



**December 2020  
Librarian's Report  
Bradford Public Library**

**Administrative:**

Considering the safety of our staff and patrons the library continues to provide curbside service including open wifi, interlibrary loan and online services. Lending of materials including interlibrary loans continue to grow as folks become familiar and aware of the process. Librarians receive calls, emails, and thanks for continued service.

KOHA patron database has been 'cleaned up' removing close to 1000 expired, duplicate, or inactive accounts. In doing so the collection has also been updated by deleting lost, withdrawn and long overdue items prior to removing patron accounts.

GMLC audio/eBook subscription has been renewed for 2021  
LUV rotating audio/DVD collection contract has been renewed for 2021

Snow removal arrangements have been made with Travis Durkee for hand shoveling steps, walks and doorways for this 2020/21 season.

Holiday Closings  
Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Day

Special thanks to the Wells River Savings Bank for the beautiful double holiday wreaths on our front doors.

**Professional Development:**

Dec 3 ~ VTLIB-Sponsored Webinar: Crisis Leadership: A Three-Pronged Approach to Leading a Library in a Crisis.

Dec 8 ~ Maximizing Learning Express's Job and Career Resources During COVID-19 EBSCO's LearningExpress Library is now available to all Vermonters at no charge through their library providing skill-building in reading, writing, math, and science, college admissions exams, occupational licensing tests, workplace skills improvement, career exploration, and much more.

**Volunteers:**

- Thank you Tony Brainerd, Dottie Unkles, Bud Haas for hauling all the slate shingles inside from out
- Thank you Arvid Johnson for hauling the weekly recycling and for replacing the Little Library located on Main Street Bradford and to Larry Coffin for maintaining and rotating these shelves
- Thank you Larry and Carolyn Coffin, Laura and Edie Lornitzo, Pamela Johnson for wrapping the holiday book giveaways
- Thank you Tony Brainerd and Diane Fraley for hanging the Christmas Lights
- Thank you Scott Welch of Great Planning Tech for time spent wiring routers

**Grant Awards:**

BPL received four Blue Air purifiers purchased through the UVM Office of Engagement grants monies for VT public libraries. Thanks to Bud for submitting this request.

**Programs:**

Holiday Drive-by Book Giveaway!

December 19, 10:00am - 2:00PM

Be sure to stop for Santa's Helpers who will be outside passing holiday wrapped packages to folks as they drive by the library! Brand new quality books for children of all ages have been donated by the Children Literacy Foundation (CLiF)

Holiday Craft Kits

Stop by the library and pick up your Holiday Craft Kit with everything you need to build your own Gingerbread House! Then take a picture and with your permission, we will share your creation on the website! Kits include a paper box template, graham crackers, candies, and frosting.

Upper Valley Everybody Eats

Bradford Public Library continues to serve as a meal site for the Upper Valley Everyone Eats program. Meals prepared by the Lake Morey Resort are available to anyone who has been negatively impacted by COVID-19 or is otherwise having trouble accessing food. Please call the library at (802) 222-4536, or email [request@bradfordvtlibrary.org](mailto:request@bradfordvtlibrary.org) for information and schedule to pick up FREE MEALS Wednesday-Saturday through December 30.

Upper Valley Everyone Eats is the local hub of Vermont Eats, a program with two missions: to provide a source of revenue for hard hit Vermont restaurants, farms, and food businesses, and to provide food for Vermonters in need.

Local author Makenna Goodman shared her new novel *The Shame* with library patrons on December 3 via ZOOM. It was a wonderful discussion and librarians received calls and emails from 16 participants expressing thanks for the program.

A total of 13 guests attended the *Exploring Graphic Novels* discussion series with Suzanne Brown from the Vermont Humanities Council concluding on Thursday December 10.

The Little library has been removed from Little Rivers and replaced in the Main Street location.