



October 2020

Librarian's Report

Bradford Public Library

The construction project continues but is making progress! We have resumed curbside and ILL services including laptop lending. Curbside wifi and print services remain accessible 24/7.

Administrative:

We continue to go through old files, digitizing, filing, or shredding as appropriate.

Submitted required CLiF 2020 Summer Readers Survey keeping in compliance with agreement for future applications. CLiF donated 100 new books for children which were given away at Friday Story Time at Boch Park.

Updated and added new family and individual patron accounts through outreach and cooperation with BES. Promoted library services including GMLC.

Library position job descriptions - attached

Upcoming Holiday Hours:

We will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve/ Christmas Day, New Year's Eve

Grants:

The FFY20 Courier Grant has been accepted and BPL is being awarded a grant of \$520 towards the cost of the Courier Service. Preliminary paperwork was sent 9/30/20. Esignature letter is expected to arrive the third week of Oct.

BPL has been awarded a collection of eight books relating to the health literacy programming offered by VTLIB last summer. The collection includes titles on community health, mental disorders, gerontology, and cannabis, in light of Vermont's relatively new laws regarding cannabis.

CLiF and Summer Reading grant reports have been submitted keeping us in good status for future opportunities.

Prof Dev:

ARSL Conference 2020 (Association of Rural and Small Libraries): September 28-October 2. This five day conference was online this year, which means the cost of enrollment was dramatically lower. Both librarians were able to attend multiple presentations throughout the week.

Volunteers

As construction begins to wind down we are preparing to reshelve and organize the collection in the children's room. Please let us know when you might be available to help.

Collection Development

Rotating digital book collection with ability to embed in website - \$250 value offered FREE through annual conference participation and ARSL membership. The Collection includes 20 books on 4 shelves; the shelves rotate so that 5 new books appear each week. This FREE subscription is good for 1 year.

BPL applied for the Healing Kit program. This project is in partnership between VTLIB and DCF, focusing on helping foster- and kinship families whose children suffer grief and loss—often as a result of parental addiction. Initial materials include the title “Hey Kiddo” and “The Grief Card Game.” Materials include a guide on using "Hey Kiddo," a book list of titles that deal with childhood grief and loss, as well as a How-to Guide on using these types of materials. This winter, there will be a panel discussion on how librarians can connect families with resources on grief and loss, and guide them on ways to use the materials at home.

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.

Programs:

Story Walk to be posted in the field at Bradford Elementary School, October 12 - 16. We laminated individual pages of the picture book titled *Home in the Woods* by Eliza Wheeler, an illustrated telling of the life of a Depression era family finding joy as they meet needs during an impoverished time. Individual pages will be distance/posted perhaps along the edges of the field for students, families, and the community to read and enjoy, safely, in the outdoors. This Story Walk will be added to our collection for future BPL programming and library program lending

VT Humanities Book Discussion Exploring Graphic Novels with Suzanne Brown scheduled to begin October 22 has been delayed due to illness at VTH.

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!