



February 2020
Librarian's Report
Bradford Public Library

Administrative:

Betsy Attended the required VOKAL quarterly meeting via SKYPE on Friday, 1/17.

The 2019 Vermont Public Library Report was submitted to the state on Thursday, January 30.

The Website has been updated with Librarians Reports and Board Meeting Minutes for the last three years bringing BPL into compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Our proposal has been accepted and the Upper Valley Code Brigade is currently working on writing the SQL code needed to build reports in the KOHA system that we may better access information.

Technology:

Scott Welch installed Microsoft Word Suite onto all three new to BPL PCs.

Professional Development:

On Monday, January 27, we hosted 28 fellow librarians from the LUC collaborative. BPL organized and held a training program on the 2020 Census with Maxine Faveau from the Regional Census Center, and VT State Library Consultants Joy Worland and Vincent Livoti. Discussion and information related to the importance of libraries in the process and best practices for librarians and the census in general. Email of appreciation from the state librarians and census bureau recognize BPL for our commitment to promote and support this data collection.

Betsy attended a 2 day workshop at the Kilton Library in Lebanon NH on February 3 and 4 to complete requirements for the Certificate of Public Librarianship. Congratulations to Betsy!

Gail attended the Summer Reading Program workshop in Barre on Tuesday, February 11

Thank You Volunteers:

Christine & David Pratt and the South Road Ladies for providing lunch to children during the February break 2/18 - 21.

Terry King of yourduino.com in Corinth has joined the BYMC adult team of Bradford Young Makers for the One Day Makers Camp. Terry has taught electronics and designed broadcast stations, recording studios, broadcast equipment, intelligent machines and special computer languages for IBM, and has worked as a broadcast journalist covering elections, fires, riots and Woodstock.

Curiosity Corner:

The current display features a personal collection of medicine and other antique bottles including one with raised lettering reading "True Cephalic Snuff By The King's Patent" though to be from the early 1800's. **If you would like to share a fun or interesting collection of sorts, please consider the locked display on the first floor of the adult section.

Programs:

2/12, 6:30 PM LIFE Goes to War

Larry Coffin presents a review of the final year of World War II, both locally and abroad with issues from the Library's unique collection of Life Magazines to see how the final months of the war were pictured. The magazine covered the social, economic and military aspects of that total war that ended 75 years ago this year.

2/14 BES Winter Activity Program

For 6 weeks a group of 12 Bradford Elementary students come to the library on Fridays for STEAM related activities. This past session we engineered ice castles out of sugar cubes!

2/15 A Bridge for a Better Tomorrow

Teresa Hemingway offers a support group for women starting at the age 16, who have a voice, who need to be heard, who may feel alone, Your time is now! These monthly meetings will be confidential and for women and young girls only to support, uplift, teach, and grow together.

2/20 Maker's Camp

Bradford Young Makers Club will be holding a One day Maker's Camp on Thursday, February 20, from 4 - 8 PM. Participants will learn the fundamentals of engineering through programming, electronics, and physical computing with Arduino hardware. The program is FREE, dinner will be included, and limited seating requires registration!

2/22 TAX Assistance

**Saturday, February 22 ONLY at the Bradford Public Library call 802-222-4536. For other accommodations call 802-866-9008

2/26 Eat Better Feel Better

Join Matthew Denton of Herban Sprout for a tasting and learn about the amazing nutrient dense properties of microgreens and sprouts. Participants are invited to bring a small can, medium size mason jar and/or a plastic to-go type container with a lid to start your own batch of greens to grow at home. Soil and seeds will be provided.

Ongoing Programs:

Community Lens Photo Group~ 2nd Weds, 6:00pm

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

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

Podcasters ~ 3rd Thursday, 6:30

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

Friday~ Preschool Story Hour - 10 AM

VSAC ~ 1st Friday, 10AM - 1PM