



May 2021
Librarian's Report
Bradford Public Library

Administrative:

The library opened its doors to the public on May 4 by appointment and with limited occupancy for 15 minute browsing time during the hours listed below. Computer use is also available by appointment during these hours. Tuesday 10-1 ,Wednesday & Thursday 1-7, Friday 11-4 , Saturday 10-1. Call (802) 222-4536 to schedule computer use for 30 minutes. Masks are required as well as observing a physical distance of 6 feet from others. Curbside continues by calling the library at (802) 222-4536, or email request@bradfordvtlibrary.org

Statewide

Open Status	
Closed	2 (1%)
Staff Only	74 (46%)
By Appointment	32 (20%)
Open	54 (33%)

Professional Development:

Vermont State Parks & Trails presentation about the Vermont State Parks to prepare for summer with a presentation providing an overview of summer opportunities at the Vermont State Parks and State Forests. This will include how to use the tools on the State Parks website to help you locate state parks and trails in your area. The Vermont Department of Libraries also works with the State Parks and we receive State Parks passes again for summer 2021.

Circulation:

April 2021

In house 309 items borrowed from BPL
ILL - 52 borrowed, 59 lending
GMLC audio/ebook - 284 checkouts

Grant Applications submitted:

Dollar General ~ \$4000, to purchase the newest edition AWE Literacy All in One computer station for the Children's Room. (Quote \$3917)

VT Changemakers Grant ~ \$5000 support will allow the Bradford Public Library to partner with Calabash Gardens and host a retreat on 9/24 - 25. The event will feature guest chef Omar Chavez, who will create a fine dining experience to be shared among migrant workers and other BIPOC locals at no charge. Veronica Robles Mariachi Quartet will enliven the meal with an all-woman musical and dance experience. Saturday will feature local resident Kenya Lazuli, a multi-faceted visual artist who will host a workshop in the morning. Rajnii Eddins, a well-known Vermont-based poet, will give a reading and poetry workshop in the afternoon. Chef Chavez will provide a simple yet elegant breakfast for those who stayed the night, and fresh and delicious lunch in between the two workshops.

Grants Awarded:

Summer performers Grant ~ VT Department of Libraries, \$200> Summer Programming, August Kite program

Fair Housing Project~ 30 Art Kits including canvas panel, paints & brushes, Art activity prompts, Fair Housing info/resources

Plant-a-Seed kits from Slow Food USA~ We are one of ten libraries across the state that received these kits. The Plant a Seed campaign invites you to bring biodiversity, flavor and history into their gardens. Each of the five varieties in this year's kit comes from a unique grower and landscape, and tells a story of plants and people. The Plant-a-Seed campaign opens a door to understand the importance of biodiversity and issues of food sovereignty through the cultivation and journey of seeds.

CLiF Summer Readers ~ Guest author storytelling event and free books for children

Donations:

VT Dept of Lib ~ Box of brand new Childrens and YA titles for giveaway events.

Volunteers:

Patron Anna Peart will be volunteering her time on Weds from 4 - 8 pm.
Thank you Arvid for weekly recycling!

Programs:

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.

Gardening Series at Boch Park

May 8, 10 am ~ Let's Get Gardening!

Join Katie Cole in a seed starting workshop for all ages! Katie is an avid gardener, a UVM Extension Master Gardener in training, and is the farm to School Coordinator for Bradford Elementary School. All starting materials and seeds donated by the High Mowing Organic Seed Company will be available to start for your garden. During this fun, interactive session we will discuss some tips that will help you produce successful seed starts, the timing of sowing certain seeds, what growing medium to use, different types of lighting, watering frequency, and how and when to transplant. Let's get growing!

May 22, 10 am ~ Composting 101 with Bessie Sandberg of the Sandberg Farm

Learn the basics of composting with Bessie Sandberg of The Sandberg Farm. Reuse your food scraps in ways that benefit the environment rather than harm it. Through composting we can create clean soil for our yards and gardens, and in compliance with Vermont's Universal Recycling and Food Scraps Ban.

SUPPORT SUMMER PROGRAMING!

Celebrate the season and support summer programming by entering a **RAFFLE** to win a Soil Saver Compost Bin, a Load of Compost, or a Six Pack of Herbs!

Raffle tickets are \$5 each, or 5 for \$20. You can also purchase a trash-can-composter from the library for \$30. Call the library at 222-4536, or email request@bradfordvtlibrary.org for raffle tickets and information.

Special Thanks to Katie Cole, Bessie and the Sandberg Farm, and the Central VT Waste Management.

BPL Reads! Book Club ~ We will be discussing "*Klara and the Sun*" by Kazuo Ishiguro.

Join the discussion via ZOOM on Weds evening, May 19, at 6:30 PM

LINK : <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 a guest chef will present a spice of the month via ZOOM at 6:30pm. On June 3 we will meet Chef Martin from Ariana's restaurant in Lyme NH. to learn about GINGER. Join us at <https://bit.ly/BradfordPublicLibraryProgram> for the Zoom gathering.

Family Fun Kit

This year Vermont celebrates Arbor Day on May 7th. The *May Family Fun Kit* includes a Vermont tree Guide, Tree Crafts Instruction sheet, Tree Scavenger Hunt, and a Sugar Maple Grow Kit (seeds, peat pot, growing instructions)