



**February 2021**  
**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.

On January 22, Liam Genereaux of Walrusdice Productions, and Alden Weiss spent the day filming for the BPL History and Upgrades digital documentary. Film editing is in process and should be complete within the next two weeks.

State Report now due Feb. 26 (2021), with a two-week extension available upon request.

**Coronavirus Vaccine Registration**

To date we have been able to support and register 9 senior library patrons for their 1st dose of the vaccine. The process has been daunting for this population as the system requires a personal email, tech awareness, savvy, time, and above all 'patience'. Many of our patrons do not have a computer, much less an email account. Others refuse to share their email addresses for fear of fraud. It is an honor to be called upon, trusted with personal information, and given the opportunity to *do our job*. Proudly, your public library and staff continue as an important resource and service to the community.

**Professional Development:**

Planning for Town Meeting discussion, Weds Feb 10

Legal Information for Vermont Librarians and Patrons, Thurs Feb 11

Summer Programming Grant, Tues, Feb 16

**Circulation:**

**January 2021**

In house 263 items borrowed from BPL

ILL - 26 borrowed, 43 lending

Most circulated title ~ *The Vanishing Half* by Britt Bennett

## **Volunteers:**

Thank You Jill Baron and Billy Brigsten of Bright Sun Kitchen for a successful opening of *Spicing it Up @ the Library* monthly program. We received multiple emails from participants thanking us and looking forward to the next event!

## **Maintenance**

Vermont collection reshelving is complete

## **Grant Awards:**

BPL received \$1500 from the VT Community Foundation "to support community libraries in enhancing public internet access through the purchase and upgrade of..." tech related strategies...

## **Programs:**

**POEMTOWN 2021** planning is underway.

Calling all poets! PoemTown is coming in April!

PoemTown is a town wide event that displays poetry on local business storefronts as a way to celebrate National Poetry Month. With poems displayed in our downtown windows, it is our goal to make poetry accessible to our community and to inspire new readers and writers of poetry.

Poets of all ages submit their poems for display. Please send submissions to [poemtown@bradfordvtlibrary.org](mailto:poemtown@bradfordvtlibrary.org) by March 15th.

**Monthly Poetry Club** meets via ZOOM each 1st Weds

Join the Bradford Public Library's monthly poetry circle on Wednesday from 3-4 on Zoom. For monthly Poetry Circle go to <http://bit.ly/BPLPoetryCircle>. Come with a poem to share or just come and listen.

**BPL Reads! Book Club** ~ We will be reading Brit Bennett's "*The Vanishing Half*" and joining together for a Zoom discussion on Wednesday, February 24th. Call or email the library to request a copy of the book and to register for the Zoom gathering.

## **Spice it up @ the Library!**

Join us for an exploration of taste and add dimension to your cooking. On the 1st Thursday of the month, Feb 4 - June 3, a guest chef will present a spice of the month via ZOOM at 6:30pm. First up ~ On March 4 we will meet Jette and Zaka from Calabash Gardens of Newbury VT to learn about SAFFRON. Monthly spice samples will be available to participants at the library. Join us at <https://bit.ly/BradfordPublicLibraryProgram> for the Zoom gathering.

## **Craft Kits**

Children's craft kits will be available for curbside pick up during the February 23 - 27 school break.