

## A UNIVERSE of Stories

Summer Reading  
blasts off!

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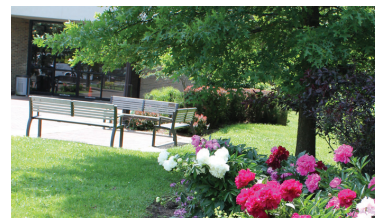
Celebrating Pete Seeger

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# 2019-20 budget

	2018-19	2019-20	comments
<b>library materials</b>			
books/audiobooks/ebooks	\$399,000	\$415,500	Maintains core collection and increases spending on electronic materials
periodicals	21,000	21,000	
online services	28,000	28,000	
movies and music	65,000	65,000	
special collections	10,500	15,500	Purchasing for the Library of Things
total materials	\$523,500	\$545,000	
<b>salaries and benefits</b>	\$3,040,494	\$3,123,914	Negotiated salary increases and estimated health-care costs
<b>operations</b>			
utilities	\$79,000	\$79,700	New HVAC electricity reductions, stable water and sewer
photocopiers	15,000	22,000	Shift to centralized printing
office and custodial supplies	40,000	31,000	Centralized printing means fewer toner cartridges
equipment and furniture	50,000	50,000	
postage	17,000	18,000	
insurance	29,000	29,000	
taxes (water and sewer)	3,700	3,700	
conference and travel	10,000	10,000	
memberships	2,000	2,000	
special programs	20,000	25,000	Continue to build on the success of special programs
building and equip. maint.	79,500	79,500	
van operation	1,500	2,000	Library van due for brakes and tires
financial services and auditing	26,000	40,000	Potential new auditor and new GASB filings
printing	30,000	30,000	
professional services	12,000	15,000	Union contract negotiations
miscellaneous	3,500	3,500	
online catalog/circ. system	50,000	50,000	Systemwide library services through Upper Hudson
IT/hardware and software	42,000	42,000	
refund of real property taxes	4,000	20,000	Assumes recent increase in tax refunds will continue
capital improvements	125,000	125,000	For building updates and other needs
total operations	\$639,200	\$677,400	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,203,194</b>	<b>\$4,346,314</b>	
<b>income</b>			
finer and fees	30,000	30,000	
interest	5,000	10,000	
book sale	6,000	5,000	
gifts and donations	1,000	1,000	
photocopiers	7,000	8,000	
state aid	23,000	24,000	
PILOT	196,336	203,162	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$268,336</b>	<b>\$281,162</b>	
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$4,203,194</b>	<b>\$4,346,314</b>	3.41% increase
minus income	268,336	281,162	
<b>equals LEVY</b>	<b>\$3,934,858</b>	<b>\$4,065,152</b>	3.31% increase

**MEET THE CANDIDATES**  
Thursday May 2 • 6pm  
Learn more about the candidates in an informal setting.

**BUDGET REVIEW**  
Monday May 13 • 6pm  
Regular board meeting to follow.

**BUDGET/TRUSTEE VOTE**  
Tuesday May 21 • 7am-9pm  
Bethlehem Central High School

**proposed levy  
increase: 3.31%**

For fund balances and other financial information, please see the audited financial statements of Bethlehem Public Library online at [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/about-us/board-of-trustees](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/about-us/board-of-trustees).  
Scroll down to "Facts and figures" and click on "Financial statements as of June 30, 2018."



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### Flexibility for the future

**THE SUCCESS OF BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY** lies in our ability to balance the varying needs of a diverse and engaged community – not just now, but in the years to come. We take pride in the number of active library users we serve – with 319,251 visits in the past year – and this year's budget, while under the state-mandated cap, allows us to continue offering and improving the programs, services, materials and community spaces our patrons are looking for.

**SO HOW DO WE KNOW** what our community is looking for in a library? We ask! Last November, we launched a survey to find out how patrons use the library and what they value most about it. The response was overwhelming, and the feedback has provided a useful framework for long-range decision making. Most of all, we learned that our community thinks we are doing a lot of things right. With the 2019-20 budget, we will be able to stay this course with an eye to maintaining the very building where it all happens.

