



## Message from the Manager

I am pleased to share some exciting updates and heartfelt thanks from all of us at the Black Watch Memorial Library. Your continued support, enthusiasm, and presence in our library make everything we do possible, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to keep you informed about the progress, partnerships, and plans shaping our future.

We are deeply honored to have recently received a \$10,000 Carnegie grant in recognition of our library's historic roots as an original Carnegie library. This generous gift will be used to support our future expansion plans, helping us to better serve our community.

We are proud to introduce our new librarian, Zyleen Tyler, who has already demonstrated enthusiasm, innovative ideas, and a strong commitment to serving our patrons. We also welcome Laura Best as our new Town Board representative and look forward to working collaboratively with her as we continue to strengthen and expand the library's role within our community.

Another exciting addition this season is our new Empire Pass, which patrons can borrow with their library card. The pass provides free access to many New York State parks, offering a wonderful opportunity for families and individuals to explore and enjoy the outdoors year-round.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to NRDC and North Country Roots for including the library in the Cookie Walk and Hearts on Main events. These collaborations mean so much to us and highlight the strong sense of community that makes our town such a special place.

As we look ahead, we are excited for more engaging programs, partnerships, and town events. Thank you for your continued support of the Black Watch Memorial Library—we look forward to another wonderful year together.

Heather Johns

## Planning for the Future

We are excited to share that the Black Watch Memorial Library expansion project is now in its final planning phases! This has been a thoughtful and deliberate process as we work to ensure that the improvements meet both current needs and future growth for our community.

At this stage, we are obtaining quotes for a required site survey that will allow us to finalize our architectural plans. This survey is an essential step in moving the project forward and preparing the documentation needed for construction and funding applications.

Once the survey is complete and plans are finalized, we intend to begin applying for grants and other funding opportunities to help bring the expansion to life. We are optimistic about the possibilities ahead and deeply grateful for the community support that has brought us to this exciting point.

We look forward to continuing to share updates as progress continues!



## New & Upcoming Releases

Catch Her if You Can by Tessa Bailey  
 Daughter of Egypt by Marie Benedict  
 Hard Line by Mark Greaney  
 Woman Down by Colleen Hoover  
 Night We Met by Abby Jiminez  
 Stop in the Name of God by Charlie Kirk  
 Dear Debbie by Freida McFadden  
 Skylark by Paula McLain  
 Viper by Brad Meltzer  
 Astral Library by Kate Quinn  
 Mistakes Were Made by Lucy Score  
 1929 by Andrew Sorkin  
 Cold Zero by Brad Thor  
 Breath of the Gods by Simon Winchester

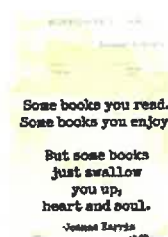


### New & Upcoming for Children...

I Love My Family by Bluey & Bingo  
 Around the Farm Sound Book by Eric Carle  
 Pete the Kitty and the Beanstalk by James Dean  
 Kitty vs. Kindergarten by Martha Freeman  
 One Whole Hippopotamus by Carter Higgins  
 Unsettling Salad by Aaron Reynolds

### New and upcoming DVDs...

Hunting Season  
 Killers of the Flower Moon  
 Regretting You  
 Wicked for Good



## Hours

Sunday:	Closed
Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	9:30am—5:00pm
Wednesday:	9:30am—5:00pm
Thursday:	9:30am—5:00pm
Friday:	9:30am—5:00pm
Saturday:	10:00am—3:00pm



