



From the director

Like many of you, we made a lot of plans this spring that did not turn out exactly as we had imagined.

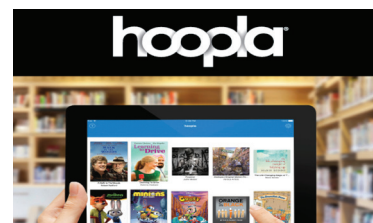
In March, we were planning to hang a series of "Greetings from Bethlehem Public Library" banners in our parking lot, but, as we all know, that was the month where everything changed. Suddenly, we had to completely rethink how we offered library services. As we worked to quickly enhance what we were able to provide online while our doors were closed, we also began planning for a time when we could open those doors once again.

We have come a long way since then, first rolling out curbside pickup and then welcoming back those who want to browse our shelves in person. We know we have a ways to go before things return to what they once were, but we promise we are planning for that future, too, and for all the steps we will need to take to get there.

And like the parking lot banners that we were finally able to hang this fall, we know that day will arrive. We're planning on it.

— Geoffrey Kirkpatrick, Bethlehem Public Library director

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Library board

- Monday November 9 • 6pm
- Monday December 14 • 6pm

Friends board

Monday December 21 • 6:30pm

Library hours

Please visit the website for up-to-date hours for in-person browsing and curbside pickup.

Holiday hours

- **November 26:** CLOSED
Thanksgiving day
- **December 24-25:** CLOSED
Christmas holiday
- **January 1:** CLOSED
New Year's 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.

News and notes

Hoopla renewed

In spring, we joined with Upper Hudson and our partner libraries to provide you with high-quality eContent through **Hoopla**, an on-demand streaming service for eBooks, music, video and audiobooks. **Hoopla** has been so popular that the Board of Trustees voted this fall to continue offering it to Bethlehem cardholders once the Upper Hudson contract expires.

In addition to **Hoopla**, you can download eBooks, audiobooks and eMagazines through **OverDrive** – and there are thousands of titles to choose from. Even more eMagazines are available through **Flipster**. You can also stream movies, high-quality children's programming or explore one of The Great Courses through **Kanopy**.

Head to the library's eContent webpage to see what's available. You'll find helpful links and tips if you are new to using these services, but if you need more help, send an e-mail to information@bethpl.org, and we'll get back to you.

One library, many options

When it comes to getting books, movies, audiobooks and more into your hands, we are one library with many options so that YOU can decide how much contact you are comfortable with.

- **Curbside pickup** is a no-contact way to retrieve materials requested through the library catalog.
- **Limited in-person browsing** is available for those who would like to look through the shelves.
- **Books to People** offers a delivery service for the homebound.
- **Download** eBooks and audiobooks, and stream video online anytime.

As we phase in more library services, we are basing our decisions on the latest public health and safety guidance from state and local government. Visit www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/coronavirus-information to stay up-to-date.

Wireless printing available

Did you know we offer wireless and mobile printing from home? Print jobs can be retrieved during in-person browsing hours or through curbside pickup.

If you are printing from a computer, upload your document to our print portal and follow the onscreen directions. Each print job is given a unique release code, which will be displayed on your screen and e-mailed to you if you provide an optional e-mail address. To print an e-mail message or attachment, forward your e-mail to bplinfodesk@printspots.com. You will be sent a release code for the e-mail message and each attachment.

To get your document during in-person browsing hours, enter the release code on the keypad located next to the printer. You can also use curbside pickup to retrieve your printed items by e-mailing or calling the Information Desk. A librarian will use your code to print your documents and let you know when they are ready to pick up.

Visit our wireless printing webpage here: www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/services/tech-tools/wireless-and-mobile-printing.

Binge boxes and book bundles

Looking for a collection of binge-worthy films in one simple package? We have dozens of themed binge boxes to check out. With binge boxes, you can choose from themes like "Don't Mess with Denzel" or "You'll Ugly Cry" and you'll get a pre-selected set of 4-6 films that fit the bill. Search for "binge box" in the catalog to see what's available.

Not sure what to read next? Sign up to receive a Book Bundle! Share your reading preferences, and a librarian will hand-pick 10 books just for you. Fill out a Book Bundle request form here:

www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/book-bundle-request.



