



My name is Tanya Bray and I'm honored to be considered for a position on the Moffat Library Board. My husband and I moved here in 2001 to start our family. My husband, Hal, works at Pfizer in the Vaccines Research Group. Our children Riley and Kieran attend Washingtonville High School. Both have been involved with Scouting, sports programs and volunteer regularly in Washingtonville.

For the last 19 years, as my husband and I have raised our family here in Washingtonville, Moffat Library has been a constant and consistent part of our community and our family's lives. It's a place where community is made. For instance, the librarian, Denise was the first person in Washingtonville so many years ago, to learn my name and use it. Miss Betty and Miss Ronnie were almost like grandmothers to our children and so many others. Summer reading programs, Lego building club, Nerf gun wars, student mentoring all marked our kid's lives as well as ours. Our children had a place they belonged and felt at home.

Personally, libraries have always played a big part in my life. I moved often as a child but the library was always the first place I found in my new community. The books within its walls were so comforting to me. Today our library still offers books and then so much more. My greatest wish would be to work to ensure kids grow up having the same comfort walking through our library's doors that I did as a child and that Moffat Library continue to be a place for adults of all ages to have their needs met as well. There is no better picture of community to me than a library quietly bustling with people pouring over books, students gathered around homework and folks seated at the many computer terminals.

I love the sense of community we have in Washingtonville and I love how Moffat Library has become an integral part of our community and a place where we all come together. I see people I know at the library as often as I see people in Stop and Shop.

My volunteer experiences are varied and reflect my passions: serving my church and community. At my church I have had oversight for buildings and grounds as well as leadership in youth ministry. I have been active for many years in both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and have volunteered with Family Promise. I have also had the privilege to serve for 3 years as Communication Director for a nonprofit close to my heart.

I would be honored if you would consider me for this position. I pledge to do all that I can to ensure that our library continues to be a vital and central part of our community and well equipped to serve Washingtonville with programs and services we can all be take pride in.

As we have all experienced this Spring, our lives are changing and it's important to me that we do everything we can to keep Moffat Library as a central, vital and forward-looking part of our community.

Thank you,
Tanya Bray