



June 2022

Librarian's Report

Bradford Public Library

Administrative:

Betsy reports positively on our recent subscription purchase of Microsoft 365. Aside from our library office work, she is offering support to patrons new to this most updated version of the programs.

On Tuesday, June 7, 40 BES Kindergarten students and staff walked into town and visited the Library! We read stories and loved up on *Waldei the library dog*. That same day and the next, about 15 Oxbow students were dropped off at the library with teachers for a sketch/paint J-Term Urban Architecture course out on the lawn and in the Reading Room..

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 under copyright law to show movies inside the library.

Statewide

State library survey remains steady regarding masking and programming. Outdoor plans are on the rise with the season. Some require registration and limit attendance. The majority will continue to offer virtual programs.

Technology

Gail brought in a DVD player and purchased an RCA > HDMI converter for the TV in the YA room. Summer programming will include a Wednesday Children's Matinee in the children's area.

ROKU Express 4-K purchased will enable folks to connect to the TV in the YA room wirelessly.

Grants:

ARPA Round II Grants to Public Libraries for Collections and Equipment Purchases has been approved and will be received by the end of June. 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.

Donations:

Thank You San Song Kitchen ~ although the **Bits & Bites** event benefiting the Library and Space on Main was canceled due to covid, the kitchen was able to sell curbside and donated \$30 to the library from their proceeds.

Community Volunteers:

Thank you Mike Tessier for cutting back the top patch of knotweed. Stalks are stacked to be dried out before burning. If we stay on top of this and continue cutting back , rhizomes may die off after time. I hope to start cutting the lower patch now creeping across the lower bank.

Thank you Geri Mooney for cleaning the rugs throughout the library!

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:

May Reports

In house 468 items borrowed from BPL (↓)

ILL - 117 borrowed, 123 lending (↑)

GMLC audio/ebook 292 checkouts (↑)

Visitor Tracking / New Patrons

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

Programs:

State Park & Museum Passes are again available to our patrons for FREE entry into State Historic Sites, and State Park day use areas, and the Fairbanks Museum. Our Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) pass offers entry at a discounted rate.

Poetry Circle ~ will not meet during summer months. Meetings will resume in September.

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

This month's gallery features a sample of collage work of Reneé Boudreau (1961-2011).

Throughout her life, Reneé created art as a method for working through her own mental health and substance abuse challenges. Her artwork, specifically her collages, are therapeutic expressions of her personal thoughts and emotions. Reneé left this life...after two battles with cancer. ~ Mike Boudreau

*Photographer Michael Tessier donated \$150 of proceeds from the auction and sale of one piece of the May exhibit. This money will be put toward display supplies for future art exhibits.

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. We are finding this popular program mostly by seniors.

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. We expect an uptick in this community resource during summer months.

Summer Reading children's programming will begin the week of June 28. Tuesday Stories & Crafting ages 7+, Wednesday Movie Matinee G - PG 1:30, Magician @ Elizabeth's Park Aug 1, 2:00pm for families.

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