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BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

May/June 2025



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# 2025-26 Budget

	2024-25	2025-26	Comments
<b>Salaries and benefits</b>			
Salaries	\$2,666,993	\$2,783,914	Contractual salary increases
Retirement	324,242	376,102	
Payroll taxes	206,465	212,694	
Health insurance	398,000	430,000	Assumes a 12% increase in January 2026
Other insurance	\$32,500	\$27,500	
Total salaries and benefits	\$3,628,200	\$3,830,210	
<b>Library materials</b>	\$575,000	\$580,500	Database subscriptions to the New York Times and Times Union, decreased demand for CDs and DVDs
<b>Operations</b>			
Utilities	\$105,500	\$96,500	Adjusted based on current rates
Office supplies and expenses	58,700	55,500	
Printing and marketing	43,200	35,000	One time expense for software implementation in previous fiscal year
Custodial supplies	20,000	22,000	
Insurance	35,000	36,000	
Professional fees, dues and conferences	46,500	43,000	Includes attorney fees
Special programs	42,000	45,000	
Building and equip. maint.	97,000	96,500	Contractual services, building/equipment repairs
Furniture and equipment	30,000	30,000	
IT/hardware and software	50,000	55,000	Upgrades to hardware and replacement as needed
Audit and online accounting services	47,000	47,000	Audit and actuary fees
Online catalog/circ. system	57,500	60,000	Planned increase in library system fees
Other	11,500	11,500	
Capital improvements/contingency	135,000	125,000	
Total operations	\$778,900	\$758,000	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,982,100</b>	<b>\$5,168,710</b>	
<b>Income</b>			
PILOT	\$239,000	\$225,000	
Use of fund balance	0	38,000	Received in FY 2025 to be used in FY 2026
State aid	26,000	26,500	
Interest income	90,000	121,500	Interest for FY 2025 projected at \$185,000; rates expected to decrease in FY2026
Miscellaneous fees	20,000	25,800	
Friends contribution	7,000	10,000	
Gifts and donations	8,000	10,000	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$390,000</b>	<b>\$456,800</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,982,100</b>	<b>\$5,168,710</b>	3.75% increase
Minus income	390,000	456,800	
<b>Equals LEVY</b>	<b>\$4,592,100</b>	<b>\$4,711,910</b>	2.61% increase
<b>Fund balance</b>			
		\$1,350,00	Funds operations from July until taxes received in October
		2,578,140	Designated for capital expenditure and building needs in conjunction with the library's Long Range Plan
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>\$3,928,140</b>	

Proposed levy  
increase: 2.61%

For additional 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).



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### A library for the community

**IN THE COMING FISCAL YEAR**, the library is looking to continue the highest level of service to our community while investing in the building and resources that allow us to do so. The 2025-26 budget balances smart investment strategies with some savings in operational expenses to offset contractual cost increases in salaries, health insurance and retirement contributions.

**WE REMAIN COMMITTED** to planning for the future of the library by addressing urgent structural needs. We're starting with the library's aging boiler, which will be replaced using library reserves. We are currently evaluating how to tackle additional projects down the road, even as we navigate the state-mandated procedures and expenses that are required of a government entity. We've also been staying on top of favorable investment rates to bring in hundreds of thousands in income over the past couple of years and an expected \$121,500 in 2025-26 alone.

**IN ADDITION**, a significant portion of the reserves – approximately \$1.4 million – is set aside every year to pay for operational expenses between the end of the library's fiscal year in June until tax money is received in the fall.

**LOOKING AHEAD**, we will continue to invest in the materials that are popular with our borrowers, and the 2025-26 budget includes money to expand our collection and support the recent addition of online access to the New York Times and Times Union newspapers. We also keep a close eye on borrowing trends to add additional copies of in-demand materials to reduce wait times. Our robust collection is supplemented by our Library of Things, which includes a seed library, museum passes and free WiFi and technology for people who do not otherwise have access to it.

