



*Bedford Free Library*

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Dear Neighbor,

DIRECTOR

*“The library is like a candy store where everything is free.”  
~ Jamie Ford, Songs of Willow Frost*

*Ann Cloonan*

TRUSTEES

What a selection the Bedford Free Library has to offer. In addition to the leather and paper we are known for, we offer classes, discourse, hobbies and academic challenges as exciting or low key as desired. For our patrons with an internet connection, we are never closed. Consider exploring our extensive online e-Resources, which are free and available 24/7 on your device.

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**The Basics - Read, Listen and Watch**

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Many patrons use the Library in the traditional way; checking out books, audiobooks, DVDs, music CDs and magazines in their original format. Now you have many options which we continue to expand. The alternative to a heavy suitcase when you travel? Learn how to download books to your device. **Overdrive** and **TotalBoox** have a wide selection of fiction, nonfiction and travel books for all ages. Enjoy music but tired of paying for it? Download or stream from **Freegal** and it is yours to keep! Love to read magazines? *People, Time, Sports Illustrated* and more are available on your device with **Flipster**.

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**Education and Afterschool Support**

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The Bedford Free Library offers child friendly resources both at our Library and online. Looking for local afterschool activities? We provide a wide range of programs for children; book groups, chess, STEM workshops and many more are up the road from the elementary schools and a bus ride from the MS/HS. We are a centrally located spot for meeting a tutor, and groups can gather to collaborate on projects. Online, **ABCmouse.com**® is a new offering which supports early learning, and **Tumblebooks** will give your new reader confidence.

*Scott Harrison*

*Raymond Infarinato*

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**Leisure, Hobbies and Learning**

*Jenny Shevick*

Patrons of all ages attend programs to learn and hone skills that interest them. Knitting, book groups, writing, crafts, Book Klatch and author talks are open for those wishing to engage. No time in your schedule? Learn to knit at home using **University of Fashion**, teach yourself a new language with **Mango Languages**, or learn how to use **PhotoShop** with the tutorials on **Lynda.com**. No matter your hobbies, we have something to spark your interests which you can pursue in the Library or on your own time at home.

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Your pursuit of knowledge is boundless at the Bedford Free Library. With **your donation** to this year's Annual Appeal, we will continue to support and serve you, both in the Library and beyond its walls. Thank you for your consideration.

*Amy Oringel*

Sincerely,

*Margaret Scott*

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