



BIXBY MEMORIAL FREE LIBRARY

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Hello, Friends and Neighbors!

It's hard not to notice that the Bixby is making things happen these days. With a growing list of offerings for all ages in the five towns, the Bixby continues to create opportunities for physical activity, social connections, arts & culture, volunteerism, local history, crafts, STEM, and, of course, reading!

I am so proud to be a part of this. More books are getting checked out, and we are ordering new books faster than ever. At the same time, **more people are coming to the library** to use the free public Wi-Fi, computers, and printer, read by one of the fireplaces, and participate in programs like the Book Club, Writer's Club, Storytime, nature and author talks, local history presentations, and more.

Even without coming to the library, you're enjoying more of the library's free ebooks, audiobooks, and other digital resources **from your homes, on your tractor, or during your commute.**

If you haven't been to the Bixby in a while, I hope you'll take a moment to stop by the next time you're on Main Street. I highly recommend looking up at the dome and the hot air balloon that floats above the circulation desk, browsing the latest historical exhibits in the Kerr Room, contributing to the ever-present jigsaw puzzle, and checking out an item from the Library of Things for winter fun.

All of this takes time, effort, vision, and money. The Bixby Director and her impressive team have cultivated resources and funding to support so much of this programming and library operations, along with the support from our towns and people like you. This year alone, we've benefitted from grants from the United Way of Addison County, the Hoehl Foundation, the Vermont Arts Council, Raytheon/Collins, and the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership, to name a few.

We know that people turn to libraries for help when times are challenging. Your support will help us provide more books, more digital resources, more programming, and more access for everyone in our five-town community. I hope you will join me in donating to the Bixby this year - I know great things are ahead for 2024.

On behalf of the Bixby Library Board of Trustees and the Bixby Staff, **thank you for being a valued library supporter!**

Erin Roche
President, Bixby Board of Trustees

P.S. Though I'm proud of *all* Bixby programming, I'm especially moved by how our community participated in the Good Citizen Challenge this year, earning the library the Participation Award. Here's an excerpt from Seven Days:

"Before a tour of the Statehouse, Seven Days...caught up with [Ferrisburgh Central student] Cici [Neffinger] and asked her why it's important to be a good citizen. "Because," Cici said, "if no one's being a good citizen, then everything will just fall apart."

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