



December 2022

Librarian's Report

Bradford Public Library

Administrative:

Here come the holidays!

The Library will be closed on December 24 & 31 for Christmas and New Year's Eve holidays.

Professional Development:

Orange County Directors meeting ~ Dec 1

VELI meeting Dec 6~ invitation for funding

Technology

Gail reached out to the library community for web design support and recommendations. Spoke at length with recommended, local web designer Anne McKinsey of AMCK Web & Print Design. Anne will be at this December meeting with a proposal and answer any questions.

We are looking at the ASPEN Discovery tool which will integrate and connect all BPL eContent for patrons in one place. It gives patrons a single search box and smart search results that group all formats of a title together, (ie: library catalog, GMLC audio/eBook) allowing the patron to easily get access to their preferred version. Annual fee-\$250

MANGO Languages is live! ~ offering 70 world language courses expertly designed to adapt to a diverse range of learning needs, styles and backgrounds to all registered BPL patrons. To date, BPL MANGO users are signed up for Spanish, French, Italian, Swedish, Greek, and Norwegian !

Community Outreach

Our participation in the Bradford Business Association's Poker Crawl was a success in bringing a few new patrons to the library.

Circulation:

November Reports

In house 506 items borrowed from BPL

ILL - 99 borrowed, 60 lending

GMLC audio/ebook 360 checkouts

The years' State Park Pass shows a record circulation of 32 lending and 7 for the Historic Sites pass

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	612	
New patron	5	5	12	7	14	12	13	13	13	14	3	

Programs:

Celebrate the Season ~ December 22 at 6:30pm

Seasons Greetings Open House ~ cookies, cocoa/tea/coffee, holiday crafts, choose a free children's book from under the tree. Special thanks to local banks for holiday decorations.

Poetry Circle

Meet 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

Welcome Rhianna Zadravec! Rhianna has been learning & practicing the Spanish language for over a decade. She has a degree in Sustainable Food and Farming and currently runs a one acre, no-till organic vegetable farm in Lisbon, NH with her partner and farm dog Vesper. Rhianna has spent many months traveling the country & the world connecting with people everywhere she goes and is grateful for her language skills.

BPL READS!

Will read *Women Talking* by Mirriam Toews for discussion on January 26. Discussions take place on ZOOM and in-house at 6:30pm. Books will be available mid December.

BPL Gallery ~

Presents a mixed media collection by Julia Delisle, of Pike New Hampshire. Julia is mama to last month's artist, a nature lover and wanderer who enjoys slowing down the

beauty and magical moments of the natural world on a canvas for others to enjoy. Inspiration comes from forest walks, being at the ocean, and her child's wonder and curiosity about the natural world

Curiosity Cabinet ~ Celebrates December Holidays! 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.