

The Reading Garden, Summer 2022

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Clark Memorial Library has a long history as a treasured community resource in Bethany. Over and over again, our patrons and benefactors have supported plans that have kept the library moving forward–first to build (1936-37), then expand (1995) and most recently to renovate (2021-22) our facility. We are grateful for the support that has helped keep the building relevant and vibrant, while retaining the nuances that represent the rural character of Bethany. The completion of our Children's Room project is a shining example of thoughtful, cost-effective design. While our spaces are small, we offer an intimacy not found in larger libraries, and echo small town comforts where yes, we do know your name!

We are recovering from the recent effects of the pandemic, and now are facing pressure from an uncertain economy. In difficult times libraries offer an oasis of easily accessible resources



for both work and pleasure, for cultural activities and community connections. We are making every effort to leverage our local network of resources to provide programming and both print and digital materials. We have been successful in securing grant funding to update our adult areas and provide stronger digital networks throughout the library that are publicly accessible and free to all. Your contributions play a crucial role in our efforts to steward, protect and share our collections during times such as these. Your contributions also help us grow as we look with great optimism on the future of the library.

Whatever you can give, will help to promote the financial stability of this beloved institution. Your support helps ensure our success not only for today, but also tomorrow–for the children, families, and community we serve. Any gift, no matter the size is greatly appreciated.

> With gratitude, The Bethany Library Association

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