

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

Administrative:

I am working closely with Laura through our changing of the guard! Thank you Laura for making time to work from the library office so that we can look at, talk through and answer questions.

Professional Development:

February 14~ Amanda attended *Working Successfully with Volunteers*, focussed on the benefits and challenges of volunteers as vital contributors to Vermont libraries.

Grants:

BPL has been awarded and received 75 copies of March (Book 1) for the 2019 Vermont READS program. 40 copies have been shared with BES Grade 5 students in collaboration with social studies unit on civil rights. Dartmouth students work with grade 5, develop and deliver arts integration activities enhancing the learning experience for students. Books will be returned to BPL for distribution and themed events through summer months.

Volunteers:

Marcheta Merchant delivers books bags to Mari Saladino and Rabbit Track local child care centers twice monthly.

Amanda Narowski created marketing materials for the new educational kits.

Andrew Stowe presenting part II Smartphone Workshop program.

Thank you to our awesome volunteers!

Programs:

Feb 8,15 BES Winter Activity Program @ BPL ~ Gail , STEM program focused on Force and Motion for 14 BES students and teachers.

Feb 12 ~ BPL hosted local homeschool group and guest Asma Elhuni. Born in Lybia, Asma shared what it is to be muslim, and her experience growing up as a person of color in the US and immigrant from a working class family.

Feb 13 ~ Tom Kidder presented Tucker Mountain

Feb 20 ~ A Dose of Dwayna ~ local author and Bridge Weekly contributor presented her new book A Dose of Dwayna: Short Stories with BIGinsights to make your day (and your whole life) better.

Feb 27 ~ *The Water Will Come*, by Jeff Goodell Book Discussion, 6:00 – 8:00pm. Discussing what climate change means for Humans.

Feb 28 ~ Smartphone Workshop II, 6:30 pm. This second of four monthly workshops will focus on Phone photography and File sharing with Andrew Stowe

MAR 13 ~ South Pacific, 6:00 pm Lifelong sailor Priscilla Clark shares a 16-year exploration of the world her husband Don. In 1998, they boarded Chautauqua, their 38-foot Shannon ketch, 40-plus countries, across oceans and to unexpected destinations from Canada to Scandinavia, the Mediterranean and North Africa, plus New Zealand, Australia and many others, Including a trip through the French canals, German rivers and the Netherlands' inland waterways.

FREE TAX Prep ~ Tuesday's ~ 3 - 7 pm. , with AARP trained/sponsored tax preparers Marcey Carver. Free to all taxpayers with no income limitations including both federal and state e-filing services. This includes Homestead and Renters Rebates. *Special thanks to Dottie and Laura for securing the building on Tuesday evenings.*

Poetry Circle ~ 1st Weds 4:00 pm.

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

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

VSAC Support ~ 1st Friday of each month, 10 - 2 pm.

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

Friday~ Preschool Story Hour - 10:00 pm.