

November 2019
Librarian's Report
Bradford Public Library

Administrative:



Gail & Betsy will participate in the Department of Libraries Annual Report workshop webinar, Wednesday, 11/13. Gail is registered to attend in person on Thursday, 11/14, if necessary in Barre.

Gail to attend the Libraries of the Upper Valley (LUV) Annual Meeting in Norwich on Monday, 11/18

Looking toward the lift construction project has us analyzing the collection, comparing availability through other area libraries and preparing for lost shelf space. We would like to meet with the committee to better understand the plans for construction and what we have to work with. We should also note that the Blake Memorial Library will be closed from Christmas 2019 - March 21, 2020 for renovations. This will affect the number of patrons using BPL and should be considered in our construction schedule.

Holiday decoration requests have been sent to the Community, Wells River Savings, and Woodsville Guaranty Savings banks.

We will be closed on Thursday, November 28 for Thanksgiving.

Technology:

2 BES/2009 IOS Mac computers have been donated to the Groton Free Library. 2 newer recently donated 2011 IOS MACs have arrived! Remaining MAC machines and accessories are stored up in the Turret/Conference Room.

We would like to purchase 3 restored Windows based PC's for patron use. I have spoken with Joshua Muse, Library Technology Consultant at the Department of Libraries for advice on purchasing through the non-profit tech marketplace Techsoup. See attachment for his advice. Estimated cost for machines to best suit our needs should be under \$1500.

Grants:

Library Census Equity Fund

We have submitted an application and request for funding through the *Library Census Equity Fund* hoping to support tech capacity to meet their needs for the 2020 census. We want to make sure that our diverse, dynamic community is fairly and accurately represented in the 2020 census. Many of our community members lack access to computers and/or WiFi and rely on library services. Community members experiencing homelessness and job insecurity come to the library to use our services. We have a number of elderly patrons who lack tech experience and would benefit from our assistance. We are an inclusive and welcoming community hub that attracts marginalized people and believe we are in a good position for an award. Fingers crossed!

The Code For Upper Valley Brigadge Project

We submitted an idea to the *The Code For Upper Valley Brigadge* and have been invited to Community Pitch Night this week at The Space on Main. The brigade is looking for software and web-based project ideas that could be beneficial to

the Upper Valley community. Our need/idea is to have a tool which would combine data from numerous sources to aid in generating reporting information, visual aids, and storage to assist in local and statewide reporting and grant applications.

Professional Development:

Betsy will attend the Cataloging Part II course in Barre VT. on Monday, 11/18, for credit toward VT Librarian certification

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Volunteers:

Geri Mooney will be training as a volunteer to assist at the circulation desk in the coming weeks.

Curiosity Corner:

This month's Curiosity Cabinet features Chainmail Jewelry by our very own Dottie Unkles! Thank you Dottie for this display and workshop to be held on December 5th.

Programs:

11/6 Valley News Editor Maggie Cassidy spoke about local news and its role in our communities.

11/8 Valley Cooperative Preschool visits Story Hour

11/13 Community Lens Photo Group presents a workshop on simple lighting techniques, 6:00PM ~

11/21 Podcast Club! 6:30 PM

Podcasters! ~ This month we will discuss "The Shrink Next Door" by Wonderly..."...a story about power, control and turning to the wrong person for help for decades..."

12/4 VT Health Connect Q&A Little Rivers Clinical Care Coordinator Caitlyn Wilson will be here to answer any questions, and help you sign up for a plan.

12/5 Chainmail Workshop 6:00PM

Dottie Unkles will teach us to make a Celtic Star for the Christmas Holiday! Registration is required and all materials will be provided.

12/7 Giving Fair , 9-2PM at Oxbow HS

Gail & Betsy will represent BPL at this year's event promoting the library, services provided, and the Annual Appeal

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

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

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

Friday~ Preschool Story Hour - 10 AM