

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.

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**Library facilities and programs
are accessible to people with disabilities.**



Wish you were here!

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Visit!

HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9am-9pm

Saturday: 10am-5pm

Sunday: Noon-5pm

(closed Sundays in July and August)

Connect!

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YOUR LIBRARY IS MANY LIBRARIES

Bethlehem Public Library is a member of the Upper Hudson Library System (UHLS), a consortium of 29 public libraries in Albany and Rensselaer counties. Access to all UHLS collections is provided through our catalog.

You may borrow materials from any UHLS library with your Bethlehem Public Library card. Borrowing policies of the lending library apply.

Most UHLS cards are accepted at Bethlehem Public Library.

YOUR LIBRARY ONLINE

Library services are always available at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

- Request and renew materials online.
- Use our databases to do research and read magazine articles.
- Send questions to "Ask a Librarian."
- Download audiobooks, e-books, e-magazines and stream video.
- Check the library calendar.
- Reserve a meeting room.
- Get library news, board minutes and policies.
- Use the mobile app to manage your account and check out items.
- Get language learning help with Pronunciator.
- Prepare for the U.S. Citizenship test.

BORROWING POLICIES

Bethlehem Public Library cards

- Issued to Bethlehem Central School District residents or those who work or go to school here.
- A picture ID and proof of current residence required.

Upper Hudson Library System cards

- Issued to patrons residing outside Bethlehem Central School District but inside Albany and Rensselaer counties.

LOAN PERIODS

- 3 to 28 days
- 2 renewals on most materials not requested by other patrons
- Automatic renewals for eligible items that do not have holds.

FINE-FREE BORROWING

The library does not charge fines for overdue books and other media, except for the following:

- Library of Things \$1
- Museum passes (3-day loan) \$5
- Interlibrary loan \$1
- WiFi hotspots \$5

Maximum charge per item \$5

Patrons owing \$10 or more in fines lose borrowing privileges.

Borrowers pay replacement cost for materials lost or irreparably damaged while on loan.

SERVICES

- Materials requests and renewals
- Interlibrary loan, including non-English-language materials
- Library of Things and museum passes
- Internet access (public stations, "Free Library WiFi" inside the library and throughout town)
- Print, copy and fax
- Notary available weekdays
- Large-print books
- Technology help
- Genealogy help
- Pop-up library out and about
- 24-hour bookdrop
- Due-date reminders via e-mail or text
- In-person language interpretation
- Studio and Tech Room Makerspace
- Local history collection
- Study rooms
- Community meeting space
- Exhibit spaces
- Curbside pickup

YOUR LIBRARY DELIVERED

The library's *Footnotes* newsletter, published six times a year, is mailed to all households in the Bethlehem Central School District and available online. You can also sign up online for the weekly e-mail *News and Notes*.

If you live in the Bethlehem Central School District and are unable to visit the library because of a temporary or permanent condition, you are eligible for our *Books to People* delivery service. Call (518) 439-9314 for information.