



**November 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.

Annual Appeal letters are on display at the circulation desk.

2021 Holiday Closures

2022 Closures

Thanksgiving Eve close 4-8pm	Weds Or Fri?	New Years	Sat
Thanksgiving Day	Thurs	Thanksgiving Eve close 4-8pm	Weds Or Fri?
Christmas Eve	Fri	Thanksgiving Day	Thurs
Christmas Day	Sat	Christmas Eve	Sat
NewYears Eve	Fri	NewYears Eve	Sat

Statewide

65% of all public libraries in Vermont require patrons and staff to wear a mask indoors. This includes BPL.

Professional Development:

Vermont Early Literacy Initiative (VELI) November 30, via ZOOM.

Libraries of the Upper Valley (LUV) annual meeting , November 15.

Grants:

ARPA funds have been approved and granted allowing us to make purchases earmarked for BPL "one time purchase" allocation. New Circ desk computer Microsoft (Windows) Laptop have been ordered and will arrive in the coming weeks.

Part I of the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) grant awarded to BPL will take place at the Valley Cooperative Preschool, and Bradford Elementary School on Monday, November 15. A storytelling presentation, book giveaway, and \$2000 worth of children's books for BPL, as well as \$500 for BES collections are part of this award.

Donations

Gail participated in an online survey and was rewarded with a \$50.00 Amazon credit toward BPL account.

Technology

Meeting Owl is being used and greatly appreciated 'inhouse' by library patrons

Circulation:

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In house 745 items borrowed from BPL (↓slightly)

ILL - 93 borrowed, 89 lending (↓slightly)

GMLC audio/ebook - 275 checkouts (↓slightly)

Programs:

BPL READS! will discuss *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer on Weds, November 17, via ZOOM at 6:30pm.

****A community screening of the documentary *GATHER*** will take place on Friday, November 19, 6:00pm. The film is an intimate portrait of the growing movement amongst Native Americans to reclaim their spiritual, political and cultural identities through food sovereignty, while battling the trauma of centuries of genocide. This film will be shown following the sharing of locally harvested squash soup and fresh bread in the Bradford Academy auditorium and in collaboration with BPL and the Bradford Resiliency Task Force. Library programs are FREE and open to the community.

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 through December prepared by The Little Grill through December. 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. A recent uptick in requests for food has us double the number of meals we provide at BPL.

Story Hour ~ small groups are coming together in the children's room for story hour. As the program regains popularity, we will offer two sessions keeping numbers down. Masks will be required.

Family Fun Kits ~ Make a pinecone turkey for your Thanksgiving celebration!