

BERKSHIRE FREE LIBRARY

the ♥ of our community



Dan Williams, Artist

a safe, supportive, friendly place where all are welcome

learn or teach a skill... make a new friend... find information... discover a new hobby... offer or receive a helping hand



Find books + so much more here:

- ◆ Music CDs and movie DVDs
- ◆ E-books and audiobooks
- ◆ Computer access
- ◆ Childrens' story time play group
- ◆ Adult Craft Group enjoys a variety of art and handwork projects
- ◆ Reading Club participants read and talk about books of interest
- ◆ Language learning through MANGO
- ◆ Berkshire history (books by locals + History Museum upstairs)
- ◆ Clothing and book giveaways
- ◆ Community information and participation in celebrations
- ◆ Seasonal events (Blueberry Festival, Kids' Farmers Market)

Ideas for new offerings welcome :-)

HOURS OF SERVICE:

Tuesday	12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday	12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Thursday	12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Friday	12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Saturday	9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

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<https://berkshirefreelibrary.org/>

Serving our community since 1921

Initially located above the Red & White Store, the Berkshire Free Library was established by NYS charter in 1921, with 95 families joining in its first year. Its first librarian was Emma Bradley Andrews Payne (1857-1926), and following her death, her home was donated by her daughter, Miriam Alatheia Payne Patch (1883-1964) to become the new home of the library. Miriam Patch was very active in the Berkshire Reading Club and was the first President of the Board of Trustees of the Berkshire Free Library Association. Descendants of Emma Bradley Andrews Payne and Miriam Payne Patch, a number of whom still live in the area, continue to support of the library and its activities.

Berkshire Free Library Annual Report

January – December 2025

Annual Number of visits - 4,810 visits (400 a month)

Story Time – 520 visits

Craft Group – 560 visits

Events – (meeting) 120 events for the year

Books circulated - 8,105

Value of Books Borrowed to the Community (\$40.00 per book)
\$324,200