**THE 2025-26 BUDGET** also supports a variety of in-house programs, as well as bigger collaborations with the Town of Bethlehem, such as a Disco Party for seniors and the Thursdays in the Park summer concert series. These are the types of programs that bring together people and enhance the general welfare and quality of life in the community, which gets to the very heart of our mission statement.

**ON THE BALLOT** this year is an ask of \$4.7 million, which is 2.61% higher than last year. This budget, like all past library budgets, comes within the limit specified by New York State.

— Bethlehem Public Library Board of Trustees

#### Meet the Candidates

Wednesday April 30 • 6pm

*The candidates seeking the two available seats on the library's Board of Trustees will introduce themselves and talk about why they are running.*

#### Trustee Office Hours

Saturday May 3 • 12:30-2pm

*A member of the Board of Trustees will be available to answer questions from the public. Stop by the lounge area just inside the library.*

#### Budget review

Monday May 12 • 6pm

*An introduction of the 2025-26 library budget will take place prior to the regular board meeting.*

#### Budget/trustee vote

Tuesday May 20 • 7am-9pm

*Vote takes place at Bethlehem Central High School.*

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Kristen Roberts, editor/staff writer

#### Trustees

Mark Kissinger, *president*

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#### Library board

• Monday May 12 • 6pm

• Monday June 9 • 6pm

#### Friends board

• Monday June 16 • 6:30pm

#### Library hours

weekdays 9-9 • Saturdays 10-5

Sundays 12-5

#### Holiday hours

• May 24-26 CLOSED: *Memorial Day Weekend*

• June 19 CLOSED: *Juneteenth*

• July 4 CLOSED: *Independence Day*

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## Free Comic Book Day May 3

## Upcoming author talks

Get to know some of your favorite authors and enjoy Q&A opportunities through virtual author talks available exclusively to Bethlehem cardholders. Visit [libraryrc.org/bethlehempubliclibrary](https://libraryrc.org/bethlehempubliclibrary) for more information, to register for upcoming talks or to view past discussions.

### Coming up in May/June:

**May 7 • 2pm: Dr. David Rosmarin**, Harvard psychologist, author, and keynote speaker

**May 14 • 7pm: Liann Zhang**, on writing a brilliant, dark and diabolical thriller

**May 21 • 2pm: Rachelle Bergstein**, lifestyle writer, editor and bestselling author

**June 4 • 2pm: Gina Della Tonga and Brian Gratwicke**, Smithsonian scientists

**June 10 • 2pm: Lisa Jewell**, bestselling author of 23 novels, including "None of This Is True"

All ages

## Celebrate comic books

Free Comic Book Day is all about putting comic books in the hands of people who might not read them. Come see what's so cool about comics **Saturday May 3** as we celebrate the day with freebies and activities from **11am-4pm** in the Children's Place and Teen Area. Then join us for an all-ages screening of "Captain America: Brave New World" (PG-13, 120 min.) at **2pm** in the Community Room. We'll also be hosting a special superhero-themed story time at **11am**.

### Relax with Origami

Thursday May 1 • 3pm

Take a break from a hectic day to do some origami, or the Japanese art of folding paper. Beginners and experts and everyone in between are welcome. Templates will be available.

### "Rogue One: a Star Wars Story"

Monday May 5 • 6:30pm

For *Revenge of the Fifth Day* we will be showing this prequel (PG-13, 133 min.) to "Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope." Cheer on the rebels tasked with stealing the plans to the Empire's Death Star.

### Adventures in Geocaching

Tuesday May 6 • 7pm

Learn the what, how, and (perhaps) why of geocaching. Our local librarian completed the Saratoga-Capital District 2024 Geocache Challenge and wants to share what he learned along the way.

### Family Movie: "Inside Out 2"

Monday June 2 • 6:30pm

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the end of the school year with a screening of this Pixar sequel (PG, 96 min.).

