



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

Administrative:

Here come the holidays!

The Library will be closed on November 24 & 25

Christmas and New Year holidays do not fall on BPL open hours this year.

As the new owner of the JO, Michelle Sherburne has offered to put a half page spread on our *Bradford Poem Town* event in the coming Town Report. The Washington Electric Coop will be recognized for their financial support of this annual event.

Professional Development:

Anna continues working toward VT Certification, currently enrolled in Tech/ Information Services core course. Gail is working with the state on a new library mentoring program (conveniently) supporting Anna as well as Sarah Spirah. Sarah is the new librarian in Groton and a past BPL volunteer. Virtual meet & greet November 1.

Creating a Transgender Inclusive Workplace- Legal Update ~ November 16, Gail Presented by Emily Chamberlain Adams, Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Unit of the Vermont Attorney General's Office, this program will focus on the legal responsibilities of employers, supervisors, and managers with regards to important transgender topics, including discrimination, harassment, pronouns, and bathrooms. The program will cover the latest legal developments regarding gender identity discrimination under state and federal law, and best practices for non-discrimination policies and procedures.

Betsy ~ Interlibrary Loan Quarterly Roundtable, November 17th. LUV Cooperative Annual meeting and luncheon takes place at Carpenter & Main on November 21.

Technology

The Windows based computers in the Reading Room have been busy as usual and with very few to no problems at all. We are anxious to get the new printer in place for patron use as some folks continue to be unable to connect their devices via wi-fi.

Community Volunteers:

Thank You Heather Haley : new to the community Heather looks forward to supporting the library and meeting people.

Thank you Nancy Kane for stepping in when no one was available to sub on 11/05/2022!!

Volunteer Sub list: *Double Staffing/Staff Illness (see attached)

BPL is fortunate to have a number of board members and patrons dedicated to keeping the library open in the event of staff illness.

Thank You Mary Kline, Bob Kline, Wendy Wrightman, Theresa Harrigan, Nicole Randal, and Cheryl Yelle.

Community Outreach

Gail made a quick visit to the Valley Cooperative Preschool on November 1 reading two stories and connecting with the children. Each child chose a new free book to take home and keep. The following Tuesday VCP came to the library for a special story & craft. VCP plans to come to the library again in February.

Catherine Kalkstein, the new(ish) Executive Director of Central Vermont Adult Basic Education has reached out to see if we may partner with CVABE in order to maintain and provide accessible Adult Literacy Education services available to those who need services in Bradford. We will meet to discuss possibilities on Nov 17.

BPL will participate in Bradford Small Business Saturday 2022 on November 26. Event Concept: Bradford Poker Crawl – Shoppers visit participating businesses and engage with them either by making a small purchase or participating in a fun event. The more stores they visit, the more chances they have to make a winning poker hand. The better the hand, the more chances to win a prize! We will set up a table with free children's books, Annual Appeal and library resources info sheets and of course chances for the Poker Hand.

Circulation:

October Reports

In house 553 items borrowed from BPL

ILL - 73 borrowed, 82 lending

GMLC audio/ebook 328 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	619		
New patron	5	5	12	7	14	12	13	13	13	14		

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 / Conversation group

The first 6 week session with Lissette Parkin was very successful! The group continues to meet each Tuesday at 12:30. Although Lissette is not available at this time, we are in touch with several fluent speakers who are interested in helping to support this program. We have signed up for the MANGO online language program offering 100+ languages to registered patrons.

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 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.

BPL Gallery ~

Presents a mixed media collection by Achilles Delisle, age 9, of Pike New Hampshire. Achilles and his mom Julia are regular library users. Julia will be showing her acrylics in December.

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

FREE MEALS continue to be made available each week. We have switched vendors and are now receiving meals from **Waits River Country Store & Deli**. Local volunteer Jim Bulger will deliver these meals to BPL each week. 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.

Friday Afterschool Program - Began 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.