

PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

- The varied lineup for *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 *website and Footnotes newsletter* were redesigned to make them more user-friendly.
- In the fall, we partnered with local fire departments and surrounding libraries to offer a special *fire safety storytime*.
- We hosted an *indoor miniature golf** event that was free and open to the entire community.
- We added *portable Wi-Fi, hotspots, laptops, telescopes, Ozobots, metal detectors, virtual reality visors and karaoke machines* to our special collections shelf, or "library of things," which is underwritten by the Friends.
- *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 longstanding concert series, *Evenings on the Green** (summer) and *A Little Sunday Music** (winter), draw large audiences each year. An *ice cream social** during one of the summer performances is a huge hit with the community.
- We continue to open up our meeting rooms for *group study* before the January and June Regents exams, adding study break activities on some of the days.
- Monthly *Listening Parties* allow music lovers to explore their favorite artists in depth.
- *Richie Phillips*, local radio personality, brought his kid-friendly songwriting program to the library.
- Author *Ann Leary* stopped by to discuss her craft.
- Several programs were done in partnership with *Five Rivers* — some at the library and some at the nature center.
- *Llamas, raptors and a petting zoo* showed off the library's wild side.
- Our *databases* give patrons access to research, language learning and online training tools.
- Songwriter and producer *John Simon* packed the community room for a discussion of his work with The Band.
- *Rubber Ducky Club**, an early literacy program unique to Bethlehem Public library continues to reach new readers.
- The Upper Hudson *mobile app* made it even easier to access library services.
- Bethlehem Public Library was voted *Best Place to Spend a Rainy Day* by Capital Region Living Magazine.

* sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library

MISSION

Bethlehem Public Library values its responsibility to enhance the general welfare and quality of life in the community and region it serves. The library pursues excellence in its mission: to provide equal and uncensored access to resources and services that encourage lifelong learning, cultural enrichment, and professional growth.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES (current 2017-18)

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GOODS AND SERVICES

PEOPLE

Bethlehem population	28,243	
Library cardholders	20,539	
Library visitors	320,892	
Website visitors	653,745	
Facebook followers	1,741	
Library staff, full-time	31	
Library staff, part-time	42	

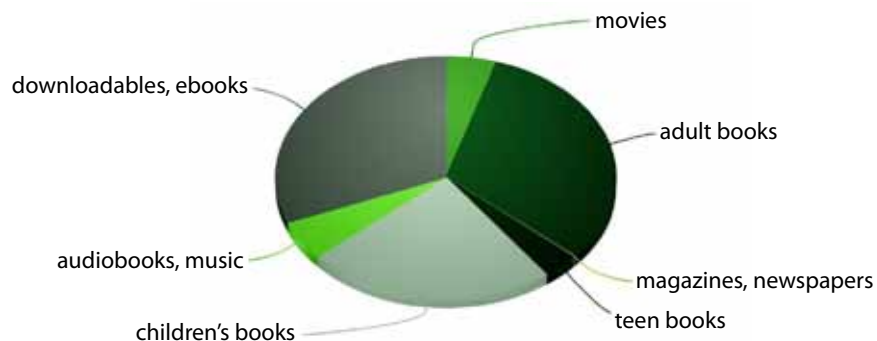
BUDGET*

Personnel	\$2,914,657
Materials	\$483,000
Operations	\$633,200

*view full 2016-17 budget at www.bethlehempubliibrary.org

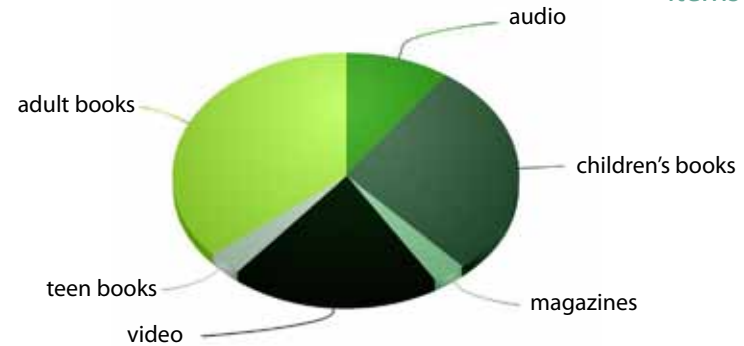
COLLECTIONS

Adult books	54,397	172,687 items
Teen books	5,986	
Children's books	40,753	
Audiobooks, music	9,161	
Downloadables, ebooks	53,513 (incl. UHLS-shared)	
Movies	8,292	
Magazines, newspapers	230 (print only)	
eMagazines	123	
Museum passes (July 2017)	24 (to 26 museums)	



CIRCULATION

673,181 items



SERVICES

Questions answered	82,400
Interlibrary loans in	77,470
Interlibrary loans out	64,966
Public meetings	497
Public computer use	41,015
Holds picked up (not incl. ebooks)	97,999
Museum pass loans	1,327
Library of Things loans	2,652
Ebook loans	54,585
Wireless use	84,156
Tech room use	332

we answered **1,585** reference questions every week

PLUS

wireless access and printing • study rooms
 volunteer opportunities • Computer Partners
 eBooks • eMagazines • *footnotes* newsletter •
 BCSD yearbooks online • laptop loans • tech help
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 research databases • exam proctoring