

Bedford Free Library

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Dear Neighbor,

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." ~ Helen Keller

This perfectly describes the Bedford Free Library's community. While the majority of our funding comes from the Town of Bedford and the generous support of the Annual Appeal, we are also dependent on the support of volunteers and community organizations. Volunteers not only give freely of their time, but they also deliver an added dimension to the character and quality of the Library. Their dedication is priceless. Such support includes:

Trustees and Advisory Board

The Trustees are the stewards of the Library. They collaborate closely with the Director, both in terms of our daily operations and long range planning. Along with the Advisory Board, they reach out to the community for financial support through the Annual Appeal.

The Friends of the Bedford Free Library

The Friends were established over 25 years ago. They are responsible for Sidewalk Book Sales, the Poetry Contest, the Ice Cream Social and Author Talks. The funds they raise continue to support the Library Nooks, programs, the newsletter and more.

Adult Volunteers and Student Pages

Each week our experienced adult and student volunteers (Pages) give their time and talent to the Library. This provides our staff the opportunity to select, order and catalog Library material, run story times and programs, and other essential behind the scenes tasks.

Program Volunteers

Program volunteers are often professionals who want to share their expertise by leading classes and workshops throughout the year, thereby giving back to the Library that they love. Their generosity allows us to expand the scope and depth of our programming.

Clubs, Businesses, Organizations

Clubs support us by volunteering their time. Everyone enjoys the beauty of the gardens which are maintained by two local garden clubs. Businesses bring their trucks to Truck Day, and local merchants donate prizes for various programs. The Library benefits from funds raised by many community volunteer organizations. They regularly underwrite summer reading, our large print collection and other initiatives.

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We are grateful for the contributions made by our volunteers, and for you, our community, who believe in the importance of the Bedford Free Library. We hope that you will consider donating to our sole fundraiser, the 2015-2016 Annual Appeal.

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Sincerely,

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