**SAVINGS FROM OUR** switch to centralized printing, as well as a decrease in electrical costs due to the recent upgrade in our heating and air conditioning system, have allowed us to allocate additional funding for library materials, including e-books and the Library of Things. In addition, we've increased spending on programs to bring in more of the concerts, expert lecturers and author visits that are in high demand. Our proposed budget also takes into account upcoming capital expenses to keep our facility comfortable and safe, as well as expected increases in professional services and property tax refunds.

**AS WE BEGIN** our long-range planning process to outline library goals for the future, we are looking to identify the maintenance needs of our 45-year-old building, as well as the kinds of community-supported enhancements that will allow us to continue to grow with and be a reflection of the people we serve.

**THIS YEAR'S BUDGET** represents our commitment to being an important part of the community, today and many years from now. On the ballot is a levy 3.31% higher than last year, within the limit specified by New York State.

— Bethlehem Public Library Board of Trustees

### All ages

### Forever Home Pet Adoption Day

Meet some adoptable furry friends **Saturday May 18 beginning at 11am** during the library's first-ever Pet Adoption Day. A number of local animal rescues will be joining us, and there will be fun activities throughout the day, including a craft for children, therapy dogs to read to, dog and cat toys to make for donation to local rescues, and more.

**This event is supported by the Friends of the Library**, who will be on hand to collect donations of pet food and supplies for local animal rescues.



#### Knit One Purl One

Sunday May 5 • 2pm

Sunday June 9 • 2pm

*If you're an experienced knitter, bring your current project. If you're a beginner, bring size 8 knitting needles no longer than 10 inches; we'll provide yarn and get you started. **For adults, teens and kids age 9 and up.***

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May/June 2019

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• Monday May 13 • 6pm

• Monday June 10 • 6pm

#### Friends board

• Monday June 17 • 6:30pm

#### Library hours

weekdays 9-9 • Saturdays 10-5

Sundays 12-5

#### Holiday hours

• May 25-27 CLOSED: *Memorial Day Weekend*

• July 4 CLOSED *Independence Day*

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## Summer Reading Kickoff The Wheel Concert June 26

Open to all ages —  
children, teens and adults!

## Bookmark Contest

Entries accepted June 26-August 30.  
Forms available at the library or  
[bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://bethlehempubliclibrary.org).



## Listening Parties Thursdays at 7pm

May 16

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

June 20

David Bowie: Space Oddity  
Mark the 50th anniversary of  
Bowie's breakthrough single  
by taking a closer look at his  
decades-long career.  
Co-sponsored by  
Voorheesville Public Library.

Listen to great music, discuss  
and share your opinions.



## All ages (continued)



## It's time for Summer Reading!

Explore a **Universe of Stories** with us during the 2019 Summer Reading Challenge. This year, things blast off with an afternoon of all-ages events **Wednesday June 26.**

- At 4pm, balloon artist **Daryl Baldwin** will start creating whimsical sculptures while guests rub elbows with the one-and-only **Llama Llama!**
- Enjoy a **read-in** at 4:30pm and get a jump on your Summer Reading goals.
- Things start rocking on The Green at 7pm with **The Wheel**, a six-piece band covering mostly Grateful Dead tunes. Concert moves inside if it rains.

Summer Reading sign-up begins **June 26**, and you can get started checking off your reading milestones right away. Adults, teens and children can sign up in person or online at [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org). All summer long, we'll be hosting programs that are out of this world, and our bookmark design contest is sure to inspire your inner artist (see left for details).

## Adults

### Coffee and Conversation: The Art of Blacksmithing

Friday May 3 • 1-2pm program; 2-3pm coffee hour  
A modern day blacksmith will talk about the trade and its traditions.  
Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

### Pete Seeger Centennial: Wasn't That a Time

Saturday May 4 • 1pm  
Music writer Jesse Jarnow will explore the life and times of this celebrated folk musician in a multi-media presentation that will feature photos, recorded music and live performances by banjoist Richie Stearns and folk fiddler Rosie Newton. *This is an Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Center's "New York Living Legacy" project.*

### Fun and Games for Grownups

Monday May 6 • 6pm  
An adults-only gathering where you can play games and socialize. Snacks served!

