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LIBRARY TRUSTEE

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INITIAL STATEMENT

I am happy to announce that I am running for re-election to the Bedford Free Public Library's Board of Trustees.

I have enjoyed my time on the board working with fellow Trustees and library director, Richard Callaghan, to help ensure that our library offers a variety of services and programs for the residents of our town.

Some of these programs and services include weekly storytime for children, free tax preparation assistance for residents, and the development of the Library of Things, which allows patrons to borrow items other than books.

During this past year, it has been a privilege to support the library staff as they have worked tirelessly and creatively to meet the needs of our patrons amidst the difficulties and limitations associated with the pandemic.

Whether you choose to vote in-person on March 13 or by absentee ballot, I appreciate your support!

QUESTIONS ~ LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

How do you foresee the Trustees might tap into the experience of the past year to enhance services and outreach to the community? Do you envision greater services to different segments of the population?

The Bedford Free Public Library staff has done a tremendous job over the past year in response to the reality created by COVID 19 and the necessary safety protocols that have been implemented by our state and town governments. The curbside pick-up system and the virtual programming that the library has implemented has allowed library patrons, from Bedford and its surrounding towns, to continue to access the many resources offered by the

library. As we envision moving toward a post-COVID reality, I hope we will continue to use this creative approach to meet the needs of all our patrons.

As a community hub, the Library has no equal but there are features that could make it an even more welcoming place. What “dream big” ideas would you suggest, even if they are not achievable at the moment?

I have always viewed our library as a community hub. Located near other town buildings and ball fields, it has always seemed like a natural gathering space. As a trustee, I believe we should focus on equity and accessibility. Everyone should be able to benefit from the library’s resources. With this in mind, I hope the library will continue to offer virtual links for its programming so that everyone can access these experiences. Also, it would be wonderful if we could offer delivery service for patrons who cannot travel to the library to pick-up books or other materials we offer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

- [Howard Cohen](#)