



March 2022

Librarian's Report

Bradford Public Library

Administrative:

The library is open for normal operating hours, no appointment needed. We ask everyone to please wear a mask in the library. Masks and hand sanitizer are available in the lobby. Orange County transmission rate remains 'High' according to data tracking provided by the CDC.

Recent Issues /Behavior / Copy-paste this link in your web browser or access in Trustees folder

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sop3U9DMrFGjE9ywWEEj8fCO5ZKUowkevhd-pthNAw/edit?usp=sharing>

Statewide

The number of libraries offering programs in house is on the rise. Many libraries that offer programs continue to do so with limited attendance and require registration. The majority of VT libraries require masks indoors.

Professional Development:

Assisting Seniors with Tech webinar, March 9

Summer reading Planning , March 10

ALA Censorship issues, March 11

Video Editing with Brian Carroll (TBD)

Grants:

BPL received an ARANET4 air quality monitor and a pack of clear KN95 masks for working with children. The air quality monitor measures CO2 levels as well as temperature, and relative humidity. Sponsored by the VT Department of Libraries.

Gail will be reimbursed for hourly cost of Video Editing training through the Vermont Humanities-VELI initiative.

Donations:

For the month of March 2022, Bradford Public Library has been selected to receive a \$1 donation for every \$12.00 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker sold at the Bradford Hannaford's store located at 586 Lower Plain, Bradford VT.

Thank You Thank You Thank You **Volunteers Thank You Thank You Thank You**
Trustee Dottie Unkles has supported Gail on Weds evenings from 6:30 - 8pm.
Larry Coffin and Angela Conrad have also offered to assist.

Technology

The legacy OverDrive app is no longer available to download from the Apple App Store, Google Play, or the Microsoft store*. Users who have the OverDrive app (mobile or desktop) installed will still be able to use it without disruption. Later this year, we'll receive more details on how OverDrive app users will be encouraged to switch to Libby and the plans and timing for the eventual retirement of the OverDrive app.

The Vermont Department of Libraries (VTLIB) has contracted with two eBook and eAudiobook content providers, LYRASIS and Baker & Taylor. Both vendors provide a huge range of eContent from a wide variety of publishers. This collaboration will provide free access to their **Palace** app to all Vermonters through their local public libraries. The Palace app aggregates eBook and eAudiobook content from multiple vendors into a single interface, increasing access, ease of use, and appeal. The Palace app will access content from Baker & Taylor as well as from Listen Up Vermont! (LUV), the statewide eBook and eAudiobook platform administered by the [Green Mountain Library Consortium](#) (GMLC). This additional content will be appreciated by our growing number of audio/ebook users!

Circulation:

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In house 689 items borrowed from BPL (=)

ILL - 87 borrowed, 78 lending (↑)

GMLC audio/ebook -242 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. It is our goal to make poetry accessible to our community, and to inspire new readers and writers of poetry! Please send your poem to poemtown@bradfordvtlibrary.org.

Poetry Circle meets on March 2, 3:00pm. The group is growing, and 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! March 16, 6:30 via ZOOM

Discussing *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.

Author Visit, S. Lee Manning, March 17, 6:30

An award-winning short story writer, Manning is the author of international thrillers. Her life-long interests in Russia and espionage are reflected in her Kolya Petrov thrillers, *Trojan Horse* and *Nerve Attack* (Encircle Publications, 2020 and 2021). Manning is currently working on the third thriller in the Kolya Petrov series. Join this discussion at the library or via [ZOOM](#).

Computer Basics March 31, 6:00

Basic computer skills for learners with limited experience. This workshop will run on the last Thursday of each month.

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 ~ Story Hour resumes this month, March 4, with stories, songs and crafts each Friday at 10:00 am.