### Open Sewing

Monday May 6 • 6pm  
Monday May 13 • 6pm  
Monday June 17 • 6pm  
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.*

### Seniors Prom: Sock Hop

Friday May 10 • 2-4pm  
Adults 60 years and up are invited to don their poodle skirts and rolled up jeans as we take a trip down memory lane at Bethlehem Town Hall. Enjoy live music, refreshments, green screen portraits and an Elvis impersonator! **To register, call (518) 439-4955, ext. 1176.**  
Co-hosted by Bethlehem Senior Services in conjunction with Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

### Better Angels Red/Blue Event

Saturday May 11 • 11am  
Moderated workshop focuses on encouraging an atmosphere of listening and reflection among red and blue participants as opposed to debate. *Presented by Better Angels Capital Region Alliance. To register, email [betterangelscapitalregion@gmail.com](mailto:betterangelscapitalregion@gmail.com).*

### Sunday Cinema: Mary Poppins Returns (PG, 130 min., Disney)

Sunday May 12 • 2:30pm  
Film series with titles suitable for adult audiences. Shown with Subtitling for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing when possible. **Kids and families welcome!**

### Understanding Your Ancestry DNA Test

Tuesday May 14 • 7pm  
Genealogist Lisa Dougherty will discuss what you can expect from a DNA test, along with DNA myths and interpreting ethnicity estimates.

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## Adults *(continued)*

### Coffee and Conversation: Historic Woodstock Art Colony

Friday May 17 • 1-2pm program; 2-3pm coffee hour  
Art historian Karen Quinn will talk about America's first intentionally created, year-round arts colony. *Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.*

### Gardening 101

Sunday May 19 • 2:30pm  
A Seed Library supporting program! Master Gardener Judith Fetterley will provide an overview of gardening, including site assessment, plant selection, tools and tips.

### Intro to the Internet

Monday May 20 • 10am  
In this class for computer beginners, we will go over the basics of using the Internet, focusing primarily on the world wide web.

### Dementia Basics and Support

Thursday May 23 • 6:30pm  
Presenters from Eddy Alzheimer's Services will talk about what you need to know about memory loss. *Funded by a grant from NYS Department of Health.*

### Friday Cinema: The Breadwinner (PG-13, 94 min., Universal)

Friday May 24 • 2:30pm  
Film series with titles suitable for adult audiences. Shown with Subtitling for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing when possible.

### Coffee and Conversation: To Life! Part VI

Friday May 31 • 1-2pm program; 2-3pm coffee hour  
Richard Feldman returns with songs from popular American musicals about optimism and following your dreams. *Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.*

### Adobe Premiere Elements 2018 Training

Monday June 3 • 2pm  
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.

### Sew It Yourself: Basic Embroidery

Monday June 3 • 7pm  
Learn basic stitches that can be used for a variety of designs. *Teens welcome!*

### Coffee and Conversation: Broadway's Music Men

Friday June 7 • 1-2pm program; 2-3pm coffee hour  
Listen as storyteller Kate Dudding shares the stories behind some of Broadway's greatest composers, and join her in singing their hits. *Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.*

### Support and Guidance for Dementia Caregivers

Wednesday June 12 • 10am  
Social workers from Eddy Alzheimer's Services will be available to speak with caregivers of individuals with dementia. *Funded by a grant from NYS Department of Health.*

### Coffee and Conversation: Crailo State Historic Site

Friday June 14 • 1-2pm program; 2-3pm coffee hour  
Sam Huntington will talk about the early Dutch inhabitants of the upper Hudson Valley and the heritage of the 18th century site built by Hendrick Van Rensselaer. *Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.*

## Tweens and Teens

## Be a summer volunteer

We're looking for volunteers who will be in grades 6-12 in September and can give at least six hours of their time to help with our summer reading program. Our teens staff the summer reading desk, assist with online submissions, read to children, and help with programs and activities. **Applications will be accepted May 1-June 17. They are available at [www.bplteens.org](http://www.bplteens.org) and in the library, and must be turned in at the Children's Desk. *Volunteers are required to attend an orientation session.***

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## Book Discussions

### DayBooks

Thursdays or Mondays  
at 1:30pm

May 13 and 16

*The Immortalists* by Chloe Benjamin

June 10 and 13

*Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover

AfterDinner Books  
Wednesdays at 7pm

May 8

*An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones

AfterDinner Too  
Tuesdays at 7pm

June 11

*If the Creek Don't Rise* by Leah Weiss

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



Study hall  
@ the library  
May-June 2019

Schedule available  
in the library and online at  
[www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org)  
and [www.bplteens.org](http://www.bplteens.org).

