

## **A Message from the Board of Trustees**

We would like to thank the members of our community for their patience and understanding during this difficult and unusual time. While we may not be able to open our doors to you, we are committed to finding alternative ways to provide support and resources to our patrons.

As you are no doubt aware, the library is closed to the public in accordance with Maine Governor Janet Mills' statewide Stay Healthy at Home directive, put in place to protect public health and safety in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are following the guidelines of the governor's office and the Maine State Library to protect our community. This means that all face-to-face library services such as checking out books, computer use and printing, and public programs are currently suspended.

In accordance with the Maine State Library guidelines, we are unable to provide curbside service or deliver books to our patrons. We are asking that you please hold onto all library materials and return them when the library reopens.

We are all adjusting to spending more time at home, and we recognize the importance of books and other library materials for both education and entertainment.

If you are not already familiar with the Maine Infonet CloudLibrary, we encourage you to visit the Bethel Library's website and explore the link to this service, which will allow you to use your Bethel Library card number to access free e-books and audiobooks.

If you don't have a Bethel Library card and want to set up a temporary card to use these services, please contact us at our e-mail address [bethellibrarymaine@gmail.com](mailto:bethellibrarymaine@gmail.com). We can provide you with a library card number and then you can come in and complete your registration when the library re-opens.

Please follow our Facebook page to find many other resources, including links to virtual museum tours, at-home activities for families, and online storytime sessions with favorite children's authors.

Our staff is dedicated to keeping the library safe for all patrons and staff. We are quarantining books when they are returned and when we reopen we will have made changes in line with social distancing procedures.

Keep in touch with us through Facebook and our website for updates and when we will start providing in-person services again.

Thank you for all your support. Stay well, and we look forward to seeing you again.

The Bethel Library Board of Trustees