



October 2021

Librarian's Report

Bradford Public Library

Administrative:

The library is open for normal operating hours, no appointment needed. Due to the rise in case numbers and to help protect our young and vulnerable patrons, we ask everyone to please wear a mask in the library. Masks and hand sanitizer are available in the lobby.

Librarians registered thirteen new residents as library patrons in September. The fall weather and stunning foliage have brought many visitors into the library as well. The updated Library History tri-fold and Annual Appeal letters have been shared and are on display at the circulation desk.

Statewide

All VT public libraries are now open with four by appointment only, and seven with staff only. Masking requirements remain at 61% throughout the state.

Professional Development:

Vermont Early Literacy Initiative (VELI) Care Provider training has been rescheduled for Weds, Oct 27, via ZOOM. Gail will attend and support this training to connect with area providers. BPL will serve as a pick-up spot for book sets given to participants and will receive a set of books for the library collection as well.

Grants:

ARPA funding official contract is expected some time in October allowing us to make purchases earmarked for BPL "one time purchase" allocation.

Donations

BPL received a brand new thermal laminator from Little Rivers Health Care(LRHC) through the Prevention Council of Excellence Grant. Part of their award is in support of local organizations such as BPL who engage with youth.

Technology

Our BPL Poetry Circle hosted [Scudder Parker](#) on Oct 6 for a reading and discussion. Five Circle members plus the Parkers were 'in house' and masked. We invited the community to join us live via ZOOM. We had a very successful maiden voyage with our new [Meeting Owl Pro](#). A total of eight virtual participants were able to hear and join the discussions from the comfort of their homes. I can see this being very effective for more programming and meetings.

Circulation:

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In house 742 items borrowed from BPL (↓ slightly)

ILL - 95 borrowed, 124 lending (↑)

GMLC audio/ebook - 280 checkouts (↓ slightly)

Programs:

The library has scheduled two community group meetings needing a meeting space and access to the internet this month. Our new lift, ADA compliant public restroom, and open internet access are a recognizable asset to the community at large.

Curiosity Cabinet and Gallery

Caleb Peters Art Show in the Reading Room will remain through October. The PEZ collection borrowed from Linda Vitale was a huge hit for all ages! If anyone has a small collection to share in our locked cabinet please let us know.

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

BPL Reads! Book Club ~is reading and will discuss *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. The group discussion will take place via ZOOM on November 17, 2021

October Family Fun Kit - Halloween Lego Challenge, Kids scoop a cupful of lego's from the bin and build a Bat, Gift Box, Witch's Hat, Mummy, Skeleton, and Vampire!

Friday Morning Story Hour continues at Elizabeth's Park weather permitting.

