**Freedom to Read Policy**

**October 16, 2023**

**The Bradford Public Library District supports the freedom to read.**

**We trust individuals to make their own decisions about what they read. We also believe parents have the right to direct their own child's reading without dictating what books other people's children are allowed to read. We denounce the banning of books in schools and libraries.**

**We commit to defending every person’s fundamental, Constitutionally-protected access to reading materials. The Trustees of the Bradford Public Library District also pledge to support staff under our jurisdiction who provide access to a variety of books, which are vital to a well-rounded education and are crucial developmental tools for literacy, lifelong learning, and civic participation.**

**President**

**Secretary**