# Winter Calendar of Events



## February 2026

### Book Club

February 4, 2026 at 6:00pm

### Board Games @ the library

February 7, 2026 from 11:00am—3:00pm

### Silent Wings Program (Hearts on Main)

February 7, 2026 from 4:00pm—8:00pm

### CLOSED:

February 17, 2026 for President's Day

### RPG @ the Library

February 21, 2026 from 11:00am—3:00pm

### Library Board Meeting

February 26, 2026 at 11:00am

## March 2026

### Book Club

March 4, 2026 at 6:00pm

### Board Games @ the library

March 7, 2026 from 11:00am—3:00pm

### RPG @ the Library

March 21, 2026 from 11:00am—3:00pm

### Library Board Meeting

March 26, 2026 at 11:00am



## April 2026

### Book Club

April 1, 2026 at 6:00pm

### CLOSED:

April 3, 2026 for Good Friday

### Board Games @ the library

April 4, 2026 from 11:00am—3:00pm

### RPG @ the Library

April 18, 2026 from 11:00am—3:00pm

### Library Board Meeting

April 23, 2026 at 11:00am

## What Can I Borrow?

Books

Books on CD

Magazines

Museum Passes

Puzzles

Video DVDs

## Online Resources

ebooks (Libby)

eaudiobooks (Libby)

emagazines (Libby)

Streaming Video (Kanopy)

ComicsPlus

Online Databases & Resources  
(www.cefls.org)

## Library of Things

Baking Pans  
 Book Club in a Bag  
 Coding Kits  
 Early Literacy Kits  
 Empowering Girls  
 Experience Kits  
 Fishing Pole Kits  
 Let's Make Music  
 Let's Play Games  
 Maker Kits  
 Mother Goose Kits  
 Photography Kit  
 Prep for Success  
 Sensory Kits  
 Sewing Machines  
 VR Headsets  
 Wi-Fi Hotspots  
 Wonderbooks

Items available for loan through CEF Library System or ask a librarian for assistance.



## Library Services

Copy

Fax

Print

Scan

Local Newspapers

Public Computers

Reference Service

Wi-fi

## VISIT US!

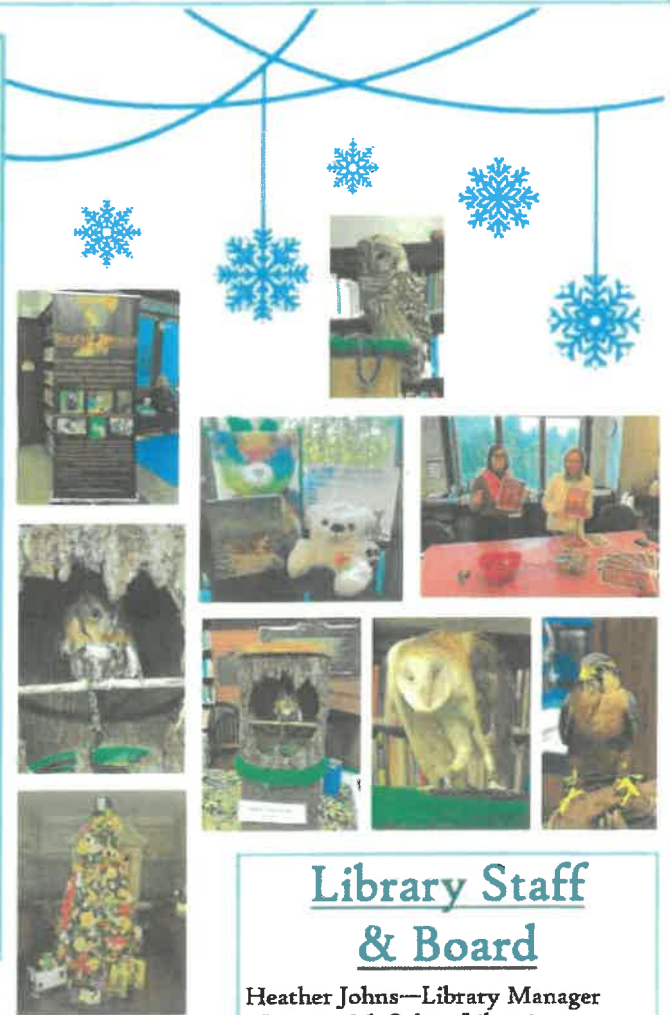
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## Library Staff & Board

Heather Johns—Library Manager  
Margaret McCabe—Librarian  
Zylen Tyler—Librarian

Steve Boyce—President  
Susan Peters—Vice-President  
Linda Cunningham—Secretary  
Virginia LaPointe—Trustee  
Cheryl O'Connor—Trustee  
Paul Jebb—Trustee  
Jill Cunningham—Trustee