



**January 2022  
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.

Annual Appeal letters are on display at the circulation desk.

Bradford Town Report was *respectfully submitted* to Bradford Admin Assistant Danielle Robinson on Dec 29 via email.

**Statewide**

Of 127 Vermont libraries, all are open. 2% are by appointment, and 4% are staff only. 74% Require masking, 9% Recommend, the rest depend on age and vaccination status.

**Indoor Programming (63 responding)**

<b>Indoor Programming</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
All Ages	28	44%
Adults Only	15	24%
Children Only	5	8%
No Indoor Programming	15	24%
Require Registration	#	%
Yes	14	32%
Some Programs	15	34%
No	15	34%
Limit Attendance	#	%
Yes	19	41%
Some Programs	7	15%
No	20	43%

**Professional Development:**

Annual One Card mtg ~ Jan 14

Orange County Library Directors Mtg ~ date TBD

**Grants:**

\$250 CLiF mini grant awarded to support materials for Family Fun Kits

**Donations**

\$1000 gift donation from Marcey Carver honoring Aunt Marge/Children's Fund

## Welcome Volunteers!

Susanne Bazzell is home from college through January earning volunteer hours with us toward her resume and Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. Susanne is shelving returns and organizing our stacks.

Sarah Spira of Groton VT will volunteer to further develop and refine her skill sets in the process of transitioning her career from special librarianship to public librarianship. Sarah is very familiar with WORDPRESS and can help librarians learn to better use this tool.

## Technology

All WiFi extenders have been installed reaching the front parking lot, Boch Park and Children's Room. Scott Welch of Great Planning Tech is volunteering his time and updating Windows PC's.

## Circulation:

December reports

In house 644 items borrowed from BPL (↑)

ILL - 67 borrowed, 88 lending (↓)

GMLC audio/ebook - 278 checkouts (↓)

## Programs:

### BPL READS!

Book Discussion Schedule for Vermont Reads 2021: We Contain Multitudes by Sarah Henstra.

Pick up a FREE copy today and join these ZOOM Discussions!

Baldwin Memorial - Jan 11, 7:00pm, <https://bit.ly/BaldwinMemorial>

Bradford Public Library - Jan, 19, 6:30pm, <https://bit.li/BradfordPublicLibraryProgram>

Blake Memorial Library - Jan 20, 6:30pm, <https://bit.ly/BMLBookDiscussion>

### BPL Paints! Special program

January 7, 10am

Meet Chris Wilson and see how he creates small paintings of the landscape from his vehicle through winter months. Meet each Friday at 10:00am beginning January 7. Participants bring a pen or pencil and a small sketchpad. Chris has been a botany teaching assistant, and taught a horticulture course at the Hartford Adult Education program. Chris will lead the group painting scenes from their cars in the Bradford area.

**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 PAINTS!** This informal group meets downstairs every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 5-7:30. No painting experience required, participants bring their own materials and supplies.

**FREE MEALS** are available each week prepared by The Little Grill through March. This program is sponsored by the Upper Valley Everyone Eats (UVEE) program which pays Vermont restaurants \$10/meal to prepare free meals for Vermonters in need.

**Story Hour** ~ We hope to resume this program indoors after the ARC Mechanical Contractors Inc. service the ERV system and COVID-19 numbers decline