Adults

Alexis de Toqueville's Democracy in America: Part 3 of 4 S

Monday November 2 • 7pm

Examine and discuss this country's Puritan-founded history, the Constitution, representative democracy, and the tyranny of the majority as captured by Alexis de Toqueville's book. *This series is presented by guest speaker Giacomo Calabria and is grant-funded in partnership with Humanities NY.*

Coffee and Conversation: Shipwrecks! Uncovering Underwater Archaeology S

Friday November 6 • 1pm

Dr. Daria Merwin of the New York State Museum will talk about what New York's shipwreck sites can tell us about the past. *Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.*

Alexis de Toqueville's Democracy in America: Part 4 of 4 S

Monday November 9 • 7pm

Examine and discuss this country's Puritan-founded history, the Constitution, representative democracy, and the tyranny of the majority as captured by Alexis de Toqueville's book. *This series is presented by guest speaker Giacomo Calabria and is grant-funded in partnership with Humanities NY.*

Coffee and Conversation: A Glimpse at Fort Orange S

Friday November 13 • 1pm

Dr. Michael Lucas of the New York State Museum will discuss the everyday objects that the Dutch brought with them to the area following Henry Hudson's famous voyage of 1609. *Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.*

Online Listening Parties: Aaron Copland S

Thursday November 19 • 2pm

Listen to and discuss the influential composer whose style is recognized as the authentic voice of American concert music.

*** A NOTE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS:** Programs are currently taking place virtually and most require advance registration. Those listed here are only highlights.

Visit our online calendar to see all of our programs or to sign up for one.

Kids and families

A special series for caregivers S

In a partnership with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany, the library is offering a pair of virtual programs for adults designed to further develop that crucial relationship between caregiver and child.

Join us on **Tuesday November 10 at 10am** for **Understanding Parenting Styles and How They Impact Children**. Come back the following month on **Tuesday December 1 at 10am** for **Positive Discipline Strategies for Caregivers**.

Go to our online calendar to sign up or learn more about these programs.

Learning from home? We can help

With our Virtual Learning Resources webpage, we've made it easy for you to find the resources your student needs to make the most of this school year, and we will continue to update this page throughout the school year as additional tools become available.

Go on a Storywalk

Bundle up and get some fresh air while enjoying a story at one of our two Storywalks, located at Elm Avenue Park and the Pine Hollow Arboretum!

Online fun for winter break

Spend your December break with us! Check our online calendar for some fun virtual events during your time off.

Virtual Book Discussions S

DayBooks

Mondays at 1:30pm

November 9

The Dutch House by Ann Patchett

December 14

This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger

Anti-Racist Book Group Wednesdays at 6:30pm

December 2

If Beale Street Could Talk
by James Baldwin

Check 'Em Out Books Mondays at 7pm

November 16

Wildland by Rebecca Hodge

AfterDinner Books Tuesdays at 7pm

December 8

The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway

Book discussions are currently taking place online. For more information, visit bethlehempubliclibrary.org/book-discussions.

Book talks for teens and tweens S

Tween Book Group (grades 4-6)

Thursday November 12 • 4pm

Nimona by Noelle Stevenson

Teen Book Group (grades 7-12)

Monday December 14 • 7pm

Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam.

Virtual Family Storytime S



Wednesdays
through November 25

S sign up: bethlehem.librarycalendar.com



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News and notes

Even more WiFi out and about

Our Free Library WiFi throughout town has been a lifeline for many as stay-at-home orders strained digital access. This fall, we added the **Town Hall parking lot and playground** to the growing list of locations where we offer free WiFi 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You'll also find Free Library WiFi **outside the library building, at the Elm Avenue park and pool, at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center and at Colonial Acres Park in Glenmont.**

Follow us on social media

Follow us on **Facebook, Twitter, Instagram** and **YouTube** for information about what the library's up to, along with news about programs and services.

Sign up for our e-newsletter

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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.

Library Friend Polly Hartman named UHLS Volunteer of the Year

Bethlehem Public Library would like to congratulate **Polly Hartman** for her selection as the **Upper Hudson Library System Volunteer of the Year.**

Polly, a beloved children's librarian at BPL for many years, retired in 2006 but has remained an unwavering and enthusiastic supporter of the library through her work with the **Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.**

The first to volunteer for library or Friends-sponsored community events, Polly is currently serving as vice president of the Friends. She was the originator of the library's yearly fundraising trip to the Glimmerglass Opera, and has coordinated the winter bus trips to New York City. These programs have been major fundraising events for the library for many years.

Library Director Geoffrey Kirkpatrick commended Polly's work on behalf of the library.

"Her efforts to bolster the strength of the Friends continues as she attracts more community-minded people to serve on the board," he said.

About the Friends

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.

Some of the library's most popular



events and activities are paid for by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library, including mini-golf and the ice cream social during the Evenings on the Green summer concert finale. They've also helped fund the popular Library of Things, including museum passes, and have underwritten the library's winter concert series.

If you are interested in being a part of this community organization, please e-mail friends@bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

