families)

Paint a "super" picture and while your artwork dries, enjoy a screening of "The Incredibles 2" (PG, 118 min., Disney).

After-School STEM: DIY Butter

Monday November 26 • 4-4:30pm (for grades K-5)

Make your own butter and taste-test it on some saltine crackers.

Vacation Cinema: 'Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation'

Friday December 28 • 10am (for kids and families)

The monster family embarks on a vacation on a luxury monster cruise ship (PG, 97 minutes, Columbia). Bring a blanket or pillow to get comfy.

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Kids and families (continued)

Weaving on Straws

Friday December 28 • 3pm (for ages 9 and up)
Learn the basics of weaving on a loom made of straws.

New Years Until Noon

Monday December 31 • 11am-noon (for kids and families)
Enjoy a celebration with bubbles, dancing and games as we count down to noon.
Wear something fancy or keep it casual. **For preschoolers too!**

Storytimes and more

Tiny Tots

Mondays at 9:30am • November 5-December 17*
Tuesdays at 9:30am and 10:30am • November 6-December 18
Stories, songs and fingerplays for children up to age 35 months with caregiver.
*except November 12

Family Storytime

Mondays at 10:30am • November 5-December 17*
Stories, songs and activities for children up to age 6 with family.
*except November 12

Sensory Playtime

Wednesdays at 9:30am • November 7-December 19*
Enjoy a variety of sensory play bins. For ages 3-5 with family. *except November 21

Family Playtime

Wednesdays at 10:15am • November 7-December 19*
Free play and socialization with toys, blocks, balls and more. Up to age 6 with family.
*except November 21

Music & Movement

Thursdays at 9:30am • November 1-December 20*
Songs, instruments, dancing, learning and fun for babies, toddlers and preschoolers.
*except November 15 and 22

Quiet Time

Thursdays at 10:15am • November 1-December 20*
Enjoy quiet time with your child with books and simple activities as we dim the lights and play some gentle music.
*except November 15 and 22

Time Out for Tales

Saturdays at 11am • November 3-December 29
Stories and fun for children up to age 6 with family.

Stories and More: Color Magic

Friday November 9 • 10am
Listen to stories about color, then make magic happen with milk, food coloring and a dab of dish soap. For children up to age 6 with family.

Stories and More: Snowy Fingerprints

Friday December 14 • 10am
Hear a snowy story, then decorate a snowy scene using your fingertips and white paint. For children up to age 6 with family.

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.

Literacy tip

Talking with the important people in their lives is one of the best ways for children to learn new words.



New Years Until Noon
December 31

Sign up for Rubber Ducky Club!

Get started on early literacy activities
and earn prizes along the way!



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PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

- A four-part series on the [Federalist Papers](#) co-sponsored by Humanities New York engaged the community and earned the library an award for Adult Program of the Year.
- [The Rubber Ducky Club](#), an early literacy initiative for babies, toddlers and preschoolers, also won an award for Kids and Families Program of the Year.
- A partnership with Bethlehem Senior Services allowed the library to co-host a [prom for senior citizens](#) at Town Hall.
- Wi-Fi signal expanded to the [Five Rivers Environmental Education Center](#). Use of Wi-Fi at the Town Park continues to climb.
- [Customized library card programs](#) allowed patrons to be the stars of their own cards (along with Bad Kitty).
- We added [Chromebooks](#), solar chargers, American Girl dolls, ukuleles, analog video converters and wireless projectors to our Library of Things, which is underwritten by the Friends of the Library.
- Adult programming [Coffee and Conversation](#), co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc., touched on music, history, travel and more.
- Extensive [outreach](#) brought us into the community and our schools.
- Our annual [indoor miniature golf](#) event was free and open to the entire community.
- [Summer Reading](#) was a huge hit. Teen volunteers kept everything running smoothly, and adults were encouraged to take part with their very own Bingo reading challenge.
- Both of our long-standing concert series, [Evenings on the Green](#) (summer) and [A Little Sunday Music](#) (winter), continue to draw large audiences each year. An [ice cream social](#) during one of the summer performances is very popular with the community.
- Our meeting rooms are opened for [group study](#) before the January and June Regents exams.
- Monthly [Listening Parties](#) allow music lovers to explore their favorite artists in depth.

PLUS

- wireless access and printing** • study rooms • **volunteer opportunities**
- [Footnotes](#) newsletter • **BCSD**
 - yearbooks online** • laptop loans • **tech help** • local history collection
 - **Spotlight online** • sewing • **storytimes** • genealogy help • **research databases** • exam proctoring

2017-18 Annual Report

GOODS AND SERVICES

PEOPLE

Bethlehem population	28,243	
Library cardholders	20,443	
Library visitors		325,408
Website visitors	939,696	
Facebook followers	2,124	
Library staff, full-time	31	
Library staff, part-time	40	

BUDGET*

Personnel	\$2,979,452	\$4,203,194
Materials	\$509,500	
Operations	\$611,700	

*view full 2018-19 budget at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org

