



October 2022
Librarian's Report
Bradford Public Library

Administrative:

As the season changes so do patron needs and library use. This is the time of year for planning adult programs with requests for continuing recent events such as the Spanish Language, and virtual Spice Club. Our virtual book discussion group is going strong, and we are finishing up the year with the Vermont Humanities reading and discussion series *A Mysterious Lens on America* led by retired Visiting Assistant Professor at Dartmouth College, Suzanne Brown, and held live in the Reading Room. More folks are using the library regularly for professional meetings, coursework, and certifications.

The fall publishing season is upon us, gearing up for holiday sales with the ebook and especially the audio industry seeing rapid expansion. Keep an eye on our new book shelves and take advantage of the BPL BookEnds monthly newsletter. As always, let us know if you have a particular request or recommendation.

I was happy to attend the celebration for the opening of the "Space on Main" last Saturday evening with a good crowd of business and community members. Monique had a slide show featuring events, many of which included collaborations with the library.

Professional Development:

Optimizing use of Front Porch Forum webinar 10/13
GALE Database pages webinar 10/13
Project Wild Training @ Groton Free Library 10/17
Anna continues to work toward her library certification.

Technology

Computer use, print, Fax, and tech support are on the rise with many folks needing assistance with resumes and personal devices. A number of HS students have recently signed up for library cards and are taking advantage of Universal Classes. As mentioned above, patrons are using the space for virtual classwork, meetings, and certification testing.

Community Volunteers:

Oxbow student Lizzie Vaughan is performing community service shelving and straightening the collection. Christine Pratt continues to participate and contribute to children and teen programming!

Circulation:

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In house 653 items borrowed from BPL

ILL - 84 borrowed, 110 lending

GMLC audio/ebook 301 checkouts

Visitor Tracking / New Patrons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Visits	402	477	476	596	477	677	857	864	742			
New patron	5	5	12	7	14	12	13	13	13			

Programs:

Poetry Circle

At 3:00 on the first Wednesday of each month.

Vermont Reads *The Most Costly Journey*

The Most Costly Journey (El Viaje Más Caro), tells the stories of 19 of migrant workers in their own words. Illustrated by New England cartoonists in a variety of styles, each short chapter describes aspects of life as an immigrant farm worker in Vermont: crossing the southern border, struggling with English, adapting to winter, growing gardens, raising children, dealing with health crises, and working long hours. Copies of the book are available at the library.

Spanish Language class continues through October

Spanish language lessons take place on Tuesdays. The first 6 week session has been a huge success. The Vermont Humanities Project Grant has been submitted to help support this popular program through 2023. Read the attached narrative for program description.

BPL READS!

Join us for our upcoming VT Humanities Reading and Discussion Series, A Mysterious Lens on America.

We will read one novel per month and meet at the library to discuss them in October, November, and December. In these mysteries, mayhem and murder play out against a cultural or ethnic backdrop—illuminating more than simply whodunnit.

On October 13th at 6:30 PM [Suzanne Brown](#) led a discussion of [Ritual Bath. by Faye Kellerman](#).

On November 10th at 6:30 PM [Suzanne Brown](#) will lead our discussion of [Blanche Cleans Up. by Barbara Neely](#). On December 1st at 6:30 PM [Mary Hays](#) will lead our discussion of [Blood of the Prodigal. by P. L. Gaus](#).

Books are available at the library.

Computer Basics Thursday, October 20th, 6:30 PM.

Geared toward beginner and intermediate learners, so no computer experience is required. Bring your questions!

BPL Gallery ~

Presents a rotating exhibit of local photographer Mike Tessier's photographs on display in the Reading Room.

Curiosity Cabinet ~ is All About Fall! Thank you Dottie Unkles.

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. Community members are still taking full advantage of this vital resource. BPL serves 25 meals each week and are expected to continue through the end of the year.

Movie Matinee - October 28 , 3:00PM

Featuring Tim Burton's *Frankenweenie*

With our new bean bag chairs donated by Larry Coffin, and popcorn!

Friday Afterschool Program - Begins November 4, running from 3 - 4:30pm

A story and activity program for elementary school aged children. This program will not take place during school closures.

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