



**August 2021
Librarian's Report
Bradford Public Library**

Administrative:

The library is open for normal operating hours, no appointment needed. Masks are not required for entry but encouraged for those who have not yet been vaccinated. Zero curbside requests were made during the month of July.

Statewide

Open Status		Patron Mask Requirement	
Closed	1 (1%)	Required - All	18 23%
Staff Only	19 (12%)	Required - Unvaccinated	24 31%
By Appointment	8 (5%)	Required - Some Ages/Spaces	5 6%
Open	136 (83%)	Recommended - All	1 1%
		Recommended - Unvaccinated	7 9%
		Recommended - Some Ages/Spaces	1 6%
		No Guidance	22 28%

Masking requirement is new to statewide data collection. These results for masking represent input from 78 libraries.

Library events are now being posted

Professional Development:

Interlibrary Loan Roundtable- August 5th~ Betsy attended this quarterly meeting

Vermont Online Library (VOL) - 8/23 Feedback session, to gather actionable data to better serve our needs with these electronic resources.

Vermont Health Connect Overview for Librarians - 8/24 Intro to resources and enrollment procedures with Molly Waldstein, Outreach & Education Coordinator, Vermont Health Connect.

Grants:

BPL has received the 2021-22 CLiF Rural Libraries Grant. In the upcoming year, your library and school will receive the following:

- \$2,000 worth of brand-new children's books for your library
- \$500 worth of brand-new children's books for the local elementary school's library

- Two storytelling presentations (one in the fall, one in the spring) for all elementary school students
- Two storytelling presentations (one in the fall, one in the spring) for local childcare/preschool programs of your choosing
- The opportunity for all elementary school students to select two new books of their choice at the spring storytelling event
- The opportunity for all preschoolers to select two new books of their choice at both storytelling events
- \$250 grant to support a program initiative in your library

Completed and submitted the ARPA Funds grant for \$4111.27. BPL budgeted items exceeded the BPL allotment by \$32.67 which will be paid for by BPL.

BPL received two free children's books from VELI/Vt Humanities.

Circulation:

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In house 1027 items borrowed from BPL (↑)

July inhouse circulation doubled since opening the doors, and now again...

ILL - 52 borrowed, 67 lending (↓↑)

GMLC audio/ebook - 287 checkouts (=)

Program Collaborations

CLiF- A visit from the Children's Literacy program brought around 150 children, adults and a few dogs. All children chose 2 FREE brand new 'quality' books to keep for their home collection.

Story Hour:

Story Hour on 8/6 had a guest puppeteer, local 14 year old Levi Stone. Levi has a personal interest in puppetry that he has been nurturing at the library, and this collaboration gave him a chance to put his research and practice into action. Big thanks to Levi and the BPL librarians who have helped him through some tough personal issues. His involvement with BPL is putting him on a good path.

Programs:

Children who have completed personal reading challenges have earned a coupon for a FREE ice cream cone from Bliss Village Deli and a Bakugan action figure. Everytime a child comes to the library they may enter the drawing for a 1368 piece LEGO set (donated by Tony Brainerd) The drawing will take place the day before the school year begins on August 25.

CLiF Summer Readers



Close to 150 children, dogs, and adults attended the CLiF Storytelling and Book Giveaway held at Elizabeth's park on August 4. Thank You Duncan McDougall, and the Children's Literacy Foundation *Summer Readers* grant award!

KITES! Tuesday, August 17, 10:00am

At this final Summer Reading Program event Kurt Valenta will teach us about the kite through-out history, the materials with which they were constructed and what they have been used for through the ages. We will finish up by making a simple kite to take home.

Monthly Poetry Club Poetry Circle is held at the library 1st Wednesday of each month at 3:00 pm. Watch for changes to this schedule for special events! The option to participate via Zoom is also available. Join others to listen, read, and enjoy poetry together.

BPL Reads! Book Club ~ Books are in! We will be discussing "*Migrations*" by Charlotte McConaghy which are available at the library for our discussion on September 15.

Spice it up @ the Library! August 5

The August and final summer spice program was all about MUSTARD SEED on August 5. via ZOOM at <https://bit.ly/BradfordPublicLibraryProgram>. Participants have requested that we continue this program after a short break allowing us to seek and invite new guest chefs for this popular program.

August Family Fun Kit includes everything you need to build a mini Woodland Garden! Kits are available to take home throughout the month or as supplies last.

Friday Morning Story Hour being held at Elizabeth's Park weather permitting. These outdoor events continue to be very popular each week.