



August 2022
Librarian's Report
Bradford Public Library

Administrative:

An editorial in a recent Library Journal publication points to the library today as a place to provide “rest and rejuvenation in hard times.” The need is obvious as more of our adult patrons come in looking for a ‘light’ read, ‘nothing depressing’, even YA fiction, and yes, picture books. While our library plays a significant role in providing adult resources and some basic needs for many in our community, little pleasures like those found between the covers of a picture book are a welcome retreat for all ages.

Courier Grant Application for fiscal year 2022, due Aug 31

ARPA Round 1 report / submitted

CLiF Summer program survey submitted

The adult non-fiction inventory is making gains to match the catalog and support item retrievability for patrons and librarians. We have begun the same process in the children's area.

Two Summer Reading special events took place on Friday, July 29, and Monday, August 1. July 29 hosted Simon Brooks with stories and a free book giveaway sponsored by a grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF). On August 1 we were treated to a magic show with Alyx Hilshey. Each of these events entertained approximately 60+ children and adults at Elizabeth's Park.

Collaborations with the HUB and Space on Main are offering opportunities to reconnect with young people and their families. On August 18 we will work together on the Vermont [Good Citizen Challenge 2022](#) with a group of 10 - 14 year old community members. Organized by Burlington-based [Seven Days](#), participants learn about our local history, and have a chance to win a new globe, a \$100 gift card to Phoenix Books and a free trip to Washington, D.C. from Milne Travel! All who finish the Challenge will be invited to a VIP reception at the Vermont State House this fall. Special Thanks to Larry Coffin for helping with this educational opportunity for young people at the library.

On August 19 BPL will have a library table at the ‘Lower Plain Block party’ sharing info about BPL, our Annual Appeal, and a book giveaway. There will be an outside stage, creating a contained, safe area for the public and vendors. The music line up is

Sundub, Gentlemen Brawlers, Doomsday Parade and Miranda Moody Miller. The last two acts are local to the area.

**By attending the Bradford Business Association meetings and events including the Lower Plain Block Party, we are maintaining and/or building relationships with many new businesses in and around the community.*

Professional Development

August 4~ Geography Reference: How to Respond to Patron Questions about Vermont Geography. With Vermont Center for Geographic Information GIS Professional Tim Terway, Ph.D, for information about the Center and resources librarians can use to help meet patron geographic questions and research needs.

August 11 ~ ILL Round Table 10:00-12:00. Overview of the process that out-of-state requests go through when we receive them. Making the Preferred Lender List work for you.

Statewide Public Library Service and Status Survey~

State library survey remains steady regarding masking and programming with 39% participants requiring masks, 17% recommending masks, and 33% optional or no guidance. BPL offers no guidance other than offering masks at the door. A majority of libraries offer indoor programming, some require registration, some limit attendance. A Majority of libraries continue virtual programming. This survey will be conducted monthly rather than weekly moving forward.

Technology

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

Ordered the new AWE Early Literacy & After School Edge computer station, 8/5/22.

Donations:

Fairlee Free Public Library shared the cost of our Magic with Alyx Haley summer reading event.

VT Center for the Book/VT Humanities donated 50 picture books, and will reimburse the cost of a new magnetic wall in the children's room, and help with the cost of the refrigerator.

BPL was awarded a Mini-Microphone (NT-USB Mini) with support from VT Arts Council, State of VT, and generous participation of RODE, a partnership of Big Heavy World, the VT Dept of Libraries, and Fletcher Free Library in Burlington VT. This studio quality microphone is designed to deliver crystal-clear, professional-quality audio direct to a computer or tablet, for content creators who want to be heard in full definition. BPL

programming opportunities may include podcasting and quality sound for recorded virtual story hour programs.

Community Volunteers:

Many thanks to those who have given staff and program support through these busy summer months. Linda Vitale, Sarah Spira, and Christine Pratt. Welcome Katie Knish!

Circulation:

July Reports

In house 846 items borrowed from BPL (↑)

ILL - 81 borrowed, 91 lending

GMLC audio/ebook 309 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					
New patron	5	5	12	7	14	12	13					

Programs:

State Park & Museum Passes allow patrons 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.

checkouts:

VINS 9

Fairbanks 6

Park Pass 6

Echo 2

Historic Sites 1

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

BPL READS! September 15, 6:30 via ZOOM

Why Fish Don't Exist ; A Story of Loss, Love, and the Hidden Order of Life, by Lulu Miller.

Part biography, part memoir, part scientific adventure, *Why Fish Don't Exist* reads like a fable about how to persevere in a world where chaos will always prevail. Copies of the book will be available in coming weeks. [Join the BPL Zoom Meeting](#) on September 15.

BPL Gallery - Kelly Clements's Cross Stitch display. Visit <https://aliceandblue.com> to learn more about Kelly.

Curiosity Cabinet ~ featuring Teddy Bears! Thank you Dottie Unkles.

Computer Basics August 25, 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. BPL serves 25 meals each week.

Summer Reading: Children's summer programming will wind down with the raffle prize drawings for children and adults on August 19th. This summer kids and adults filled out a raffle ticket each and every time they came to the library for awesome prizes!!

Tuesday Stories & Crafting ages 7+, Wednesday Movie Matinee G - PG 1:30, have been enjoyed and the show with Magician Alyx Hilshey @ Elizabeth's Park on Aug 1, was well attended by 60 children and adults.

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

Who Reads More, Us or Them?

Check out the links earned for every 15 minutes of BOOK READING. Orange for adults, purple for kids. Report your time to librarians before August 19!