



March 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.

Orange County Director's Mtg ~ Tuesday March 9

Coronavirus Vaccine Registration

To date we have been able to support and register 12 senior library patrons for their 1st dose of the vaccine. There have been no requests since moving to the next level, age group 65+.

Professional Development:

March 4, Evaluating Program Success in a World Gone Virtual

March 10, 17, 24, Children's Literacy Conference (CLiF)

March 11, Summer Reading Plan & Share

March 11, How To Set Your Nonprofit Up for Social Media Fundraising Success

March 24, Libraries of the Upper Valley MTG, DVD Rotation

Circulation:

February 2021

In house 430 items borrowed from BPL

ILL - 39 borrowed, 48 lending

Most circulated title , a 3-way tie!

A Stranger at the Door by Jason Pinter

The Vanishing Half by Britt Bennett

The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah

VIDEO: A Gem of a Building

The video has been a success receiving positive response with 309 views to date.

Thank you Liam Generoux, and Alden Weiss.

Donations:

BPL received a case of 2280 disposable surgical face masks from William (Bill) Bohnyak Sheriff of Orange County. Masks will be available to patrons at the door, possible programs.

Grant Applications:

Summer Performers ~ \$200 to support summer programming for children, teens and families
CLiF Summer Readers ~ Storytelling presentation and book give-away for families

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 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 ~ Books will arrive mid March for our next group discussion. We will be reading "*The Book of Speculation*" by Erika Swyler and joining together for a Zoom discussion in April. Call or email the library to request a copy of the book and join the Zoom gathering at <https://bit.ly/BradfordPublicLibraryProgram>.

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 April 1 we will meet Chef David from *Wicked Awesome BBQ* in WRJ VT to learn about CUMIN. Monthly spice samples will be available to participants at the library. Join us at <https://bit.ly/BradfordPublicLibraryProgram> for the Zoom gathering.

Craft Kits

The February Family Fun Kits were a success during the February break as librarians prepared and handed out 44 kits. Kits included a collection of 5 or more books to borrow and a craft kit for each child. February kits were *Build a Pinecone Bird-feeder*, or a *Grow a Crystal Snowflake*. Requests were made from current patrons, and introduced new patrons to the library. Others reconnected and renewed their accounts. March Family Fun Kits will include a *Shamrock tissue paper suncatcher*, and *Lucky Leprechaun Green Slime* !