

# Barrett Paradise Friendly Library

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Dear Friend of Barrett Paradise Friendly Library,

What a joy the library is these days! Programs are back in-person, in full force. With afternoon Book Club, LEGO challenges, children's block parties, a full roster of story times for kids from infancy to elementary age, Wee Ones Wiggle, teen video projects, adult crafts, movie days, and much more — the library is hopping!

Virtual programs were a lifeline during the darkest pandemic days — and we still offer the convenience of some programs-from-home for patrons who enjoy it.

But, wow, what a pleasure to see children and adults back enjoying the library, chatting with neighbors and staff, making new friends, sharing time with others... and reading!

With grants and help from dedicated supporters (like you!), our Outdoor Reading Area has been renovated, new computer tables and chairs for the public have been installed, and our large-print collection continues to grow.

We're adding new services and outreach — now sharing resources with Easton and Bangor libraries in addition to Monroe County partners. Our local State Representative offers access to constituent services here. Our successful "Tale on the Trail" self-guided story-walk has become a permanent feature at Ice Lake.

We went "Fine Free" in January, in line with public libraries across the country, reducing barriers for low-income readers and children. A few ultra-long-overdue books were returned, too!

*All of it is thanks to you and other loyal friends of the library. With your help, the library continues to be the heart of our community, as it has been for more than 100 years.*

I hope you will lend your support to our beautiful library as we continue serving the public through thick and thin. Thank you!

Sincerely,

*Mary Ann Lewis*

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Library Director

*Our Mission: To strengthen our community, the Library connects people with ideas, experiences, and each other, and inspires them to dream and succeed as lifelong learners.*

## Did you know the library *offers...*

- Digital resources: Free downloadable books, audiobooks, magazines, music, movies, and more through Hoopla & Libby/Overdrive
- Bestsellers in print and audio formats
- Wonderbooks for children—combination print/audio books
- Hundreds of large-print books
- Easy access to materials from public libraries in Monroe County, Easton, & Bangor
- Browse local history with our Searchable History Digital Archives
- Many books about our area: History, geology, hikes, parks, flora & fauna
- Tale on the Trail self-guided reading adventures in the Barrett Township Community Park at Ice Lake
- Story times for toddlers and preschoolers
- S.T.E.M. (science-technology-engineering-math) activities for kids & teens
- Internet access and printing using library computer stations
- Wi-Fi printing from your own device
- Copying, faxing, and scanning (fees apply)
- Free assistance with basic computer skills, email, and using the internet
- Book discussion groups, in-person and virtual
- Free in-library access to Ancestry.com and Family Search
- Online access to Brainfuse student tutoring & JobNow (adult career assistance)
- Inter-Library Loan to provide materials not in our collections
- And much more!

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