Therapy dog study breaks:  
Monday June 10 • 7pm  
Tuesday June 18 • 4:30pm

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Read-In and more!  
June 26 (page 4 for details)

## Creation Station

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

Saturday 10:30am-4:30pm

Sunday 12:30-4:30pm

May 6-12— Caterpillar Crawler

June 3-9 — Chick O'Rama



## Incubation Eggsperiment

Meet the Chickens • June 1  
Part II • June 9

## Tweens and Teens *(continued)*

### Breakout EDU

Friday May 10 • 3:30pm (for ages 9-14)

*Like an Escape Room, you will use puzzle-solving skills to unlock the box before time is up.*

### Craft and Sip

Friday May 31 • 3:30pm (for ages 9-14)

*Create a fuse bead masterpiece while sipping some juice and relaxing.*

### Fifth Grade Sharpie Art

Friday June 14 • 3:30pm (for grade 5 only)

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

### Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Afternoon

Friday June 21 • 3:30pm (for ages 9-14)

*Join your friends to play Super Smash Bros. Ultimate and help us unlock all the characters on our new Nintendo Switch! Snacks will be served.*

## Out and about at BCMS

There's still some time left for BCMS students to hang out after school with the library! On **Wednesdays May 1 and 8**, we're hosting **Switch gaming at The Pit**. In the Library Media Center, we'll be breaking out the button maker **Tuesday May 14**, and on **Tuesday May 28**, join us for the **BCMS Book Club** to discuss "I Am Still Alive" by Kate Alice Marshall.

## Kids and families

### Chess Club

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

Tuesday May 21 • 5:30-6:30 **OR** 6:30-7:30pm

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

### Sunday Cinema: *Mary Poppins Returns*

Sunday May 12 • 2:30pm

*Decades after her original visit, the magical nanny returns to help the Banks siblings and Michael's children through a difficult time (PG, 130 min., Disney).*

### KBA: Kids Builder Association

Tuesday May 14 • 4pm

Thursday June 27 • 2:30pm

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

### Art Explosion

Friday May 24 • 11am

*Create your own masterpiece inspired by some of the greatest artists in history.*

### Eggsperiment: Meet the Chickens

Saturday June 1 • 3pm

*Our "eggsperiment" begins! Meet a chicken and rooster with environmental educator George Steele and learn how the library eggs will incubate.*

### Eggsperiment Part II

Sunday June 9 • 3pm

*What's going on in our eggs? Learn about embryo development as we candle our eggs and predict how many will hatch.*

### Summer Cinema: *Ralph Breaks the Internet*

Friday June 28 • 2:30pm

*Ralph and Vanellorpe travel to the World Wide Web (PG, 112 min., Disney).*



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## Kids and families *(continued)*

### Relax and read outside

This spring, you'll notice a welcoming outdoor nook just off the Children's Place filled with fun-sized furniture and whimsical decorations. The brand new Ian Boegel Memorial Patio is just the place to hang out and enjoy sunny days with your library friends. This new space has been generously funded by Ian's family and friends in memory of the Bethlehem resident and frequent Children's Place visitor. The patio will open in May, with a special dedication ceremony to be held later in the summer.

Read, relax or make your mark with a colorful chalk creation! With the Memorial Patio, our young visitors are invited to enjoy the library inside and out.

### Storytimes and more

**FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS:**

### Explore feelings through books & play

Join us **Thursday May 30 at 10:30am** and learn how to build empathy and emotional literacy through doll play and stories in this program **presented by Capital District Child Care Council**. Children are welcome!

