

**January 2019
Librarian's Report
Bradford Public Library**

Town Library Report filed 12/31/2018

The library continues to thrive as a community hub providing a welcoming space where people can access information, support, or try something new. Bradford Public Library offers books, DVD's, audio books, computer and wi-fi access, and online resources. We have a number of small meeting spaces, video conferencing, 11 public computers, and library wide internet access. Our One-Card allows patrons to use their card at any of 10 participating libraries to check out books and other materials, and the Inter-library loan delivery service is putting more books in the hands of readers. We provide a number of free passes or discounted rates to some of Vermont's finest museums and attractions. The children's room is host to a weekly story hour, Makers Club, gaming group, seasonal crafting, after school activities and special events during summer months and school breaks.

Last year library transactions totaled 11,980 encompassing the use of print, audiobooks, and DVD's. Patrons borrowed 493 titles through inter-library loan services and 495 items were loaned to other libraries. A total of 2691 downloadable audiobooks and ebooks were borrowed by our patrons through our subscription to Listen Up Vermont in 2018. More than 2750 people came to over 200 library programs in 2018. Special events this year included Vermont's Poet Laureate Sydney Lea, award winning author Katherine Paterson, the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS), and the Children's Literacy Foundation. Special thanks to Bradford musicians David Rosane, Don Sinclair, and Jen Grossi of the Zookeepers for their performance to raise awareness and advocate for literacy, community, and freedom of speech in Vermont libraries.

Library news and events may be followed via our website, e-newsletter, Facebook and Instagram, as well as local newspapers and local online community listservs.

Notable programs include:

Poetry Circle ~ Photo Group / 'BPL Community Lens' ~ Guest author visits
GMLC Audio/eBook's ~ Vermont Reads! (VT Humanities Council)
VT Humanities Book discussion series ~ Free Tax Prep service (AARP)
Foreign Language conversation groups (Spanish, French) ~ Knitting Group (Simply Neighbors)
VSAC- Adult Ed financial planning outreach ~ OPAC online patron access catalog
Agriculture Week discussion (NOFA-Northeast Organic Farming Association)
Tech Support/workshops ~ Make Music Day VT ~ Weekly Story Hour
Elementary Winter Activity STEAM Program ~ Math Tutoring
Author storytelling and book giveaway (CLiF-Children's Lit Foundation)
Family Literacy Night ~ Bradford Young Makers Club ~ Youth Gaming
Free Lunches/Snacks for kids! ~ Vermont Summer Reading program events
Care Provider Workshops ~ Book Mobile Service to area daycares
Wireless computer access ~ Patron computers ~ Rotating Large Print collection

Administrative:

Jan 18 - VOKAL Quarterly mtg held at Carpenter Chase Library in Hinesburg, VT. via Gotomeeting remote access from BPL office.

Jan 28 - Bradford Prevention Coalition /community wellness mtg.

Jan 29 - Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) assessment meeting.

Jan 31 - Vermont State Public Library Annual Report due.

Feb 1 - Green Mountain Library Consortium (GMLC) Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Round Table held in Barre VT. via remote access from BPL office.

Professional Development:

Jan 18 - Andrew Stowe will take the core class on Collection Development working toward VT certification of Librarianship.

Jan 26 - Gail begins EDLI 374 UVM Library Media sequence spring semester

Volunteers:

Andrew Stowe presenting the 4/part Smartphone Workshop program beginning this month.

Jessie Alibozek has toddlers and caregivers moving and shaking with his guitar and percussions at Friday morning story hour!

Thank You Betsy Kane for our monthly newsletter!

Snow Removal:

Jared Anaya will continue to clear the walkways and doors of snow through the season.

Programs:

Jan 16 ~ Discover Girl Scouts informational meeting 6:00 pm

Jan 23 ~ Beth Button of Bradford will speak on her first self-published work titled *Project*, 6:30 pm.

Jan 24 ~ Smartphone Workshop, 6:30 pm. This first of four monthly workshops will focus on smartphone basics.

Poetry Circle ~ 1st Weds, 4:00 pm.

VSAC ~ 1st Fri, 10:00 am.

Community Lens Photo Group ~ 2nd Weds, 5:00 pm.

French Conversation ~ 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 4:00 pm.

Simply Neighbors Knitting ~ 3rd Fri. Welcoming new knitters! 1:00 pm.

Friday~ Preschool Story Hour - 10:00 pm.