



**April 2022**  
**Librarian's Report**  
**Bradford Public Library**

**Administrative:**

Spring has sprung and the library is hopping! More and more folks are headed out and into the library. Folks are anxious for the new season and return to pre-pandemic life. We no longer require masks in the library, masks and hand sanitizer remain available in the lobby.

National Library Week takes place April 3-9 to celebrate our nation's libraries, library workers', and promote library use and support. BPL is one of 16,568 total libraries including branches in the U.S. Vermont has the most public libraries per capita (180) of any state in the US.

Our 5th Annual *Bradford Poem Town* is up and running! Over 112 Poems were submitted by 69 local poets of all ages. All entries are professionally formatted, printed, and hung in storefront windows through the month of April. Included in this year's celebration is a documentary film screening on the poetry of Ruth Stone which has been recognized by and will soon air on PBS, and a 3D exhibit in the library's reading room by local artist Lynn Graznok. A very special thanks to Kathy Davidow for organizing this outstanding yearly event.

**Statewide**

The number of Vermont libraries offering programs in house is on the rise with 80% offering some level of programming. To date, 50% of Vermont libraries report requiring masks.

**Grants:**

We requested and expect to receive \$500 from Washington Electric CoOperative to support the 5th Annual Bradford PoemTown.

**Technology:**

Microsoft Office 365 subscription Home license \$69.99/yr on new laptop  
*Includes 1 terabyte of storage*

We have upgraded Google storage from free 15 GB to the Basic plan = 100 GB @ \$20/yr

The OWL Meeting Pro has been used by patrons for in-house meetings, and also borrowed by Quechee Librarians.

### **Circulation:**

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In house 757 items borrowed from BPL (↑)

ILL - 119 borrowed, 84 lending (↑)

GMLC audio/ebook -288 checkouts (↑)

### **Visitor Tracking**

Jan 402

Feb 477

Mar 476

### **New Patrons**

Jan 5

Feb 5

Mar 12

### **Programs:**

#### **Bradford POEMTOWN 22**

It is our goal to make poetry accessible to our community, and to inspire new readers and writers of poetry. This year's 5th annual celebration has proven to be another success with original poems hung in storefronts, the screening of Ruth Stone's writing, and the exhibit by local artist Lynn Graznok in the reading room.

**Poetry Circle** ~ is held at the library on the 1st Wednesday of each month with the option to participate via Zoom. Join others to listen, read, and enjoy poetry together.

#### **BPL READS! May 18, 6:30 via ZOOM**

Discussing *The Life We Bury*, by Allen Eskens . Copies of the book are available now at the library. [Join the BPL Zoom Meeting](#) on May 18th.

**Curiosity Cabinet** holds a display of brooches or pins to celebrate the life of Madeleine Albright. Pins displayed are borrowed from board member Dottie Unkles, and librarian Gail Trede.

#### **Computer Basics April 31, 6:00**

Basic computer skills for learners with limited experience. This workshop will run on the last Thursday of each month. The first month we were able to have helped folks navigate Libby and the audio/eBook service and make better use of their personal devices and applications.

**FREE MEALS** continue to be made available each week prepared by The Little Grill. 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.

#### **April School Break week**

*SPACE CAMP for Kids* in collaboration with The Space on Main. BPL will offer needle felting class on Tuesday - Friday of that week for 11 registered participants.

**Story Hour** ~ Story Hour each Friday, with stories, songs and crafts each Friday at 10:00 am. A special story hour with Kris Carielli and her recent board book *Be Kind To Earth!* on April 22, and again on Green Up Day. Eleven week old *Waldei* (pronounced *Val-dee*) the library dog enjoys reading with the kids!

