



**February 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.

Gail will sit on a panel for VT Librarians to share what we have learned about the OWL Meeting Pro and how it may help with hybrid programming. Monday, Feb 28.

There has been a significant increase in demand for free meals in our community. We now receive 25, and they are gone by Thursday.

The monthly Newsletter and BPL BookEnds emailings are greatly appreciated by our patrons!

**Statewide**

The number of libraries offering programs in house has declined in recent weeks. Those libraries that offer programs do so with limited attendance and require registration. The majority of VT libraries require masks indoors.

**Professional Development:**

ILL Quarterly Roundtable ~ February 3 , Best practices, update ILL code, CLOVER updates, courier issues discussion, etc.

Orange County Library Directors Mtg ~ Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

**Grants:**

BP will receive one Air Quality Meter, and one clear face mask from the Vermont Department of Libraries . Air Quality Meters come with a warranty, and use training.

A letter was sent to Washington Electric,(WEC Community Fund) requesting \$500 to support Bradford Poemtown'22.

Letters sent to VELI/VT Humanities requesting financial support for video editing training.

***Thank You Thank You Thank You \*\*Volunteers\*\* Thank You Thank You Thank You***

## Technology

Volunteer Sarah Spira was able to replace the **Donate** button on the BPL website. She will need to do a bit more digging to find where in the theme the calendar lies in order to remove the ghost of the previous button and remove or exchange the two.

## Circulation:

January reports

In house 693 items borrowed from BPL (↑)

ILL - 77 borrowed, 78 lending (↑↓)

GMLC audio/ebook -304 checkouts (↑)

## Programs:

### Calling All Poets! ~Bradford POEMTOWN 22

We invite poets (and would-be poets) of all ages to submit original poems for our 5th annual PoemTown and downtown display celebrating National Poetry Month in April. Submissions will be accepted through Monday, March 15th. Please send your poem to [poemtown@bradfordvtlibrary.org](mailto:poemtown@bradfordvtlibrary.org). It is our goal to make poetry accessible to our community, and to inspire new readers and writers of poetry!

### THE SPACE:CAMP, The Art of Felting

We will be hosting two groups of children on Tues - Fri during the February school vacation week. A morning session, and an afternoon session will bring up to 8 registered, vaccinated, and masked participants to the library each session. This program is in collaboration with The Space on Main.

**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!

Now reading *Agent Sonya: Moscow's Most Daring Wartime Spy*, by Ben Macintyre. Copies of the book are available at the library. [Join the BPL Zoom Meeting](#) on March 16th.

### BPL Paints! With Chris Wilson

Fridays, 10am

Meet Chris Wilson and see how he creates small paintings of the landscape from his vehicle through winter months. 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.

**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

