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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.

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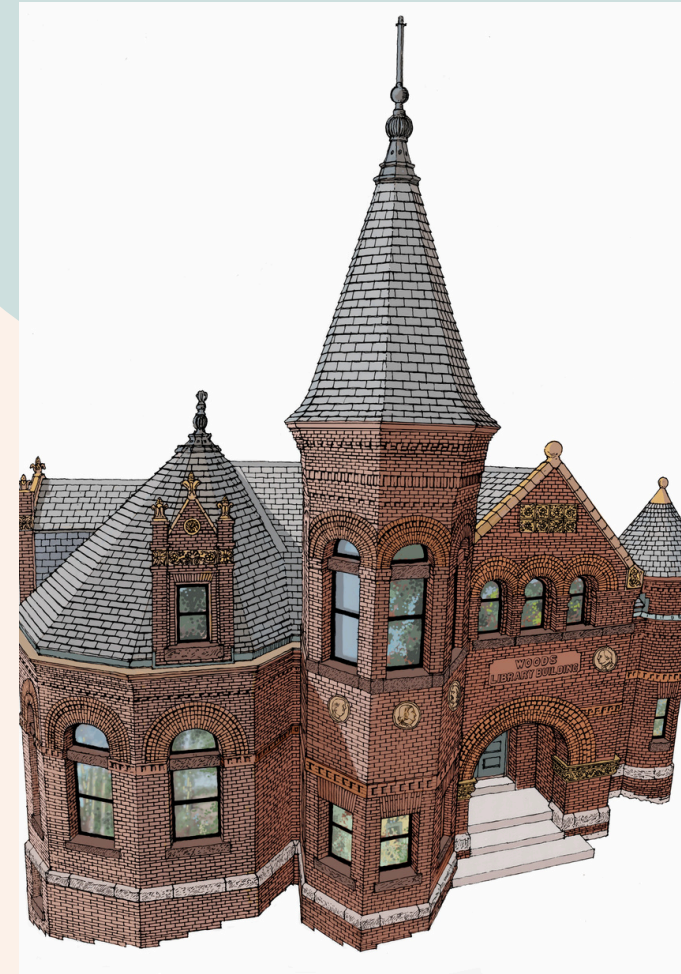
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Bradford Public Library
Annual Appeal



Artist and illustrator David Macauley's
rendering of the Bradford Public Library
(2024)

Message from our Appeal Chair



Welcome to the 2025 Annual Campaign!

It has been my great pleasure to have been associated with the Bradford Public for over 60 years as a board member, a volunteer, and a donor.

I have watched the Library grow to become one of our area's truly wonderful institutions, one which provides a wide variety of excellent programs and services to people of all ages, children as well as adults.

As you can imagine, operating such a library requires a substantial amount of financial resources. The Library gratefully receives an annual contribution of about 65% of our budget from The Town of Bradford. In order to secure the remainder of what is needed, the Library seeks support from grants, general fundraising, and the Annual Appeal.

As Appeal Chair, I want to encourage you to join with the Library's friends by making a generous contribution to the Appeal. In doing so, you will have my sincere thanks and appreciation.

Larry Coffin

Serving The Community

Our History

The Bradford Public Library has its roots in the Bradford Social Library Society, the first library chartered by the Vermont legislature in 1796. The current library was incorporated in 1894 to receive a bequest of \$15,000 from the estate of John Woods, which enabled the construction of the library in 1895. The building resides on the National Historic Register and is part of the Bradford Village Historic District, and serves people in Bradford as well as a number of surrounding communities.

OUR GOAL

\$25,000

What your donation makes possible

The maintenance of
our historic building;
books, technology
support, and
community services;
fun, exciting
programs to satisfy a
variety of ages and
interests!

Programs

All library programs are free and open to the public. Here's a sample of what we offer Bradford and area residents:

Poetry Circle
Annual Poem Town
BPL Reads — discussion group
BPL Creates — Adult Crafting
Mahjong Group
Spanish Language Group
Children's Story Hour every Friday
Summer Teen Theater Program
BPL Gallery featuring local artists
Summer meals and snacks for children
Book talks
Theater, puppetry, & storytelling for
children of all ages!