### Inclusive Gaming

Monday May 12 • 10am

Monday June 16 • 10am

This is an inclusive space for people, regardless of ability or age, to play games with or nearby others. The most important part of gaming is coming together and having fun.

## Get Outdoors and Get Together

On **Saturday June 14**, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in partnership with the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities and the Department of Veterans Services, will host free and low-cost events to connect people to nature and provide increased access to the outdoors.

At Five Rivers, **from 10am-2pm**, there will be a wide range of activities including accessible nature walks, hiking, birding, archery, art in the outdoors and more. We will also encourage visitors to enjoy nature safely and sustainably.

**S** sign up: [bethlehem.librarycalendar.com](https://bethlehem.librarycalendar.com) | **V**: program is virtual



## Adults

### Dance the day away!

Bethlehem Senior Services, Bethlehem Senior Projects Inc., and the library are hosting a Disco Party **Friday May 30 from 4-6pm** at Bethlehem Town Hall. Wear your best retro-themed outfit and get ready to boogie as DJ Rich Garguila spins those groovy '70s hits. Light refreshments will be served.

This free event is for ages 60 and up. RSVP is required. **Please call (518) 439-4955, ext. 1176 or email [abiggane@townofbethlehem.org](mailto:abiggane@townofbethlehem.org) to save your spot.**

#### Raising Healthy Kids in a Digital World **S**

Friday May 2 • 10am

Join a representative from Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County to discuss how we can better help our kids find balance with media and tech use. Light refreshments will be served.

#### Listen and Learn: The Hammerhead Horns

Friday May 2 • 1pm

The Hammerhead Horns are a five-piece musical group that plays old-time barrelhouse blues, ragtime, New Orleans, swing, R&B, torch ballads and gospel.

#### The Empowered Caregiver Part 1: Supporting Independence **S**

Monday May 5 • 11am

Caregivers can learn how to balance safety and manage expectations to support independence at every stage of dementia.

#### English Conversation Club

Tuesday May 6 • 5:30pm

Tuesday May 20 • 5:30pm

Tuesday June 3 • 5:30pm

Tuesday June 24 • 5:30pm

Practice your English language skills through guided discussions, natural conversations and learning games. All levels welcome.

#### Spanish Conversation Club **S**

Wednesday May 7 • 3:30pm

Wednesday May 21 • 3:30pm

Wednesday June 4 • 3:30pm

Wednesday June 25 • 3:30pm

Join us to practice speaking Spanish. Whether you are just starting out or a fluent speaker, all are welcome.

#### French Conversation Club **S**

Thursday May 8 • 3:30pm

Thursday May 22 • 3:30pm

Thursday June 5 • 3:30pm

Thursday June 26 • 3:30pm

Whether French is your first language or you are an enthusiastic beginner, come practice speaking French at the library.

#### Author in Person: Debra Bruno

Thursday May 8 • 7pm

The author of "A Hudson Valley Reckoning: Discovering the Forgotten History of Slaveholding in My Dutch American Family" will be at the library to discuss her work.

#### Digital Detox + Craft

Monday May 12 • 6pm **S**

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and what better way to improve your mental health than by giving yourself a digital detox? After the presentation, create your own cell phone "home." **Teens 13 and older welcome!**

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## Book Discussions

### Day Books

#### Mondays at 1:30pm

May 5

*A Hudson Valley Reckoning: Discovering the Forgotten History of Slaveholding in My Dutch American Family*  
by Debra Bruno

June 2

*Prophet Song*  
by Paul Lynch

### Dark Corners Book Group **S**

#### Wednesdays at 7pm

May 21

*Incidents around the House*  
by Josh Malerman

June 18

*Vampires of El Norte*  
by Isabel Cañas

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

Author in Person:  
Debra Bruno  
May 8



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## Adults (continued)

### Tech Tuesday: Research It at the Library S V

Tuesday May 13 • 10am

Our databases include academic journals, resume builders, language-learning tools, genealogical and historical resources, business and finance tools, health information, literature reviews, and consumer resources. Join us over Zoom to learn how to access these resources.

