



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

Administrative:

The library has resumed normal operating hours, no appointment needed. Masks are no longer required for entry but encouraged for those who have not yet been vaccinated. Very few curbside requests have been made.

Gail is representing the library on the steering committee for the Bradford Community Visit sponsored by the Vermont Council on Rural Development. (www.vtrural.org) The purpose of the Community Visit program is to engage and bring together all members of the community to set common goals and directions in a neutral and facilitated structure, and to access necessary resources to move forward and take action on those goals. VCRD provides the structure and neutral facilitation.

Step one took place on Tuesday, June 29 bringing local business owners, and some community leaders who are committed to this process and opportunity for Bradford. The second step of this three step process will take place on Weds, July 28 with open forums for citizens to set and participate in community goals. BPL will offer childcare by way of three story hour program sessions, 2:30-4, 4:15 - 5:45, and 7-8:30 to support parents. A community wide dinner is a part of this process that day taking place at the Grace Methodist Church from 6- 7pm. Step three moves the goals forward and keeps the community informed on the progress with support from VCRD throughout.

Statewide

Open Status	
Closed	1 (1%)
Staff Only	27 (17%)
By Appointment	17 (10%)
Open	117 (72%)

Professional Development:

July 6 ~ ARPA Grant Webinar - librarians attended this webinar required in order to be eligible for this funding available to help us make one-time equipment and supply purchases (pending IMLS approval*).

July 19~ Quarterly LUV Meeting- Betsy/Gail, Discussion with Suzanne Brown on how to effectively run a book discussion.

Grants:

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for Purchases and Supplies. BPL is eligible for \$4111.27. Funds were allocated based on a formula that includes a base dollar amount per person served, poverty and unemployment factors in the library's service area, and broadband availability. BPL will use this money to update the staff computers with one 2021 iMAC at the circulation desk, and one 2021 Microsoft Surface laptop totaling \$4076.54. The remaining \$34.73 will be used to purchase program supplies.

Circulation:

June 2021

In house 711 items borrowed from BPL (↑)

inhouse circulation has doubled since opening the doors

ILL - 78 borrowed, 60 lending (↑)

GMLC audio/ebook - 287 checkouts (↑)

Donations:

Family members of Dorothy Cole were in and appreciate the placement of her painting and plaque in the new conference room.



Special Services: We are working to connect elderly, homebound people to large print and audiobook services through the ABLE library. We now understand the application system, are authorized to certify applications, and we are already signing people up.

Program Collaboration

Working with the Bradford Community Visit and VCRD, BPL will offer childcare by way of three story hour program sessions, 2:30-4, 4:15 - 5:45, and 7-8:30 so that parents will be able to attend the discussions.

BPL and the Children's Literacy program (CLiF) Summer Readers Event July 20

Volunteers:



We have two youth volunteers! Arden Schlager, Emma Colbeth, and most recently Hadley Kistler help shelve books, sweep steps, water plants and assist at story hour for an average 10 hrs total each week! The girls have also taken over painting the Little Libraries...

Adult volunteer Anna Part is enjoying her volunteer hours and has committed to the Vermont Librarian Certification program

Programs:

UVEE: Free Meals

Funding has been extended through September providing free meals to the community through the library.

Storyteller Simon Brooks and FREE Book Give Away July 20 at 10:30 am

Sponsored by CLiF and BPL. All children receive two free books to keep for their home libraries promoting a love for books and reading.

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 discussing "*The Island of Sea Women*" by Lisa See.

Join the discussion via ZOOM on Weds evening, July 21, at 6:30 PM

LINK : <https://bit.ly/BradfordPublicLibraryProgram> .

Spice it up @ the Library!

The Spice program continues to engage a local and out of town audience. On July 5 , Guest Chef Bruce McLeod from the *Carpenter and Main Restaurant* in Norwich Vermont talked about SUMAC. The August program will be about MUSTARD SEED. Join us via ZOOM at <https://bit.ly/BradfordPublicLibraryProgram> for the Zoom gathering.

July Family Fun Kit includes everything you need to build a Rubber Band Helicopter!

Friday Morning Story Hour being held at Elizabeth's Park weather permitting. These outdoor events continue to be very popular with around 50 children and adults each week! This friday we will read books about Gravity and make