



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

Administrative:

Holiday Hours / Closings

Dec 25 - Christmas Closed

Jan 1 - New Years Day Closed

Dec 24-Jan 1 - Schools closed

New Rotating Large Print collection features a holiday collection for the month of December.

Holiday decorations have been generously donated by local banks again this year!

Community Bank ~ poinsettia

Wells River Savings Bank ~ tree

Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank ~ double wreaths

Accessibility

We have received positive response on the new accessibility door and walkway. Specifically, a new patron was able to come into the library for the first time just this week! Story hour patrons loaded with multiple children, strollers, bags of books, and program crafts are also grateful for this new door.

Local community member Jared Anaya has been hired and doing a great job keeping snow cleared from walkways and doors.

Instagram ~ look for and follow [bradfordpubliclibrary](#) on Instagram!

Bradford Town report from BPL is in the works, due Jan 1, 2019

State reporting for 2018 has begun, due Jan 31, 2019

Professional Development:

BPL hosted a discussion for area librarians on resilience and adversity leading to substance abuse at BPL on Nov 13. The presentation by Mike Brandli from Little Rivers Health Care offered insight to brain function and how we cope with daily stress and anxiety. We learned to identify signs and how to administer the Narcan/Naloxone nasal spray to help reverse an overdose in the event of a crisis situation. Representative librarians from Norwich, Fairlee and Wells River were able to attend and all given free NARCAN for library medical kits. A follow-up meeting with area 2-1-1 representatives is being planned.

Amanda Narowski and Andrew Stowe completed their first course in the Certificate of Librarianship sequence offered through the Vermont Department of Libraries introducing the basics of public library administration.

Gail completed EDLI 276 *Information Sources and Services* UVM Continuing Education.

Volunteers:

Andrew Stowe has been a welcome addition to Friday morning story hour activities.

Amanda Narowski saved the library time and expense delivering ILL's for the LP collection.

Thank you Dee for decorating the holiday tree! Betsy and Laura for manning the Giving Fair table! Pam for donating and wrapping all the goodies! Tony for hanging the outdoor tree lights!

Thanks to all for contributions and to Betsy and Laura for manning the table at The Giving Fair!

*The support from all of you on the library board is greatly appreciated

Programs:

Dec 5, Certified Hypnotist and Director of the Green Mountain Hypnosis Center, Karen Gray presented a well attended and interesting program on the power of self hypnosis!

Dec 14, 10:00 am

Valley Cooperative Preschool visits story hour! Every other month throughout the school year up to 16, 3 and 4 yr old preschool children come to the library. This collaboration between BPL and VCP has raised awareness of library programs and services for working families for 3 years!

Dec 19, 6:00 Kingdom County Presents Pop Up!

Catamount Arts Director Molly Stone will present what is happening this season with a special event at BPL! Premium tickets will be given away to 10 lucky folks for the *Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass Band* holiday show on December 21st!

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