### History of the Selkirk Rail Yard S

Tuesday May 13 • 7pm

Join us for a discussion of the development of area railroads that led to the creation of the Selkirk Rail Yard in the town of Bethlehem. **All ages welcome!**

### One-on-One Tech Help S

Wednesday May 14 • 2pm, 3pm OR 4pm

Wednesday May 28 • 5:30pm, 6:30pm OR 7:30pm

Wednesday June 18 • 2pm, 3pm OR 4pm

Wednesday June 25 • 5:30pm, 6:30pm OR 7:30pm

We can provide one-on-one assistance to help work through your tech challenges.

### Writer's Workshop: Translation as a Technique for Fiction S

Tuesday May 20 • 7pm

How can you use translation, whether between two different languages or within one language but with different words, for your own fiction writing? Join us for an interactive workshop with Ian Ross Singleton, the nonfiction editor of *Asymptote* and lecturer in Writing and Critical Inquiry at UAlbany.

### Spice Sharing: Cilantro S

Thursday May 22 • 6:30pm

Prior to the program, sign up to pick up a sample packet of the spice along with a few recipes that feature it. Then meet to discuss your experience and share recipes.

### Listen and Learn: We Want the Funk!

Friday May 23 • 1pm

Join us for a special screening of the new PBS documentary "We Want the Funk!," Stanley Nelson's journey through the history of funk music, from early roots to 1970s urban funk and beyond.

### Community Paint Night S

Tuesday May 27 • 7pm

Tuesday June 24 • 7pm

Join us for painting at the library. We will have painting supplies and video instructions. Please dress accordingly.

### Community Yoga

Thursday May 29 • 6pm

Thursday June 26 • 6pm

Enjoy a class designed for all skill levels. Dan May shares Jai Yoga School's Bhakti yoga practice, which includes song, cultural information and stories.

### Macrame Flower Coasters S

Saturday May 31 • 2:30pm

Make your very own macrame flower coaster. This is a beginner level program, and all supplies will be provided. **Teens 13 and older welcome!**

### The Empowered Caregiver Part 2:

#### Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors S

Monday June 9 • 11am

Learn how dementia can change a person's behavior, possible triggers, and person-centered care approaches to address these behaviors.

### Book Night Light S

Monday June 9 • 6pm

Create a cute, literary light that can help you read late into the night.

**Teens 13 and older welcome!**

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**Research It  
at the Library S V  
May 13**



**Community  
Paint Night S  
May 27 & June 24**

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## Adults *(continued)*

### Tech Tuesday: Library eContent — Libby, Hoopla and More! **S** **V**

Tuesday June 10 • 10am

Join us over Zoom for an introduction to library eContent that will include overviews of Libby, Hoopla, Kanopy and Flipster, as well as time to ask questions.

### In Stitches

Wednesday June 11 • 6pm

Our fiber arts social hour is back! Knitters, crocheters and fiber artists of all experience levels are welcome. Instruction will not be available but experienced crafters may be able to talk you through the process and recommend resources.

### Dried Flower Art **S**

Friday June 13 • 2pm

Stop by the library to make art with dried flowers. **Teens 13 and older welcome!**

### Craft & Color for Adults

Monday June 16 • 2pm

Choose between coloring or doing an open-ended craft activity. This program is specifically designed for adults of all abilities.

### Collaborative Crossword

Wednesday June 18 • 10am

Drop in and help us solve the New York Times crossword puzzle. We'll work together on the big screen. It's not cheating, it's teamwork!

### Studio Makerspace Open House

Friday June 20 • 2-4pm

We're opening up the Makerspace for a few hours so that you can come check it out. Staff will be on hand to demonstrate the equipment and answer questions.

### Resume Writing Workshop **S**

Sunday June 22 • 1pm

We'll set you up on a computer and work together to create a new resume from scratch. You can take home printed and electronic copies that are ready for your job search.

