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Bedford County Library  
240 S Wood St  
Bedford, PA 15522



June 2026

Dear Library Supporter,

Over the last year, we have had many opportunities at the Bedford County Library to work with the community, share new ideas, continue with current ideas, and work together toward exciting prospects with new programming, clubs, and reading in 2025.



Of course, as you know, we attempted to pass a millage to benefit all of the libraries in Bedford County with additional funding. Though the referendum did not pass, we are encouraged by the number of people who support their local libraries in this way, and are excited to see what we can do with that in the future. We plan on continuing education on this matter, so we can bring it along further later.

Hoopla is still heavily used by patrons - we had 12,773 circulations. Unfortunately, that comes to a cost to the library, as that number of circulations costs around \$23,630, so we had to reduce the number of circulations per patron to 6 each. We are currently working on a new funding model for hoopla, so that it can continue to be free to our patrons! If only 80 patrons donated \$150 for the year (slightly more than the cost of an audible

subscription), we'd be able to pay for half of our hoopla costs solely from donations.

Story Time continues to run strong, with 28 families joining us through the year to listen to Miss Becky, who celebrated her 30th year with the library. Children who learn to love reading and can interact with children outside of their family, and studies have shown that children who engage with books early in their lives have expanded vocabularies, higher educational attainment, and better overall outcomes through their lives than children who do not.

We also work hard around the county to provide STEM programming for disadvantaged students, young children, and others. Matt and Chris provided that programming for over 400 students through the course of the year. Becky and Jen continue to visit Community Life, providing activities to over 300 people there. Finally, we continue to have excellent LEGO club attendance, with over 250 children attending through the year.

Donations to the library are stretched a very long way. A recent return on investment calculator determined that for every \$1 that is contributed to the library, Bedford County patrons receive \$15 back in value. Over the course of a year, that means that our budget of \$250,000 comes back to the patrons in savings of over \$3.75 million dollars. All contributions to the library matter, as donations and fundraising consist of around 20% of our budget. A state requirement for us is spending 12% of our budget on new materials for patrons, and we are often one of the top libraries percentage-wise in the state, spending closer to 15-20% on new materials.

Thank you for considering donating to the library. At the Bedford County Library, we strive to give the best library services possible to you, our patrons. We appreciate your continued support, and look forward to what 2026 and 2027 will bring.

Sincerely,

Matt Godissart

Director, Bedford County Library

## Donor Information

Name:	Street Address:
City, State:	Zip:
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**Donation Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

I'd Like my donation to go toward:

- New Books (Adult, Children, and Teen)
- Programming
- Hoopla
- STEM
- Any category the library needs

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