

# **BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY**

## **PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION POLICY**

*Policy adopted by the Board of Trustees September 5, 1997*

*Policy revised October 11, 2005*

*Policy revised September 10, 2007*

*Policy Revised June 13, 2011*

*Policy Revised January 8, 2018*

### **HISTORY**

Bethlehem Community Network Television (BCN-TV) was established in 1982 as a result of an agreement between the local cable franchise provider and the Town of Bethlehem. The cable company, in accordance with Section 611 of the Communications Act, provided channels for PEG\* (Public, Education and Government) access to compensate the community for the use of their public space. Bethlehem Public Library agreed to host and support the public access channel for the community. Locally produced, independent and alternative video all find an outlet on the public access cable network.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

BCN-TV is dedicated to providing the people of the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem School District with a public access channel. It is available at no charge for non-commercial use by the public on an open and equitable basis.

### **PROGRAM SCHEDULING**

Library Staff will schedule and promote submitted programming. Those submitting programs must agree to and sign the BCN-TV User Agreement.

### **COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD**

Individuals, community groups, and not-for-profit organizations may submit non-commercial, non-partisan public service announcements for posting on BCN-TV. See the Community Bulletin Board and Public Service Announcements Guidelines for submission requirements. Residents and organizations of the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem School District are given preference in bulletin board postings.

### **PATRON CONDUCT**

All users of BCN-TV must adhere to the library's Patron Conduct Policy.