



**July 2022**

**Librarian's Report**

**Bradford Public Library**

**Administrative:**

Double staffing has enabled us to make steady progress on 'behind the scenes' library maintenance. The challenge of shelf-reading, cleaning and reorganizing materials, especially in high use areas, has been significantly affected. We have begun to inventory the non-fiction collection to match the catalog and support item retrievability for patrons and librarians.

With the summer season we are welcoming many visitors eager to see the inside of "the castle." Better yet are the folks returning to the area, happy to find this old friend alive and well. All are impressed by the updates, activity, and share personal memories in this *gem of a building*.

Although Tues and Weds program attendance is lower than we had hoped, those who do participate are engaged and enjoying the programs. Many are those kids who live within walking distance of the library. It is especially satisfying when a young person feels welcome to join no matter their age, and comfortable enough to ask for a meal without fear of judgment. This is but one simple example confirming the role our small rural library plays in supporting social inclusion and well being in the community.

**Professional Development**

**July 7~ KOHA Cataloging**- we keep trying these KOHA offerings without much information to use at our level of expertise. This is unfortunate as we are trying to become more proficient at this duty. If nothing else, our attendance will show commitment to the system and database!

**Statewide**

State library survey remains steady regarding masking and programming.

**Technology**

Ray at All Access Infotech in Fairlee will get back to us with a tech proposal for Mac/PC upkeep/maintenance.

Looking for wireless or wired speakers for the TV and Movie Matinee. The sound is not enough at 100%.

**Grants:**

ARPA Round II Grants to Public Libraries for Collections and Equipment Purchases has been received. 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.

CLiF Summer Readers Grant award with author and storyteller Simon Brooks.  
Storytelling and free book giveaway.

**Donations:**

A memorial donation has been made honoring John Sanborn.  
Larry Coffin contributed \$75.00 to the Ancestry.com fund.

**Community Volunteers:**

Thank you Linda Vitale and Christine Pratt for supporting Crafty Tuesday's with projects for kids!

Thank you Oden Schlager for climbing the ladder to clean the front window and other projects!

Thank you Oden and Angela Schlager for picking up and delivering the new refrigerator!!

Thank you Linda Vitale and Sarah Spira, supported staff coverage for some vacation hours.

**Curiosity Cabinet**

July features a collection of Thai, Chinese, and Japanese Dragons belonging to board member Dottie Unkles.

**BPL Gallery**

Local needlepoint artist Kelly Clements shares some of her pieces with us this month! Kelly began stitching in Graduate School as a creative and meditative outlet. Raised in Bradford, Kelly lives and designs in Vermont. Her needlepoint canvases are inspired by New England practicality, landscapes, and architecture. Check out her work in the glass display case in the BPL Reading Room, and visit <https://aliceandblue.com> to learn more about Kelly.

**Circulation:**

June Reports

In house 762 items borrowed from BPL (↑) *June almost doubled May!*

ILL - 74 borrowed, 104 lending (*borrowers are down because of the end of academic year/ homeschoolers*)

GMLC audio/ebook 337 checkouts (↑)

**Visitor Tracking / New Patrons**

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

## Programs:

**State Park & Museum Passes** are again available to our patrons for FREE entry into State Historic Sites, 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 at the library. [Join the BPL Zoom Meeting](#) on July 21.

**BPL Gallery** - Kelly Clements's Cross Stitch display

### **Computer Basics July 28, 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. Community members are still taking full advantage of this vital resource.

**Summer Reading:** Children's programming began 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.

### **Who Reads More, Us or Them?**

Join the summer reading challenge between kids and adults! Check out the links earned for every 15 minutes of BOOK READING. Orange for adults, purple for kids. Report your time to librarians each week!

### **Summer Raffle for Kids & Adults**

This summer kids and adults are eligible and should fill out a raffle ticket each and every time you come to the library for awesome prizes!!

**CLiF Event and Book Giveaway**

Scheduled for July 29th at Elizabeth's Park. Author and storyteller Simon Brooks will do a program and will give two books to every child in attendance. Free and open to the public, this is always a very popular program.