



September 2020

Librarian's Report

Bradford Public Library

Due to the ongoing construction project, the library will be closed through the month of September. Although we will be unable to lend physical materials during this time, our curbside wifi will remain accessible 24/7. We will be accepting book returns in our drop box located on the front steps and patrons may continue to take advantage of all the online services including audio and ebooks via the GMLC Listen Up Vermont service. We will continue to stock the Free Little Libraries in town and remind you to visit our website for updates and to explore digital services and programs at bradfordvtlibrary.org. Forgot your patron number? Email a librarian at bradfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com. We are grateful for your patience and look forward to welcoming you back once our construction is complete.

Administrative:

ILL Courier Grant submitted

We are using this disrupted time to go through old files, digitizing, filing, or shredding as appropriate. We are also working on continually updating and doing house-keeping on the website. In addition to adding services, we also want to post our policies and to bring all of our existing online content up to date.

Quarterly meeting with the Libraries of the Upper Valley(LUV) audio/DVD CoOp scheduled for 9/21 will likely be a ZOOM meeting again this month. The plan is not yet in place as to how we will make the exchange of materials that our patrons so enjoy and have come to depend on! Stay tuned...

Prof Dev:

Reminder > 2020 Online Trustees and Friends Conference FREE > Online > Sept 21-25
Theme: Remaining Vital: Your Library as Community Connector in Uncertain Times
<https://libraries.vermont.gov/node/8857>
[Link to Conference Schedule with Full Descriptions.](#)

The Conference will have several different types of events and activities. Most live events will be recorded so that if you are not available to join, you can watch them at your convenience

Center for Women & Enterprise Vermont | FREE Marketing Beyond Business as Usual 4-Part Series ~ 9/10, 17, 24, 10/8, 9:30 - 12pm ~ Gail

We'll discuss business fundamentals, branding, messaging and connecting with customers and clients (patrons) to learn and strategize together as we transition into the next phase of re-opening our businesses (library). This course is offered FREE through The Space on Main and sponsored in part by Gallagher, Flynn & Company.

Volunteers

The new podium honoring Pete Richards is finished. The piece built by Gail's father, Hans (Buck) Trede, will be delivered to the library when the construction is complete and the Reading Room is back in order.

CURBSIDE LENDING:

Circulation of materials has been suspended until the floors are finished and stacks are again accessible to librarians. That being said, we are lending new materials, some of the YA collection, and previously ordered ILL requests for our patrons.

In an effort to support Census 2020 we have received 100+ reusable tote bags with the census emblem. These bags will be used as book bags for curbside service.

Technology:

Curbside WiFi seems to be working well for folks after initial spottiness and unstable connection. It seems to have been an issue throughout town and not specific to the library.

Laptop Lending has been slow but steady with most users needing access for email and printouts.

GMLC audio/eBook ~ Of interest... status reports on Listen Up VT use shows no significant change to patron use of this service between 2019 and 'covid months' in 2020. Also, reports show BPL to have more than twice the number of patron users than all other local libraries.

Collection Development

BPL will receive a Moisture Meter Kit to be added to our collection. The package includes the meter in a soft case, manufacturers instruction booklet, a quick start guide prepared by the Department of Libraries, and inserts from the EPA Burn Wise program with additional

information on clean, efficient wood heating. This meter will help homeowners reduce pollution from their home heating appliances and to get the most amount of heat out of their woodpile.

New titles which are added to the collection may be found on the right side under Online Tools at bradfordvtlibrary.org. Subscribe to the monthly Bookends Newsletter for updates and featured titles.

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:

Teen Speak Mural Project Young people in grades 7-12 will come together to paint “Community as a Garden” mural to be displayed in different locations throughout the community. This project is co sponsored by Little Rivers Health Care, The Mentoring Project, The HUB, Blake Memorial Library, Mount Ascutney Hospital and Health Center, and BPL.

Story Hour will continue outdoors each Friday at 10 am in Boch Park as weather permits.

BPL MAKE KITS: STEM based Crafting Kits are being created for children. The starter kit will include scissors, crayons, colored pencils, ruler, glue stick, stickers, cutouts, and other items in a shoebox (FarmWay) Participants will keep the starter kit to be used with story themed activities. Brown Bag Activities will be available to children to be completed at home until we are able to resume inhouse library programming.

VT Humanities Book Discussion *Exploring Graphic Novels* with Suzanne Brown is confirmed to begin in October. This will be a digital event via ZOOM.

Grants:

We are working on a grant proposal through the Vermont Community Foundation to fund a community-involved art project for the downstairs entryway and children’s room. We are working with local artist Matthew Denton. Matt has a passion for community-building through art. Check out some of his previous work at his website:

<https://mattcolorstheworld.com/index.html> .