June 2020

Librarian’s Report

Bradford Public Library

Administrative:

BPL COVID Response / PLAN attached, Phase 3

Sneeze Guard being constructed by Mark Rineheimer

Bradford Resilience Task Force meets weekly; Gail represents BPL on the Youth/School/Library Committee. This task force is now an official town committee.

Caledonia County Regional Directors Mtg, June 2

Orange County Regional Directors Mtg, June 18

Prof Dev:

6/4/2020 ~ Using Canva to Create Accessible Graphics for Your Library / Betsy

6/11/2020 ~ Library Works: Weeding Your Collection / Gail, Betsy

6/16/2020 ~ LGBTQ+ Best Practices Training w/Pride center VT / Gail

6/18/2020 ~ Library Works: Writing effective survey questions to get useful data / Gail

Volunteer:

Thank you Arvid Johnson for relocating the picnic table to the PERFECT spot for WiFi connectability and patron access!

Thank You Larry & Carolyn Coffin for all efforts in the BPL Annual Plant Sale!
CURBSIDE LENDING:
BPL continues to offer curbside lending service following VOSHA and CDC protocols (mandatory health checks, appropriate PPE and hygiene, physical distancing, processing and quarantining items, etc.) Circulation numbers are picking up each day. Daily experience, flexibility, and discussion with other libraries offers new and creative ways to expedite the process!

ILL / Courier:
New ‘Priority’ courier delivered a tote full of returned ILL’s belonging to BPL, and took returns to lending libraries on Tuesday, May26.

Technology:
BPL Website (bradfordvtlibrary.org) updates include a link to view “New Books” recently added to our collection.

Thank you Scott Welch-Great Planning Tech for reconnecting the printers!

Collection:
YA room and kitchen area are boxed up to make room for the renovation. We continue the project of making the catalog more uniform within sections, expanding the mystery section, and continue to find new homes for the items in the shelving we will lose with the reno.

BPL Website (bradfordvtlibrary.org) updates include a link to view “New Books” recently added to support remote browsing of the collection.

**Thank You to Marcey Carvey for the $250 donation toward children's books on anti-racism/social justice

Better World Books(BWB):
We continue to process donations and weeded materials through Better World Books.

Program Collaboration:
Watershed Explorers booklet (for middle school students) with science activities they can do at home to learn about the Lake Champlain Basin should be available mid July.
Blake Memorial Library invites BPL patrons:

- Join the online Marko the Magician kickoff to Summer Reading, 6/20, 10 AM. To get the Zoom invite email khotellingbml@gmail.com.
- Join the VT Humanities discussion series of stories bringing us to present-day consideration of migration, immigration, and refuge. To register for each discussion email Kimberly at khotellingbml@gmail.com and we will send you the link to join. Call 802-439-5338 or email blakemem@tops-tele.com for curbside pick up on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2-5 pm in Corinth.

Programs:

Poetry Circle continues to meet each month via ZOOM. Contact Kathy to join the group!

Virtual Story Hour

Weekly Episodes with Ms Gail continue and include a craft challenge! Participants send pictures of their completed craft for the BPL Kids Online Art Gallery. We have begun creating Story Hour Craft Kits for families in need of supplies. Community response proves this will be a welcome summer program in lieu of in house programming.

Summer Readers programs for kids include:

- Themed book bags and craft kits for children to support summer reading.
- BPL Summer Reading Bingo challenge for young readers.
- A new digital reading record APP is being designed and made available to BPL young readers from the Department of Libraries.
- Summer Readers receive a coupon for a FREE Ice Cream from BLISS DELI
- Annual Summer Readers drawing for a FREE Book of choice valued up to $25.