



**August 2020**

**Librarian's Report**

**Bradford Public Library**

**Administrative:**

Submitted Swank Movie License Agreement- 7/17/2020

ILL Courier Grant due this month and in progress.

LUV- we received our next installment of DVDs and Audiobooks from the LUV consortium. These new titles are now listed and promoted online through our website.

**Prof Dev:**

'Beanstack' Staff Training ~ Gail/Betsy- Beanstack provides a mobile-friendly site for local families to participate in library programs, including summer reading, early literacy initiatives, and book-clubs for teens and adults. Patrons have access tools to discover books, log their reading, and earn incentives. Subscription has been made available FREE for 2 years through the state. We are brainstorming how this might serve our patrons to promote reading and library programs. Beanstack may be especially useful during the pandemic as a data tracking resource.

NNLM workshop: Attentional Fitness 101: Sneaking Mindfulness into Real Life, ~ Gail/Betsy - Offered through the Dept of Libs to discover how developing your attentional fitness develops capacities for relating more effectively to the challenges of daily living. A self-care tool and potential for the library community in support of the work and strain of these last months.

ACRES: Ready, Set, STEM ~ Gail

A three-part course for educators on engaging in STEM facilitation. Asking purposeful questions as a process to engage participants in project-based learning. This is made possible through a grant from the VT Department of Libraries.

**Volunteers**

Thank you Heidi Allen for co hosting the Musical Story Hour with Ms. Gail.

Debra Tinkham has offered to help librarians on *paint patrol*.

## **CURBSIDE LENDING:**

Curbside services and lending continues keeping librarians busy serving Bradford and surrounding area's patrons. While in house circulation numbers remain steady, ILL's are on the rise as more libraries resume service.

## **Technology:**

Laptop lending has a slow start due to an unstable connection depending on the day and weather. Because the structure of our building does not allow wireless signal to move freely throughout, we are investigating possible solutions for connectability after construction is complete.

Purchased a \$36.00 portable rechargeable mini voice amplifier with wired microphone headset and waistband. This device is being used at the outdoor Story Hour programs in Boch Park and supports social distancing measures.

We have donated outdated iPADS to <https://www.telehealthforseniors.org/> . This program helps to keep seniors connected to their physicians through video-chat by providing devices thus helping keep patients home instead of risking infection by going to the doctor's office.

## **Collection Development**

We have added many new titles throughout patron age groups in response to current issues of racism and social justice. Some funding for this project was made available through a donation from Marcey Carver. Marcey has been notified of the updates to our collection and thanked for her contribution.

## **Bookends and Monthly Newsletter:**

Help spread the word and let librarians know if you would like to receive one or both of our monthly E-mailings!

## **Programs:**

Story Hour in the Park will take place each Friday throughout the month at 10:00 am. Join Ms Gail for stories, songs and take home a FREE NEW BOOK to keep for your home collection. Book giveaways are made possible through the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) , the Vermont Center for the Book, and the Vermont Department of Libraries.