### Let Me Explain **S**

Monday June 30 • 6pm

Do you have a hot take and no one will hear you out about it? Now's your chance to share! Sign up for a spot in our new series and choose a topic you're passionate about to discuss. To sign up, e-mail [rachael@bethpl.org](mailto:rachael@bethpl.org) with your topic.

## Tweens and Teens

### Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Afternoon

Friday May 2 • 3:45pm

Friday May 30 • 3:45pm

Friday June 13 • 3:45pm

Join your friends to play Super Smash Bros. Ultimate on the Nintendo Switch!

**For grades 6 and up.**

### Anime Club

Friday May 9 • 3:45pm

Friday May 23 • 3:45pm

Friday June 6 • 3:45pm

Friday June 20 • 3:45pm

Watch anime (and eat snacks) with other teens. Whether you are an otaku or a curious newbie, everyone is welcome. Videos will be rated PG-13 or lower; shows TV-14 or lower.

In Stitches  
June 11



Study hall  
@ the library  
June 2025

Group-study space  
for Regents exams

Schedule available  
in the library and online at  
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## Lilo & Stitch Party May 23



## Creation Station

May 5-11 — Star Wars  
June 2-8 — Popsicles/Paletas  
June 28 — Paper fans  
All supplies provided!



## Thursdays in the Park June 12-August 14

## Kids and families

### Paws to Read

Monday May 5 • 4-4:45pm  
Monday June 2 • 4-4:45pm  
Monday June 16 • 4-4:45pm  
Monday June 30 • 4-4:45pm

Come to the library and practice reading skills with a registered therapy dog who will listen calmly and quietly. **For grades K-5.**

### Chess Club

Monday May 5 • 5:30pm OR 6:30pm  
Monday May 19 • 5:30pm OR 6:30pm  
Monday June 2 • 5:30pm OR 6:30pm  
Monday June 16 • 5:30pm OR 6:30pm

Attend one session per night and try your hand at chess with peers or teen volunteers. All experience levels welcome. **For grades K-5.**

### Mother's Day Gift: Painted Flower Pot **S**

Tuesday May 6 • 3pm  
Just in time for Mother's Day this weekend, we will paint our very own flower pots. Seeds will be included. **For ages 8-14.**

### Lilo & Stitch Party

Friday May 23 • 10am  
Come in and have fun making leis, playing with beach balls, and then give us your best Elvis impersonation for our jam session. **For ages 2 and up with caregiver.**

### Little Vikings

Friday June 13 • 10am  
Celebrate the release of the new "How to Train Your Dragon" movie by crafting Viking helmets, shields, dragons, and more. All abilities welcome. **For ages 2 and up with caregiver.**

### Page-to-Screen Book Club: 'Howl's Moving Castle'

Monday June 30 • 1:30pm  
Read the book (copies at the library), come to the library to watch the movie and then join in the group discussion. **For ages 8 and up.**

## Thursdays in the Park

The library has once again teamed up with Bethlehem Town Parks and Recreation to offer a family-friendly series of events **every Thursday at 6pm from June 12-August 14**. Most shows will take place at Elm Avenue Park in Bethlehem unless otherwise noted. Visit [bethlehem.librarycalendar.com](http://bethlehem.librarycalendar.com) for details about the performers. This series is co-sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library. **All ages welcome!**

### June 12: Magician Shaun Robison

Enjoy magic that is a sophisticated blend of sleight of hand, comedy and mind reading.

### June 19: Bubble Trouble with Jeff Boyer

Come see the craziest, most creative bubble show around.

### June 26: One Heart Band

This good vibes rock and reggae band covers classics by The Beatles, The Grateful Dead, Bob Marley, Eric Clapton, The Rolling Stones and more.



