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Library board

- Monday November 14 • 6pm
- Monday December 12 • 6pm

Friends board

- Monday December 19 • 6:30pm

Library hours

weekdays 9-9 • Saturdays 10-5
Sundays 12-5

Holiday hours

- November 11: OPEN 9-9
- November 23: OPEN 9-5
- November 24: CLOSED
Thanksgiving Day
- November 25: OPEN 9-5
- December 2: CLOSED
Staff development day
- December 24-26: CLOSED
Christmas holiday
- December 31: OPEN 10-3
- January 1-2: CLOSED
New Year's Day

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What's new?

Get your books delivered

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 make deliveries to your home every two weeks and pick up materials ready for return. The service will begin shortly after your request is processed. You can end the service at any time.

To request delivery service, call the library at (518) 439-9314 or use the online Books to People request form. A member of our staff will take your name, address and phone number, ask about the types of materials you would like to receive, and set up a delivery schedule.

Have you met Libby?

In early 2023, OverDrive will finish the process of discontinuing their legacy app in favor of the reader-friendly Libby app.

Libby makes it easy to borrow e-books, audiobooks and magazines to read on your smartphone or tablet. With your library card and the app, you have access to OverDrive's extensive digital collection.

Libby is compatible with all major computers and devices, iPhone, iPad, Android phones and tablets and Chromebooks. Through Libby, you can also send titles to your Kindle. All titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period and there are no late fees. Readers can also download titles onto Libby for offline use.

Are you struggling with the transition from the OverDrive app to Libby? We can help. Stop by the Information Desk to get your questions answered.

Planning for the future

At the end of 2019, the library was starting to put the finishing touches on a Long Range Plan that would provide a blueprint for our future in terms of services and space needs. As we all know, things changed dramatically in early 2020 with the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic.

We were able to adjust the Long Range Plan to be flexible enough to encompass a rapidly evolving outlook, but felt it was important to go back to the drawing board when it came to looking at the library building and how it could best serve our community.

Keeping in mind the public feedback we received when we started this process, we have once again turned our gaze toward the future of this building. We have recently hired an architect to come up with some ideas that incorporate those earlier comments while also addressing new issues that became apparent over the past couple of years.

We welcome your input as we move forward and encourage you to share your comments at our monthly board meetings or by e-mailing Library Director Geoff Kirkpatrick via www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/about-us/contact-us/contact-the-director.

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