



# Donate to your local library!

## Annual Appeal 2024-2025

The Bradford Public Library is *your* vital community resource. Please help us continue to thrive! Over the last year, we have updated our website, hosted many popular events for youth and adults, added new books to our collection, and continued to maintain the Woods Library Building - a historic landmark, tourist destination, and enduring source of pride for Bradford. Library Director Gail Trede and her staff are dedicated to providing a welcoming space for all patrons and visitors. To keep up this great work, we, the Bradford Public Library Board of Trustees, ask you to donate to our 2024-25 Annual Appeal. Your financial contributions to the Bradford Public Library directly support the community.

### **What your donation makes possible:**

- Programs for children and young adults, including a popular weekly Story Hour, summer reading programs and events, and free afterschool programs
- Programs for adults, including a monthly poetry circle, regular book discussions and author talks, Spanish conversation groups, mahjong, crafting workshops, and more
- Free WiFi and desktop 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
- Annual Poem Town celebration
- Rotating artist exhibits

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! You can donate via our [website](#), or by using 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), Elaina Vitale (Secretary), Tony Brainerd, Larry Coffin, Sean Fleming, Arvid Johnson, Denise Shannon, Brad Johnston, Dotti Unkles, Will Giblin, David Sammataro, Eris Eastman (emerita), Bud Haas (emeritus), Gail Trede (Library Director), Betsy Kane (librarian), Patsy Belknap (librarian), Nancy Kane (librarian), and Kathy Davidow (librarian).

-----Please give online or return this slip with your donation -----

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Donation: \_\_\_\$1000 \_\_\_\$500 \_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\$25 \$\_\_\_ Other

Cash Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my check # \_\_\_\_\_ No thank-you required \_\_\_\_\_

**Or donate here!**



## 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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