



June 2022

Librarian's Report

Bradford Public Library

Administrative:

New hours and additional staffing began without a hitch on May 1. We have received 'concern' from a couple of patrons over the reduction of hours. After explaining the need for additional staff and the opportunity to better serve our patrons and programming, they and others seem very happy. We have also received messages of support for the library.

Volunteer turned [recent] sub hire Anna Peart is covering the additional staffing hours. We are thrilled to have Anna on board with her enthusiasm and familiarity with our library processes. *Note: Anna Peart also has a key to the library.

Having two of us on the floor has already gained results! Not only have we been able to give folks uninterrupted attention and support, we have started a few organizational projects. Just this week three large book orders have been checked in, cataloged, covered, and shelved in one shift! We are running reports and addressing cataloging issues, weeding, and preparing to inventory the collection. Educational Kits are being revamped for the summer season, and we are giving the inhouse audiobook collection a onceover creating new space in the 'office'.

More and more patrons are requesting private space and utilizing different areas of the library for professional and legal meetings in person and online. These meetings may be confidential or simply a quiet and/or neutral setting.

Springtime is also planning time for summer programming- indoors and out!

Statewide

The numbers continue to fall with 45% of VT libraries requiring masks in their libraries. Most libraries have resumed indoor programming and of course outdoor plans are on the rise with the season. Some require registration and limit attendance. A majority will continue to offer virtual programs.

Professional Development:

InterLibrary Loan (ILL) Roundtable quarterly meeting, May 5 ~ included discussion around book discussion sets and other ILL procedures. Betsy

Libraries of the Upper Valley(LUV) quarterly meeting, May 16 ~ These meetings take place on Mondays. BPL will host this month's hibred meeting and discussion on Geneology. One reason we are asked to host the meeting is our ability to hybridize using the OWL Meeting Pro. Gail & Betsy

Grants:

Received \$300 Summer Reading Program Grant ~ from VT Dept of Libraries.

Received \$500 from Washington Electric CoOp covering Poemtown '22 costs. We will include a thank you in the upcoming newsletter.

ARPA Round II Grants to Public Libraries for Collections and Equipment Purchases has been submitted. This \$1,370.42 will be put toward the cost of the Children's Literacy Station. The remainder will be paid for through the Marcey Carver funds as previously approved by the board at the December 9, 2021 meeting.

Technology:

Purchased an annual subscription to Microsoft 365 Personal (\$70/year)

Curiosity Cabinet

May features a collection of Elephants! Board member Dottie Unkles shares elephant figurines loved and collected by her mother from around the world.

Circulation:

April Reports

In house 610 items borrowed from BPL (↓)

ILL - 112 borrowed, 105 lending (↓)

GMLC audio/ebook 154 checkouts (↓)

Visitor Tracking

Jan 402

Feb 477

Mar 476

Apr 596

New Patrons

Jan 5

Feb 5

Mar 12

Apr 7

Programs:

Public Performance Site License- Swank Movie Licensing USA

We have been issued a 2022 performance site license by the copywriter owners of multiple Hollywood Studios. This gives us permission to show movies inside the library under copyright law.

State Park Passes have been made available to our patrons good for FREE entry into State Historic Sites, and State Park day use areas.

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! July 21, 6:30 via ZOOM

Discussing *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr . Copies of the book are available now at the library. [Join the BPL Zoom Meeting](#) on July 21.

BPL Gallery

Photography by Michael Tessier is on display in the Reading Room. Michael has offered to have us auction one of his pieces with a beginning price of \$125. He has charged and donated \$25 above his cost for an inhouse sale to the library along with proceeds from the auction. This money will be put toward display supplies for future art exhibits.

Moth inspired Bits & Bites

BPL and The Space on Main will split donations procured at the Bits 'n Bites live story slam & dinner experience on May 31, 6 - 8pm at the Space on Main. Dinner will be available from San Song Kitchen (Korean), Sweet and Savory Bakery, and Montview Vineyard. *Advance online reservations only, and storyteller sign ups at [www.https://thespaceonmain.org/live](http://www.thespaceonmain.org/live)

Computer Basics June 30, 6:00

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

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.

Story Hour ~ Join Ms. Gail and Waldei each Friday, with stories, songs and crafts at 10:00 am.