September 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.

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Masking requirements are on the rise throughout the state. 87% of VT libraries are open to the public.

Professional Development:

9/9/2021- Getting Started with Libby and Overdrive
9/20/2021- LUV Meeting and materials exchange
9/22/2021- Using Fair Pay and Benefits to create a thriving library

Grants:

BPL received $3000 as fiscal sponsor for Calabash Gardens Corp. from the VT Community Foundation Community Spark Award supporting the Festival of Leaves community cultural exchange event.

We should receive word on the status of the Youth Literacy Dollar General Grant application on Sept 16, fingers crossed!

Rural Libraries Grant ~ Gail is coordinator of this award with the elementary school and the Valley CoOperative Preschool organizing in house collection awards and scheduling guest author visits and books giveaways for fall & spring events. BPL chooses $2000 worth of new children’s books for BPL from a list of 1000.

ARPA Grant contracts should arrive in early October. When we receive the signed contract, we may order our requested items for reimbursement totalling $4111.27.
Donations
BES paraprofessional Polly Bonanol donated a case of hand sanitizer to BPL from the Town of Haverhill.

Vermont Early Literacy donated 30 quality hardcover picture books for the Dragon Egg Hunt prize. The hunt has been rescheduled for October taking place during the Bradford Business Association Fall Festival.

Volunteers
Thank you Arvid Johnson for keeping the walkway across from the library, and along Main Street clear of weeds and tall grasses!

Thank you trustees Arvid, Tony, Sean, and Brad for replacing the ADA automatic door opener at the North entry.

Circulation:
August reports
In house 1084 items borrowed from BPL (↑)
ILL - 83 borrowed, 63 lending (↑ ↓)
GMLC audio/ebook - 299 checkouts (↑)

Programs:
Curiosity Cabinet and Gallery
Month of September- Caleb Peters Art Show in the Reading Room
Month of September: PEZ Collection displays, thanks to Linda Vitale

9/25/2021 Festival of the Leaves
**SPECIAL EVENT** Saturday, September 25 ~ Bradford Public Library and Calabash Gardens present the 'Festival of the Leaves' honoring our migrant workers through food, art, and culture at the local saffron farm on Fish Pond Rd in Wells River VT. Activities include: a poetry workshop with Rajinii Eddins; Art with Kenya Lazuli, and Children's stories with Ms. Gail. An elegant lunch and dinner buffet will be prepared by Chef Saybe, and dance music will be provided by the vaudou jazz fusion band 'Bojo Music.' Funded in part by the High Meadows Fund and the VT Change Makers table program, Vt Humanities, Calabash Gardens, and the Bradford Public Library, this all day, outdoor celebration is FREE and open to the public. Call or email the library for more information. For directions, and to register email calabashgardens@gmail.
Poetry Circle meets at 6 pm on October 6 for a special reading with SCUDDER PARKER. Bradford Public Library welcomes poet Scudder Parker for a poetry reading on this evening at 6PM in the library. Learn more about him at https://www.scudderparker.net/ and https://www.rootstockpublishing.com/authors/scudder-parker.

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 such as tonight! The option to participate via Zoom is also available. Join others to listen, read, and enjoy poetry together.

BPL Reads! Book Club ~ gathered and discussed "Migrations" by Charlotte McConaghy on September 15 via ZOOM.

September Family Fun Kit - Start your own PEZ Collection, thanks to Linda Vitale

Friday Morning Story Hour Due to COVID cases at the Bradford schools and local daycares, story time had been suspended for two weeks. 9/16 we will continue at Elizabeth's Park weather permitting.