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# Storytimes and more

## Music and Movement

Tuesdays May 6-20 • 11am

Thursdays May 1-22 • 10am

Songs, dancing, learning and fun. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.**

## Preschool Story Time

Thursdays May 1-22 • 11am

Join us for stories, learning and fun. **For ages 2-6 with caregiver.**

## Tiny Tots

Tuesdays May 6-20 • 10am

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

## Family Story Time

Wednesdays May 7-21 • 10am

Stories, songs and more. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.**

## Family Play Time

Wednesdays May 7-21 • 11am

Free play and socialization with a variety of toys.

**For ages 0-6 with caregiver.**

## Sensory Story Time and Play

Friday May 9 • 10am

Friday June 6 • 10am

Traditional story time components blended with sensory elements for a gentler, more low-key story time.

**For ages 2 and up with caregiver.**

## Sensory Play Time

Friday May 30 • 10am

Friday June 20 • 10am

Stop by for open-ended play with our various sensory items including Play-Doh, squishy liquid tiles and more.

**For ages 2 and up with caregiver.**

## Superhero Saturday Story Time

Saturday May 3 • 11am

Join us on Comic Book Day for superhero themed stories and more.. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.**

## Saturday Story Time

Saturday May 10 • 11am

Stories, songs and more. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.**

## Animal Hospital

Wednesday May 28 • 3pm

Bring in your favorite stuffed friend for a check-up and work on a craft while you wait.

With the assistance of the Helping Hands Club from BCMS, children will learn how a visit to a doctor's office or veterinarian's office might go. **For up to age 5 with a caregiver.**

## This or That Story Time

Tuesday June 3 • 10:30am

We'll choose our stories together, by a show of hands! We'll also vote with our feet on our favorite colors, foods, and animals in a special game of This or That.. **For up to age 5 with a caregiver.**

## Parents, please note:

All abilities are welcome. No signup is required unless noted, but space is limited and story times begin promptly. There may be a limited capacity for each session. When Bethlehem schools are closed or delayed, all story times are cancelled.

## Literacy tip

As children scribble and draw, they practice eye-hand coordination and exercise the muscles in their fingers and hands. This helps develop the fine motor control they need to write letters and words.

## Superhero Story Time May 3



## Animal Hospital May 28



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# Summer reading 2025

## Let's read this summer!

The Summer Reading program at Bethlehem Public Library is not only a fun way to explore new stories through activities and cool rewards, it is also a great way to help you stay on top of the knowledge picked up during the school year so you can hit the ground running in fall.

The library's 2025 Summer Reading theme, *Color Our World*, celebrates the many ways that art enriches our lives. When you sign up for the library's Summer Reading Challenge, you will track your progress through challenge cards for a chance to earn prizes. You can also join us for themed programs all summer long. Check out the calendar at [bethlehem.librarycalendar.com](http://bethlehem.librarycalendar.com) to see what's coming up!

**Registration for Summer Reading begins June 23** and can be done online at [bethplny14.readsquared.com](http://bethplny14.readsquared.com). The Summer Reading Challenge can be completed online. Once you sign up, you can start checking off your reading milestones right away!

We'll be kicking things off on the Green **Friday June 27** with an **11am** Music and Movement Story Time with songs, dancing, learning and fun for preschoolers.

Later that day, at **2pm**, we are hosting a program for older children featuring **Jackie the Magician**, who will help us gear up for Summer Reading with magic, puppets, juggling and some interactive fun.

While you're at the library, don't forget to register for Summer Reading. We look forward to seeing you there!



Jackie the Magician  
June 27





## News & Notes

### Breaking news at the library

The library is now providing full free access to the New York Times including News, Cooking, The Athletic, Games, Wirecutter, and the NYT archive. You can log in at the library or from home by creating a free account. This resource is funded by UHLS.

We've also added full access to the Times Union newspaper to our digital research page. Explore Albany history through local news, events, and people with Times Union Collection. Search current and archived issues with full-color newspaper pages, full-text articles and content only published online. Also available remotely 24/7 on any device.

You will need your BPL library card to access these resources outside of the building. Visit [bethpl.org](http://bethpl.org), click on the "Research" tab to get started.

