
THE BEDFORD CITIZEN

Submitted by Rachel Field, Caucus Nominee and incumbent candidate for Library Trustee



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CAUCUS STATEMENT

It is an honour to be here today. As I have undoubtedly mentioned in this venue before, I grew up in a home surrounded by books, floor to ceiling. Little wonder, then, that my very first job, with newly minted working papers in hand at the age of 14, was at my local public library. So I have to say that contributing to the ongoing work and mission of our library has always felt like a calling, and a returning to my roots.

I've lived in Bedford since 1998, and know well - as both a resident at large, and as a Library Trustee - what an extraordinary community resource our library is: we offer a fabulous collection, an engaged and knowledgeable staff, and top-notch administration. I'm proud to say that both in its staffing and breadth of collection our library is head and shoulders above many – if not most - of the libraries in neighboring towns. *In fact, in our demographic category, we consistently rank #2 in the Commonwealth for the number of materials we circulate to the public!*

Additionally, the programs and services we offer to the community are just outstanding; they range from from engaging children's programs to film screenings and discussions, tax preparation help, teen events, art shows, free scanning and printing, training in new technologies and one-on-one research assistance through our "book a librarian" program.

I am wholeheartedly committed to my mission as a Trustee – to help safeguard the Library's resources and funding, to support its adherence to principles of intellectual freedom, and to help maintain the welcoming and attentive ambience it offers to all who enter its doors.

As an anthropologist, I bring a special interest in seeing that the Library reflects the interests, and responds to the needs, of our increasingly diverse community.

I believe I bring energy and creativity to the board, and have my sights set on several future initiatives to make the Library even better : continuing to improve our exterior landscaping, upgrading our media holdings, and creatively improving the utilization of our third floor, among others.

It has truly been a privilege and a delight to serve on the Library Board since 2008. I hope you will actively support my candidacy to continue to serve as a Trustee, and vote for me on election day.