#### Family Storytime

Mondays at 10am • May 6-June 10\*

*Stories, songs and activities for children up to age 6 with family. \*except May 27*

#### Tiny Tots

Tuesdays at 10am • May 7-June 18

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

#### Music & Movement

Wednesdays at 9:30am • May 1-June 12

*Songs, instruments, dancing, learning and fun for babies, toddlers and preschoolers.*

#### Story Walk at Five Rivers

Fridays at 10am • June 7-June 28

*Meet at **Five Rivers** to hear some stories and take a walk to exercise your mind and body. Gather under the trees at the head of the Woodlot Trail and wear appropriate footwear. Trail is not suitable for strollers. For kids and families.*

#### Time Out for Tales

Saturdays at 11am • May 4-June 29\*

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

*\*except May 25*

#### Pajama-Rama

Thursday May 2 and Wednesday June 5 • 7pm

*Enjoy some fun and stories before bedtime. Up to age 6 with family.*

#### Storytime Celebration

Thursday June 13 • 10am

*Calling all babies, toddlers and preschoolers, it's time to cut loose and show off those literacy skills you've been working on all year. There will be bubbles!*

#### Parents, please note:

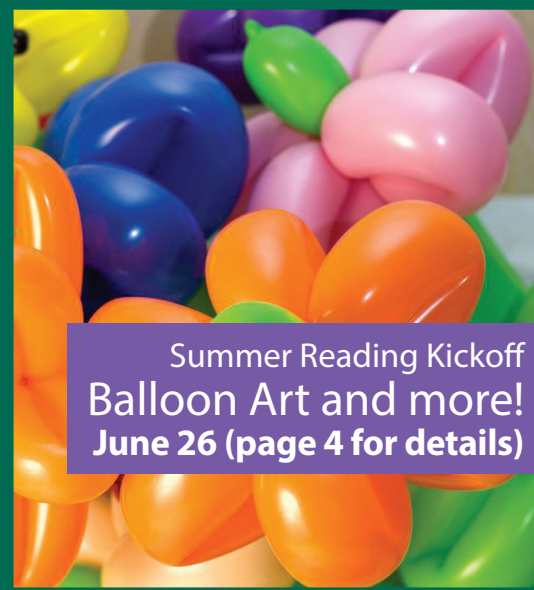
All abilities are welcome. No signup is required unless noted, but space is limited and storytimes begin promptly; please arrive early. When Bethlehem schools are closed or delayed, all storytimes are cancelled.

### Literacy tip

Play helps children feel a sense of accomplishment and self-confidence. This motivates them to try new experiences and not to give up when something seems difficult.



**Memorial Reading Patio  
Opening in May!**



**Summer Reading Kickoff  
Balloon Art and more!  
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**Storytime Celebration  
June 13**

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## What's new?

### Get growing with the library

Get your garden started with help from our seed library, which features a variety of open-pollinated vegetables, flowers and some herbs. Seed libraries like these support sustainability and food security by allowing the community free access to the means of growing their own food.

The seed library, located at the back of the Information Desk, is self-serve with a limit of six packets per household per year. Go online to see what's available or to download growing instructions. We continue to replenish and add to the selection all the time.

### Follow us on social media

Check us out on Facebook (@bethlehempubliclibrary) for information about upcoming events and program highlights, as well as book recommendations and more. You'll also find us on Twitter (@bethlehemPL) and Instagram (@bethlehempubliclibrary). We even have a special teen-focused Instagram account (@BPLTeens)!

### Exhibits

During the month of May, the hallway exhibit space will feature work by the **Bethlehem Art Association**. In June, there will be watercolors by **Bob Lynk** and pastels and watercolors by **Barbara Via**.

## Opera with Friends

The library Friends are embarking on two trips to Glimmerglass Opera this summer: *La Traviata* on **July 30** and *Showboat* on **August 17**.

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 (518) 439-3291.

Seats fill quickly. Send check and reservation form below to:

**Friends trips to GLIMMERGLASS**  
**c/o Bethlehem Public Library**  
**451 Delaware Ave.**  
**Delmar NY 12054**

### Friends bus trips to Glimmerglass 2019

name \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

telephone (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

Price is \$135 per person per outing (bus, ticket, lunch, tips).  
*Enclosed is my check made out to Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.*

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:**

☐ *La Traviata* (July 30) ☐ *Showboat* (August 17)

List names of others in your party.

name \_\_\_\_\_

name \_\_\_\_\_

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