

footnotes

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Library board

• Monday March 13 • 6pm

• Monday April 17 • 6pm

Friends board

• Monday April 17 • 6:30pm

Library hours

Weekdays 9-9 • Saturdays 10-5

Sundays 12-5

Holiday hours

• April 9 CLOSED: *Easter*

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The footnotes newsletter is published six times a year and mailed to all households in the Bethlehem Central School District.

What's new?

Get growing with seed library

Our seed library returns this spring with a variety of open-pollinated vegetables, herbs and some flowers. Bethlehem cardholders can choose up to 10 seed packets per household using our online "shopping" portal from **March 13-April 10**, where you'll be able to browse the different categories and learn more about the varieties of seeds available. During this time, walk-in requests cannot be filled. Visit www.bethlempubliclibrary.org to get started ordering your seeds online. We'll be in touch with you when they are ready to be picked up curbside or at the checkout desk.

Beginning **April 11**, seed packets can be selected in-person at the Information Desk while supplies last.

Seed libraries like ours support sustainability and food security by allowing the community free access to the means of growing their own food.

Trustee candidate info available

Nominating petition forms and informational packets are available at the library or digitally by e-mailing information@bethpl.org for candidates interested in serving on the Bethlehem Public Library Board of Trustees. There are two seats on the 2023 ballot, currently held by incumbents Mark Kissinger and Caroline Brancatella, who are both seeking re-election.

Petitions will need at least 94 signatures of voters residing in the Bethlehem Central School District. Petitions must be filed with the District Clerk, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar by **5pm on April 17**. The election will be held **Tuesday May 16**.

Be part of the conversation

As part of our long-range goals, library staff and trustees are looking at ways to make our 50-year-old building more responsive to the needs of today's community. Some of the updates we're considering include an entrance more accessible to the parking lot, ample space for public and library programs, and a permanent curbside pick-up and drop-off window – all concepts based on comments we have heard time and again from library users.

The Board of Trustees has contracted with architects at Ashley McGraw to come up with some design solutions to address these and other issues. You can watch their public presentations on our YouTube channel.

Your feedback is crucial as we continue this process, and we invite you to participate by viewing or attending upcoming board meetings or e-mailing Library Director Geoff Kirkpatrick via www.bethlempubliclibrary.org/about-us/contact-us/contact-the-director.

Our goal is to be the library this community needs well into the next 50 years, and the most important part of this planning process is you.

S sign up: bethlehem.librarycalendar.com | **V**: program is virtual

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