

THE BEDFORD CITIZEN

Elizabeth McCulloch Hacala – Candidate for Library Trustee

Caucus Nominee



Events:

No events scheduled

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2016 Citizen's Caucus Statement

I would like to thank Doris Smith for nominating me as a candidate for the Board of Library Trustees at the January Caucus. I am very excited to be a candidate for this board and hope to have the opportunity to serve as a Trustee.

I grew up in Bedford, and in many ways, grew up at the Bedford Free Public Library. It was a place to find information, be greeted by a friendly face and get access to information. In the important ways, it is still that same place today. The library is bigger, the card catalogs were replaced by computer terminals, and there are now online databases and e-books, yet it is still a place to get access to information and help when needed.

I began my career as a software engineer first at Lotus Development and later on the west coast at Hewlett Packard. When my husband and I were looking to relocate to Massachusetts I had three criteria: good schools, a good library, and open town meeting. We have now been here for nearly 19 years, and during that time I have had the opportunity to serve the community as a founding member of Community Preservation Committee, chairing that committee, as President of the Bedford Arts and Crafts Society, and as an occasional reporter for the Bedford Citizen.

During that time I also shifted from a career in software, to work in non-profits, working for nearly a decade with the Massachusetts Library Association. My time with MLA gave me an

opportunity to become familiar with the modern challenges of libraries at the state, local and federal level.

In this era of the Internet and connectivity, libraries are more critical than ever. The sheer volume of information available requires trained professionals to help sift through the noise. Whether we are adopting a new puppy, welcoming a new baby, buying a house, starting a business, or attempting to understand a new diagnosis, many of our major life journeys begin with a visit to the library and the guidance of a librarian therein.

I now look to take my combined experience in technology, committee/town service, and libraries and direct it to supporting the Bedford Free Public Library as a trustee. Bedford Free Public Library has had a long history of providing excellent service to the town. Likewise, the library has been at the forefront of changing technology, from circulating portable computers, to providing early public access to computers, to most recently circulating mobile internet hot spots.

I thank you for your time and consideration as a candidate and ask for your vote at the Town Election in March.

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