### An app for that

Do you keep your smartphone with you at all times? Now you can have your library card with you, too!

Search your app store to download the UHLS mobile app and manage your library account on the go. You can also add a Smart Pass with your card's barcode to your digital wallet. Both are available in Android and Apple options. Download a Smart Pass at [bethpl.org/download-a-digital-smart-pass](http://bethpl.org/download-a-digital-smart-pass).

### More access to e-materials

Can't find what you're looking for in our e-collection? Bethlehem cardholders, as well as others in the Upper Hudson Library System, now have access to e-books and audiobooks from three partner libraries: Mid-Hudson Library System, Mohawk Valley Library System, and Southern Adirondack Library System.

To access these other collections, open your Libby app and go to the menu. Once there, select "Add Library." You will be prompted to search for a library. Enter any of our partner library systems mentioned above. Tap "Sign In With My Card." Under "Partner Libraries" select Upper Hudson Library System and sign in.

Need help getting this new service? Ask one of our librarians at the Information Desk or give us a call at 518-439-9314.

### The library at your doorstep

Did you know the library has a free delivery service for residents of the Bethlehem Central School District who are unable to visit the library because of a permanent or temporary disability or medical condition? There is no age restriction.

The library van will deliver requests every two weeks, and pick up returns. You can request books, circulating magazines, DVDs, music CDs and audiobooks. You can ask for your favorite authors, large print or specific genres, such as mystery, thrillers or romance. To request the Books to People delivery service, call the library at (518) 439-9314.





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## What's new?

### Friends Book Sale Fundraiser

Make space on your bookshelves and stock up on some new-to-you books and DVDs this spring at the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library's Book Sale fundraiser on the library plaza **Saturday May 17 from 10am-4:30pm**. If raining, the sale will move inside to the Community Room. For sale will be books, CDs, DVDs and audiobooks that have been removed from the library collection and are in excellent condition. Many are duplicate copies of popular titles, and large print titles will be available.

**Pricing is cash-only by suggested donation; the Friends will not be able to make change.**

The Friends Book Sale Committee will be accepting donations from the public on **Thursday May 15 from noon to 4:30pm** outside the library garage. Donations must be undamaged books no older than 10 years. The Friends will not be accepting donations of magazines, periodicals, games, puzzles, VHS or cassette tapes, CDs or DVDs. Any mildewed or defaced books will not be accepted.



### Bus trip to Tanglewood with the Friends

The Friends of Bethlehem Public Library are sponsoring a trip to Tanglewood to see the Boston Symphony Orchestra led by conductor Samy Rachid with Yo-Yo Ma on cello **Sunday August 10**.

The bus will leave from CDTA's Delaware Avenue park-and-ride lot in Elsmere next to Warbler's Brewery at 10am and return at approximately 6pm.

The cost is \$120 for Friends of Bethlehem Public Library members and \$130 for nonmembers, and includes tickets in the Koussevitsky Music Shed, as well as a \$30 lunch voucher for

The Grille on site. For more information, please call (no texts) Patty Caporta at (518) 439-1328. **\*Please note that sign up begins June 1.**

Your check is your reservation; there are no refunds unless your seat is sold in advance of the trip.

Make your check out to: Friends of Bethlehem Public Library and send it with the form on this page to:

**Friends trip to Tanglewood  
c/o Bethlehem Public Library  
451 Delaware Avenue  
Delmar NY 12054**

#### Friends bus trip to Tanglewood Sunday August 10

name \_\_\_\_\_

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cell \_\_\_\_\_ Is texting OK? YES ☐ NO ☐

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Friend—\$120 ☐ nonmember—\$130 ☐

Enclosed is my check made out to *Friends of Bethlehem Public Library*.

**I understand that my canceled check is my reservation  
and my money will be refunded only if my bus seat can be sold.**

List names of others in your party:

name \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Friend

name \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Friend

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_



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