

November 2017

Librarian's Report

Bradford Public Library

Administrative:

Bradford Public Library Newsletter

Oil tank leak and replacement caused the library to cancel programs the first week of November. Thank you for the rapid attention and repair of this odoriferous library interruption.

Chris Bohjalian and all the authors featured at the **New England Library Association Conference** praised the role of libraries in the ecosystem of writers and books. Their sentiment is summed up with this quote by Norman Cousins, "A library is a delivery room for the birth of ideas, a place where history comes to life."

Data collection has begun for annual reports to the state library and the Bradford Select Board. We harvest data from our library collection database VOKAL, add up program and attendance figures, calculate library and technology use and analyze it all to get a clearer picture of our library locally and compared to other libraries in the state.

Vermont Early Literacy Initiative

VELI year two community outreach, training, and programs data tracking requirements have been submitted. BPL STEM program participation reached 475 with rave reviews from online survey collection.

Programs:

"Life" Photographer Extraordinaire: A Neighbor's View

11/8, 6:30, Bradford Public Library

John A. Fatherly, a member of the Bradford Historical Society will speak about the life of Margaret Bourke-White (1904-1971) who was his next-door neighbor in Connecticut during her years as a correspondent around the world. Fatherly will exhibit several issues of Life Magazine featuring Bourke-White's best work from the Library's collection which was gifted by Oxbow High School. Margaret Bourke-White, photographer for Life Magazine was the first woman hired as a photo-journalist, first western photographer allowed into the Soviet Union and she took the photograph for the cover of the first Life Magazine.

When I Went to the Library - Judith Beckett

Nov. 30, 6:30 PM, Bradford Public Library

"I ransack public libraries and find them full of sunk treasure." Virginia Woolf

This summer the Vermont Library Association sponsored their third Passport to Vermont Libraries program, challenging all of us to explore our local libraries by visiting them and having our passport books stamped at the front desk before leaving. There were prizes to be won. I picked up my passport book at the Bradford Public Library on June 7 and headed out with enthusiasm. Over the next three months, I visited thirty-six libraries in Vermont, taking photographs of the architecture, original furnishings, stained-glass windows, gardens, art, artifacts and librarians too. I gathered anecdotes from staff about the history of the library in their community and the philanthropists who made their existence possible. If you'd like to revisit the journey with me and missed it on Facebook, I'll be sharing my adventures on November 30 at 6:30 PM at the Bradford Public Library.

Film - Vermont Farm Kids

11/14, 1:00 PM, Bradford Public Library

NOFA-VT is proud to present a new film, "Vermont Farm Kids" produced by Maria Reade and filmed by James Chandler. This short documentary depicts the unique and poignant stories of farm kids (ages 10-28) from across the state of Vermont. The film expresses the importance of what it means to each child to grow up on their own farm, and how their experiences have shaped their lives. NOFA Farm to Community Mentor Miss Axelrod will be heading a discussion. BES 4th grade classes will be present to see this film)

Spanish Conversation ,

Thursday 2:30- 3:30

with Luisa Lindsley

French Conversation

1st and 3rd Thursdays, 4 PM

Poetry Circle

1st Wednesday 4 PM, Bradford Public Library

Bradford Peer Play

1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons

Thursday Teen Gaming Club has resumed after a summer break . 4:00 – 8:00 pm. Participants come from as far as Barnet VT!

Now playing the card game *Magic the Gathering*

Friday~ Preschool Story Hour 10 AM

Spanish Story Hour First Friday of each month