



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

Administrative:

The library is open for normal operating hours, no appointment needed. 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.

The Vermont State Annual Report is underway. The annual report provides a broad statistical summary of a year in the life of a public library, from visitation and programming, to finances and staffing, to circulation and holdings (both physical and digital). The report is submitted each year by every public library, and is used to help plan for the future, and to document the significance of libraries throughout the nation. Gail, Laura, and Karen are on task for fiscal year 2020.

2021 Holiday Closures

Christmas Eve	Fri
Christmas Day	Sat
NewYears Eve	Fri
New Years Day	Sat

Snow Removal is being done by local resident Travis Durkee again this year.

Statewide service Report

Baldwin Memorial Library in Wells River moved to 'by appointment' in November due to the spike in cases overall, local outbreaks, a difficulty to enforce capacity limits and maintain ventilation during cold weather.

Staff Only = 8 libraries

By Appointment = 3 libraries

Open = 155 libraries

Professional Development:

Children's Literacy Conference, 12/1 & 12/2.

- Singing a Story-Telling a Song-Creating a Language Rich Story Time.
- Live intro to CLiF presenters, new books from VT/NH based children's book authors.
- ZOOM tips and virtual storytelling

Grants:

ARPA funds have been approved and granted allowing us to make purchases earmarked for BPL "one time purchase" allocation. New Circ desk iMAC computer and Microsoft (Windows) Laptop have arrived. New phones and scanners are next to be ordered!

BPL received over 100 new children's books as part I of the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) Rural Library grant award. Due to publishing delays a few titles continue to trickle in and are cataloged and shelf ready! .

Technology

New staff computers are up and running!

Circulation:

November reports

In house 623 items borrowed from BPL (↓)

ILL - 95 borrowed, 118 lending (↑ ↑)

GMLC audio/ebook - 288 checkouts (↑)

Donations

Special thanks to our local banks for the lovely holiday decorations!

Double holiday wreaths ~ Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank

Poinsettia ~ Community Bank

Holiday Tree ~ Wells River Savings Bank

Kombucha for a Cause

This year Mamma Boocho, a newly established Vermont kombucha company, is donating \$2 to BPL for every \$20 4-pack of kombucha sold. The new flavor *Hibiscus Lime* is Gail's favorite! Other flavors include Strawberry Rose, Golden Tumeric, Green Tea Ginger, Jamaican Orange, and Winter Bliss. Orders may be placed through Dec 20, to be picked up at the library between 12 - 2 pm on December 22nd. Thank you MommaBoocha!

Volunteers

We have coordinated with the Upper Valley Services-Work Unlimited program working with a young local woman and her support professional through the Voc Rehab's Work Experience program. This program allows the individual to be paid current Vermont minimum wage by the state while working at BPL. Olivia will help with light cleaning, shelving books, and other tasks on Weds and Fridays for 8 weeks.

Programs:

Vermont READS 2021

Pick up a copy of *We Contain Multitudes* by Sarah Henstra. *BPL Reads Book Discussion Group* will meet on Zoom at 7:00 on Wednesday, January 19th. Watch for programs and events throughout Vermont in coming months.

Curiosity Cabinet features a collection of antique carved Springerle cookie presses. Historians trace these cookies back to Julefest, a midwinter celebration of pagen Germanic tribes. Stop by

the library to view the collection, it's history, and take home a traditional Springerle recipe. Thank you to local community member Anita Fahni-Minear for sharing this interesting exhibit!

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. Meet special guest artist Chris Wilson and learn how he creates small paintings from his vehicle at 10:00 am on December 17. Plan to meet Chris each Friday beginning January 7th. Participants should bring a pencil or pen and small sketchbook.

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 ~ We have again decided to postpone even small groups of children through the holiday season.

Family Fun Kits ~ Holiday decorations!