



**November 2018
Librarian's Report
Bradford Public Library**

Administrative:

Holiday Hours / Closings~ Gail on vaca for the Thanksgiving holiday week

Nov 21 - Close @ 4PM

Nov 22 - Thanksgiving Closed

Nov 23 - *No Story Hour

Dec 25 - Christmas Closed

Jan 1 - New Years Day Closed

LUV Annual Meeting ~ Nov. 19 Gail and Holly will attend the annual meeting for the libraries of the Upper Valley hosted by the Norwich Library. This meeting agenda will include the video exchange.

In exchange for testimony to help secure grant funding for a special project, the Fairbanks Museum has issued BPL a museum membership pass good for 1 year and valued at \$75 for patron use. This will be awesome for the 2019 Summer Reading theme, SPACE !

Nov 17 - Gail will co-present a workshop at the Red Clover Book Award Conference with BES educator Amy Hayward. The Red Clover Book Award is designed for children in Kindergarten through fourth grade. This annual conference for public librarians and VT educators is sponsored by the VT Dept of Libraries, Mother Goose Program and VT Center for the Book.

Professional Development:

In light of the current opioid crisis and our place in the community, BPL will host an informational meeting and discussion for local librarians and staff on Tuesday, November 13 at 3:00pm. Discussion will include resilience and adversity in the community as well as trauma and toxic stress leading to unhealthy coping including substance use. Substance Abuse Recovery & Trauma Coordinator Mike Brandli from Little Rivers Health Care in Wells River will lead the discussion and present Narcan/Naloxone administration training, as well as prescription mail back information. FREE Narcan/naloxone and prescription mail back bags will be available to take back to libraries. Directors from Tenney Memorial and Norwich also plan to attend.

Amanda Narowski and Andrew Stowe have registered for their first course in the Certificate of Librarianship sequence offered through the Vermont Department of Libraries. This full day workshop in Barre will introduce the basics of public library administration.

Volunteers:

Danielle Theibault has volunteered her last shift for this year. She has been a huge support to staff and patrons! Danielle looks forward to helping again through summer months upon her return to Vermont in the spring. *Please sign the card of appreciation.*

Welcome Andrew Stowe! Referred to BPL for our “thriving library services”, Andrew holds a Bachelor's of Science in Biology from Bates College (2006) and currently owns and manages a small agroforestry company that sustainably farms ginseng in forestland in Vermont. Andrew comes to us hoping to gain some hands-on experience before pursuing a masters degree in Library Science.

Many thanks to Arvid Johnson for recycling every week!

Programs:

Trunk or Treat was a huge success handing out books to *hundreds* of trick or treaters! Thank you to everyone, including the Dept. of Libraries, for book donations.

Nov 7, 6:00 – 8:00pm

Vermont Health Connect will present the latest updates for the 2019 Open Enrollment season. Topics include a review of health insurance basics, an overview of plans offered by Vermont Health Connect, some strategies for plan selection, and a discussion of new developments in health care for 2019. Also included will be a discussion of financial assistance and how to apply.

Nov 15, 6:30

Agriculture Literacy Week~"Celebrating Our Ancestral Roots"

Educator Chris Grataski from the The Stone River Homestead and Research Farm, will present “What Vermont’s Earliest Working Landscapes Might Teach Us: Imagining Resilient Agriculture in the Age of Climate Chaos”. How a closer look at the agricultural and land-use practices of pre-contact indigenous people in New England, as well as the diversified farms of pre-20th century Vermonters, offers a window into what kinds of shifts are necessary to enhance biodiversity, develop stable food systems, and cultivate vibrant working landscapes even as we will likely begin to increasingly feel the social and ecological impacts of climate change.

Poetry Circle ~ 1st Weds 4 PM 4-5:30

Lyme Support group ~ 1st & 3rd Weds @ 12 pm

Community Lens Photo Group ~ 2nd Weds 5-7 PM

French Conversation ~ 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 4 PM

Simply Neighbors Knitting ~ 3rd Friday Welcoming new knitters! 1PM

Friday~ Preschool Story Hour - 10 AM

*There will be no story hour on Friday, November 23. “Discovery Centers” including building blocks, LEGOS, and a craft activity will be set up and available from 10:00 - 11:30.

