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Dear Bixby Library Supporter,

As we approach the end of 2024, I am reminded of what brings us together and strengthens our community — including our beloved Bixby Library. For over a century, the Bixby has been a source of knowledge, comfort, and inspiration for people of all ages, and with your support, it will continue to be a pillar of our community for generations to come.

Whether you need a cool place to escape the summer heat or a cozy corner to curl up by the fireplace in winter, the Bixby Library is here for you. Looking for a perfect beach read, a gripping audiobook, or a new board game for family game night? In need of free WiFi, a computer, or printer (or simply a place to unplug)? You'll find it all at the Bixby, where there's truly something for everyone.

At the Bixby, we believe everyone belongs. That's why we're making important investments in our library's future — from improving accessibility for all to implementing eco-friendly initiatives that ensure the Bixby remains a vibrant, welcoming space in the face of climate change.

As a community-supported library, we rely on donations from friends like you for nearly half of our annual budget. Every dollar you give directly supports our programs, services, and operations, ensuring the Bixby can continue to enrich lives across Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton, Vergennes, and Waltham. Whether you can contribute \$25, \$50, or more, your support makes a real difference. Please consider making a donation today to help keep the Bixby a thriving resource for everyone.

On behalf of the Bixby Library Board of Trustees and its staff, **thank you for being a part of our library's story**. Your support — in any way you choose to give — helps keep the Bixby strong for today and for the future.

All the best,

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Erin Roche

President, Bixby Library Board of Trustees

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THE BIXBY MEMORIAL FREE LIBRARY

2024 YEAR IN REVIEW





41,747 checkouts

506 new card<u>holders</u>





1,685 program attendees

188
programs
offered





25,763 visitors

2,913 meeting room users





843 computer sessions

3,752 volunteer hours



BIXBY LIBRARY PATRONS SAVED \$700,503 THIS YEAR!