

**SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Librarian's Report**

**Bradford Public Library**

**Administrative:**

**Bradford Public Library Newsletter**

Betsy Kane has sent out the new Bradford Public Library newsletter via email and the library has gotten lots of positive responses. Thank you Betsy and the board brainstormers. Printed copies are available in the library.

**Lap for the LibRARY Fundraiser**

Saturday, September 23, 2017, 10:00-Noon

This is a fundraising event to help support children's programs at Bradford Public Library. The money earned continues BPL's efforts in supporting children and families within our community in their pursuit of reading and learning. It is a great opportunity for exercise, laughter, fun, and community building. Please join us!

**Trustee Conference**

**What:** 2017 Annual Trustees and Friends Conference (co-sponsored by the Vermont Department of Libraries and the Vermont Library Association)

**When:** Saturday, November 4, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Breakfast and Registration start at 8:15 a.m.)

**Where:** Champlain College, Burlington, VT

**Why:** Brush up on your knowledge, reinvigorate your board, network with VT trustees and friends, and walk away inspired and informed!

**Solar surplus put to good use** - Thank you to the Jesdale's for donating their surplus solar credits directly to the Library electric bill.

**Professional Development:**

Gail will attend the Red Clover Book Award Conference and workshops on September 26. The Red Clover Award promotes the reading and discussion of the best of contemporary picture books and is co-sponsored by the Vermont Center for the Book / Mother Goose Programs and the Vermont Department of Libraries.

Holly Young and Debra Tinkham will be attending the 3 day National Library Association Conference in Burlington 9/22-24. We applied for and received a grant of \$440.00 from the Vermont Department of Libraries to defray the cost of attendance.

**Programs:**

**Introduction to Ancestry.com - How to make the most of Genealogy Online**

October 11, 6:30, Bradford Public Library

Collaboration of the Bradford Historical Society and Bradford Public Library

Bring your laptop and learn how [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) can work for you.

**Spanish Conversation ,**

Tuesday, 12:00 - 1:00pm, begins 9/5

with Luisa Lindsley

**French Conversation**

1st and 3rd Thursdays, 4 PM

**Poetry Circle**

1st Wednesday 4 PM, Bradford Public Library

**Community Listening**

Tuesday evenings of September and October

Strategic discussion series aimed at listening. Thank you Holly Young for continuing to act as access to the library for this after hours program.

**Book Discussion - Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance**

10/26, 6-8 PM

"Hillbilly Elegy is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis, that of poor, white Americans".

Pick up a copy now for discussion 10/26, 6-8 at the Bradford Public Library

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**Children's Summer Programs Recap**

The *BPL Summer Youth Services* were a success with a total attendance of over 350 children and checkout of 630 book titles this season. Summer reading kicked off with a storytelling and book giveaway sponsored by the Children's Literacy Foundation. Weekly programs included a Tuesday morning activity with a STEM focus, Weds/Thurs Bradford Young Makers meetings and the popular Friday morning toddler story hour. In collaboration with the elementary summer school educators, a weekly field trip to the library exposed many students and their families to BPL services for the first time. In addition, more than 325 free lunches were provided through the Summer Food Service and Hunger Free VT. to children under eighteen years.

**Children's Mobile book lending service resumes!**

The Bradford Public Library is ready once again to offer a mobile book lending service to local childcare facilities. Volunteer Marcheta Merchant will be available to compose lending bags and deliver every other Friday.

**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

**Thank You BPL Volunteers!**

Evelyn Fleming  
Kelly Daigle  
Luisa Lindsley  
Jennifer Whitney  
Jean Carlan  
Arvid Johnson  
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