COLLECTIONS

Adult books	54,929	181,484 items
Teen books	5,991	
Children's books	41,925	
Audiobooks, music	9,089	
Downloadables, ebooks	59,361 (incl. UHLS-shared)	
Movies	9,592	
Magazines, newspapers	221 (print only)	
eMagazines	113	
Museum passes	54 (to 33 museums)	

CIRCULATION

- Adult books (print)
- Audiobooks
- Children's books (print)
- Teen books (print)
- DVDs/CDs
- Downloadables (eBooks, etc.)
- Other



SERVICES

Questions answered	94,866	we answered 1,824 reference questions every week
Interlibrary loans in	86,973	
Interlibrary loans out	67,687	
Public meetings	484	
Public computer use	37,496	
Holds picked up	96,550	
Museum pass loans	1,666	
Library of Things loans	4,444	
eBook loans	55,407	
Wireless use	109,852	
Tech room use	364	



Community survey of library services

Please take a moment to take part in this anonymous survey about the library. All questions are optional. Staff and trustees are looking for your input as we begin a discussion about the long-range goals for the library. **You may also fill out this survey at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.**

Section 1: Please check one answer for each of the following:

1. Do you live in the Bethlehem Central School District? Yes No
2. On average, how often do you visit the library?
 Daily Weekly Monthly Less than once a month Never

3. How important is each of the following library services to you?

	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important	Don't know/NA
Borrowing materials (books, DVDs, music, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reference (research assistance from librarians)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Programs (classes, storytimes, lectures, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Computers, printers, scanners and copiers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to new technology (Audio/visual makerspace, 3D printing, virtual reality headsets, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Study rooms/reading areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community meeting rooms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internet access (including WiFi at the town park and Five Rivers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play spaces for children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online services other than eBooks (catalog, research databases, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Genealogy/local history	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newspapers and magazines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteer opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall, how important is the library to your family?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. If you borrow materials from the library, how important are the following to you?

	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important	Don't know/NA
Books	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's books	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DVDs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CDs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
eBooks and eAudiobooks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Digital magazines (Flipster)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Library of Things (GoPro cameras, telescopes, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Museum passes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section 2: Please answer the following questions:

5. What do you value most about the library?

6. How could the library or its services be improved?

7. Is the library's current infrastructure able to sufficiently provide services in a way that meets your needs?

- Yes No

8. If the answer is no, what physical improvements or changes to the space would you support?

*We will be accepting completed surveys through the end of **November 2018**. Please drop yours off at the library or mail it to Bethlehem Public Library Community Survey, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar NY 12054.*

What are Friends for?

EVERYONE KNOWS life is better with friends, and Bethlehem Public Library has some very good ones dedicated to increasing public awareness of the library's mission, as well as sponsoring programs that enrich the entire community.

SOME OF THE LIBRARY'S most popular events and activities are funded by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library, including **mini-golf**, **bus trips to Glimmerglass or New York City** and the **ice cream social** during the Evenings on the Green summer concert series finale. If you've ever borrowed a **GoPro camera** or checked out an **American Girl doll**, **ukulele**, **telescope** or **metal detector**, you have the Friends to thank as well.

THE FRIENDS ALSO underwrite the popular winter concert series, "**A Little Sunday Music**," and they support the "**Writers and Friends**" guest author series.

BECAUSE OF THE FRIENDS, Bethlehem patrons can check out free passes to a number of area museums and historic buildings, including **Olana**, **MASS MoCA**, **the Albany Institute of History & Art**, **Museum of Innovation and Science (miSci)**, **Children's Museum at Saratoga**, and more. (You'll find the complete list at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org; find "museum passes" under the "More" tab.)

THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY is an all-volunteer organization and welcoming new members. **The group meets on the third Monday evening, every other month.** Meetings are open to the public.

IF YOU WOULD like to play a greater role in this community organization, please contact the Friends liaison at friends@bethlehempubliclibrary.org.



Become a Friend

Please consider a contribution to the Friends to help continue supporting free cultural and educational programming for the community, as well as special projects and purchases not covered by traditional funding.

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Coming up

Songs of Home

The Bethlehem Senior Chorus presents "Songs of Home" on **Friday November 30 at 1 pm**. The program, which will be held in **Bethlehem Town Hall**, is open to everyone. The repertoire will explore the meaning of home, whether it be a dwelling, people, place or a spiritual connection. The chorus, which is now in its 14th year, strives to present timeless music to be enjoyed by all. *Cosponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.*

Exhibits

During the month of November, the hallway exhibit space will feature works by the **Bethlehem Art Association**. In December, there will be oil paintings and drawings by **George Dowse** and oil paintings by **Carol Turner**.

Storm warning

In the event of inclement weather, the library's telephone system will provide the latest information on a closing or delayed opening. Please call ahead.



Bus trip to NYC with the Friends

The library Friends are sponsoring a trip to New York City on **Saturday December 1**.

The bus will leave CDTA's Delaware Avenue park-and-ride lot next to Mercato's Restaurant at 7am. The bus will depart New York City promptly at 6pm. Bryant Park is the arrival and departure point in New York.

Your check is your reservation; there are no refunds unless your seat is sold.

Cost is \$45 for members and \$50 for nonmembers. For more information, call Polly Hartman at (518) 439-3291.

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