



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

Administrative:

The library is open, no appointment needed and with limited occupancy for 15 minute browsing time during the hours listed below. Computer use is available during these hours. Tuesday 10-1 ,Wednesday & Thursday 1-7, Friday 11-4 , Saturday 10-1. 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

PPP Loan was signed by Tony Brainerd and submitted for forgiveness through Wells River Savings Bank on Friday, May21

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Statewide

Open Status	
Closed	2 (1%)
Staff Only	47 (29%)
By Appointment	30 (19%)
Open	83 (51%)

Professional Development:

Vt Early Literacy(VELI) book talks- VELI has joined forces with the Vermont Humanities Council. Discussion focused on newly published children's titles for 2020-21.

Overdrive Webinar: easy Breezy Books to head off Summer Slide for juvenile and young adult readers.

6/4 presentation by Kathryn Wrigley from Forest, Parks, and Recreation providing an overview of summer opportunities for everyone at the Vermont State Parks and State Forests including how to use the tools on the State Parks website to locate state parks and trails in your area. BPL has 2021 FREE entry passes for carloads of up to 8 people to state day use areas and historic sites. available for lending again this year.

6/17 Watershed Explorer Education ~Unboxing Kit Training

BPL applied for and received two kits designed to give families an opportunity to explore our watershed. The Watershed Explorer kits and challenge booklets are published by Watershed Alliance, a Lake Champlain Sea Grant Partnership with UVM Extension and SUNY Plattsburgh. Patrons will borrow these hands on science activity kits to use scientific methods and equipment to conduct water quality field assessments.

Circulation:

May 2021

In house 456 items borrowed from BPL (↑)

ILL - 52 borrowed, 62 lending (↑)

GMLC audio/ebook - 258 checkouts (↓)

Program Cost Collaboration

BPL formed a successful collaboration with the Bradford Parks and Recreation, the Mentoring Project, and the Bradford Fairgrounds Committee to broaden community outreach and save on program and advertising costs.

Donations:

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

Volunteers:

Thank you trustee volunteers for supporting the May Gardening Series events, Raffle sales, and Yard sale!

Say hello to Anna Peart. Anna is a wife, and the mother of a four year old. Her professional background is in Human Services. Working at Upper Valley Services introduced Anna to BPL and she loves this library! Say hello to Anna next time you stop in on Weds evening from 4-8 PM.

Thank you Arvid for stopping by the library just in time to help install the air conditioners, and troubleshoot the telephone line / connection.

Programs:

BES Kindergarten

On June 4 the BES Kindergarten classes visited the children's room and Ms Gail happily read stories to children for the first time in over a year. Children were introduced to the library, reacquainted with Ms Gail, and chose a free brand new book to take home and keep along with a letter to families inviting them to become patrons, take advantage of library resources, and attend the many programs we offer for all ages.

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.

Jeff Boyer's Big Bubble Bonanza ~ Saturday, June 12, 10:30 am at the Fairgrounds! Free Fun for ALL AGES. See the newest, funniest, zany spectacular from world-famous, Guinness Book of World Record-holding, Master Bubble Wrangler Jeff Boyer, as he takes

bubbles to the max with big bubble flair! Mixing comedy, music, and interactive bubble-magic, Jeff engages and delights audiences of all ages with a sensory friendly bubble extravaganza for the whole family! The program will be held outdoors on the fairground stage. In the event of rain we will move inside the fairground exhibit hall.

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!

Join us for an exploration of taste and add dimension to your cooking. Program participants were eager to switch the date and time to accommodate the schedule of our guest chef this month as restaurants begin to reopen for a busy season. On June 13 we will meet Chef Martin from Ariana's restaurant in Lyme NH. to learn about GINGER. Join us via ZOOM at 1:00 pm., at <https://bit.ly/BradfordPublicLibraryProgram> for the Zoom gathering.

Family Fun Kit

The June Family Fun Kit includes a set of paints, brushes, and a canvas to paint a picture of what you love most about SUMMER!