



**“The Bradford Public Library is committed to supporting and enhancing learning, creativity, and opportunities for personal growth and community connections with reliable information and resources, and the support necessary to navigate those resources in a safe and welcoming environment.”**

BPL Mission Statement

The Bradford Public Library is your **vital community resource**. Please help us continue to thrive! In the last year, our patron base has grown over 22%. To meet the demand, we have increased staffing, updated and improved accessibility to our website, and continued to provide resources and information to patrons and visitors. We offer a variety of stimulating children and adult programming experiences, and have added to our collections, all the while maintaining the Woods Library building, a historic landmark, tourist destination, and enduring source of pride for Bradford. Like many in our area, we have also been collaborating with local agencies to support displaced individuals who have settled in our area. We, the Bradford Public Library Board of Trustees, ask you to financially support our 2023-24 Annual Appeal. Your financial contributions to the Bradford Public Library directly support the community we serve!

**What your donation goes towards:**

- Fun, educational programs for children, young adults and adults, including a popular weekly Story Hour, a Harvest Swap, special summer reading programs and events, free after school programs, etc.
- Access to free WiFi and computers, printing, scanning, fax, and technology support
- Quality adult and children’s books, audio, and video for lending
- Access to 49,085 audio and ebook titles through Green Mountain Library Consortium
- Safe, comfortable, and clean areas for reading, study, relaxation, and meetings
- Maintaining the architecturally significant Woods Library Building, a historic landmark
- Annual Poem Town celebration
- Monthly poetry circle, regular book discussions and author talks, and weekly Spanish conversation groups, mahjong, adult crafting, and more.
- Rotating local artist exhibits in the beautiful Reading Room.

Every year Bradford Public Library requests financial support through our Annual Appeal. The Library receives about 65% of its operating budget from the Town of Bradford and must raise the remainder through fundraising, a small endowment, grants, donations, and our Annual

Appeal campaign. Please give today! We have created a variety of ways for you to donate: via our website (**[bradfordvtlibrary.org](http://bradfordvtlibrary.org)**), QR Code for PayPal, or the donation form below.

Thank you for supporting the Bradford Public Library.

Sincerely,

The Bradford Public Library Board of Trustees: Angela Conrad-Schlager (President), Jill Baron (Vice President), Laura Lornitzo (Treasurer), Dotti Unkles (Secretary), Tony Brainerd, Larry Coffin, Sean Fleming, Arvid Johnson, Denise Shannon, Brad Johnston, Elaina Vitale, Eris Eastman (emerita) Bud Haas (emeritus), Gail Trede (Library Director), Betsy Kane (librarian), Patsy Belknap (librarian), Nancy Kane (librarian), and Kathy Davidow (librarian)

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**Donate online via PayPal by scanning the QR Code:**



## Including Charitable Gifts in Your Plans

When you have reached the final steps in preparing your will and estate plans, you will no doubt be pleased and relieved that you have taken care of these important responsibilities.

There is one last consideration: If your family or others named in your plans are not there to benefit, have you made contingency arrangements?

A contingent gift occurs only if other beneficiaries are unavailable or in the event of a specific occurrence (such as the prior death of a loved one). Unless a contingent beneficiary is named, your property might pass to distant relatives you may not even know.

### ***Leaving your legacy:***

Charitable organizations are often named as contingent beneficiaries in wills and other estate plans. Your attorney can easily include such language in your will and/or other plans, if you desire.

### ***Other ways to give:***

Your will is not the only vehicle you can use to make a gift of the remainder of your estate. Other ways to give include:

- **Life Insurance.** You can name the Bradford Public Library as a final beneficiary of a life insurance policy.
- **Retirement Plans.** It's easy to include the library as a beneficiary of your retirement plan assets.

· **Living Trusts.** If you use a living trust to distribute some of your assets, you can include Bradford Public Library.

An attractive feature of all these plans? None is a permanent designation; they can be changed in your direction. You can feel free to modify your “gift of a lifetime” at any time.

Please let the library know if we can assist in any way with the charitable aspects of your plans. We sincerely appreciate your consideration and potential gift.

**Bradford Public Library**

**Annual Appeal Committee**

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