



**May 2020**

**Librarian's Report**

**Bradford Public Library**

**ISO:** A shredder. There are boxes of old financial (and other) documents that are dated for destruction. Does anyone have a shredder we could use to process these? Storage space is an even greater priority now and it would be great to move these things along.

**Administrative:**

*The number of email updates, virtual informational and planning meetings are too many to count! Know that BPL staff are not only attending but initiating virtual gatherings to gain insight for what we can do to support and continue library services. Also note, area libraries reach out to us for support, advice, and share our virtual programming on their web and social media pages.*

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

Weekly **Teen Speak** planning meetings. Teen Speak is a virtual discussion with kids ages 14+ talking about the good, the bad, and what young people would like to see in the community in order to feel connected.

5/1~ Betsy attended the quarterly ILL Roundtable

5/8 ~ Gail attended Dept of Libs Directors virtual meetup

5/12/2020~ DEMCO: COVID-19: Safety Tips for Reopening Your Library/ Betsy

## **CURBSIDE LENDING:**

Per State of Vermont Executive Department Addendum 11 to the Work Smart & Stay Safe order, “Libraries may allow for curbside pickup for lending in accordance with guidance issued by the Department of Libraries” (item 4. e.).

On Tuesday, May 5th, BPL opened up to curbside lending. Patrons call or email requests to BPL and we fill them and put them out at the following times. T/S- 10-2, W/TH/F- 12-5. We have all completed mandatory VOSHA training and are following VOSHA and CDC protocols (mandatory health checks, appropriate PPE and hygiene, physical distancing, processing and quarantining items, etc.)

## **ILL / Courier:**

Though the new courier service is now live we will not be participating until guidance on return policies become clear and comparable between lending libraries. As we are only charged when we schedule a pickup, we will not be charged until ILL services resume at BPL.

**Technology:** We have learned more about website capabilities, hosting platforms, online resources, etc. that we ever dreamed we would. We continue to keep an eye on tech. Services that will allow us to bring BPL to our patrons, and to bring our current web services up to date so we can share resources and content in a more effective, efficient way. This is ongoing, and G and B are attending meetings, webinars, and enlisting local services from Scott Welch of *Great Planning Tech*. We are speaking with Scott about his taking on our network/server for access to local support. Old technology has been recycled clearing limited storage space.

## **Professional Development:**

Gail, Kathy and Betsy all completed mandatory [VOSHA training \(deadline May 4\)](#)- documented. Gail is the mandated health and safety officer.

Because of the cancellation of 2020 conferences due to COVID-19, VTLIB allocated funds to live webinar attendance rather than supporting conference attendance. These are Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds, from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Vermont Department of Libraries. Gail and Betsy were approved for three webinars each.

Under this grant:

5/6/2020 ~ PCI- Writing Effective Email / Betsy

5/7/2020 ~ Library Works: Enhancing the Digital Experience for Library Patrons with Disabilities / Betsy

5/27/2020 ~ PCI-Geeky Programs at the Library / Gail

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

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

### **Collection:**

We continue to make room for the renovation, weeding and organizing the collection as we box things up. We are making cataloging more uniform within sections, have moved audiobooks to make way for an expanded mystery section, and continue to find new homes for the items in the shelving we will lose with the reno. We have sorted, consolidated, and boxed up all of the art and craft supplies downstairs (all cupboards and the closet behind the bathroom are now empty). Weeding and boxing up areas of the children and YA collection continue in preparation for the construction project.

### **Outreach:**

The library website is continually updated with new content and resources during this time. FYI~Recently added is the Learning Express Library link for free access to academic skill building.

Librarians have been making phone calls to patrons to check in. We are also now calling patrons to roll out and spread the word about curbside book lending.

### **Teen Speak:**

BPL is working in collaboration with Little Rivers, Clara Martin, The mentoring project, The Hub, and other local support systems to offer young people a platform to talk about what the COVID quarantine has been like for them. Contact Ashleen Buchanan at [abuchanan@littlerivers.org](mailto:abuchanan@littlerivers.org) or call (802)222-3--3 for the access code.

### **Citizen Science Kits**

New England FREE Program In A Box - Citizen Science Kits. These kits are made available through a partnership with SciStarter .

### **Better World Books(BWB):**

We continue to process donations and weeded materials through Better World Books. 16 boxes sent so far (mostly donations), clearing up much needed space in the mezzanine closet and the tower rooms.

### **Programs:**

#### **POEMTOWN 2020 a virtual success:**

Thanks for another wonderful year of PoemTown! All poems are posted on the website under PoemTown 2020 link.

**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.

#### **CLiF**

BPL has again received a Summer Readers Author Visit and Book Giveaway for 2020. In past years this event has hosted up to 75 children and adults at BPL! With a tentative date of July 10, we are working with CLiF to host a video reading and curbside giveaway to comply with COVID restrictions and safety of our staff and patrons.