



September 2022
Librarian's Report
Bradford Public Library

Administrative:

With school back in session there is the expected change in daily activity especially noticeable in the children's room. With that being said, our homeschooling patrons are also back to work and taking advantage of the space, collection, and ILL services. We have a middle/HS AP english class meeting in the YA room each Tuesday, and another younger group organizing and hoping to use the library in the near future. On any given day there are a number of friends with their support from Upper Valley Services and the Clara Martin Center on computers, enjoying a puzzle and other activities in the library. Folks continue to utilize the computers, wifi and conference room to work remotely, study, and attend virtual meetings and classes. More seasonal activity includes the signing of 15 new patrons with the majority being new to the area. The end of summer stream of visitors stopping to see the inside of our magnificent building included a visit from the state library last week. All are impressed with the space, updates, services provided. The free meals from Everyone Eats continue to provide relief for a number of patrons.

Financial Reporting:

Association for Rural & Small Libraries Dues \$20.00 paid
Courier Grant App submitted ~ \$571.35
St of VT SR Grant expenditure report submitted ~ \$300 youth programming grant
IMLS ARPA II expenditure report submitted ~ \$1,370.42 to AWE Early Literacy After School
Edge computer station
Submitted CLiF SR Survey submitted ~ story teller and book giveaway
Summer Readers raffle winners ~ 2 adult (\$50) , 6 children (grant funded)
FYI ~ Kids vs Adults reading challenge PURPLE RULES!

Staff Schedule:

Betsy is working in the library on Wednesday, every other Saturday, and two paid hours from home. Anna is happy to pick up the Thursday hours. Kathy continues to work two Sats each month and run the Poetry Circle. We all work together should one of us need coverage for medical or other personal time.

Collection:

The adult non-fiction inventory continues (reaching 641) to match the catalog and support item retrievability for patrons and librarians. Inventory in the children's area has begun with Early Readers. Noticing a decline in lending of our house DVDs and Audio books, we have reorganized and withdrawn a number of titles from the shelves creating space in the office area. We are creating bags with these withdrawn materials to lend to libraries up north who are not a part of the Libraries of the Upper Valley(LUV) collaborative. This will be free trade and we are still working out the details.

Professional Development:

LUV audio/DVD swap and Disaster Planning discussion ~ Betsy

Niche Academy Video Editing ~ Gail

Anna is taking an intensive five part cataloging course towards her VT Librarianship Certification.

Technology

New AWE Early Literacy & After School Edge computer station is installed in the children's area.

Donations:

Thank you Larry Coffin for the 'Birthday Donation' of \$250 for the purchase of five bean bag chairs for the children's room and movie matinee program. Happy Birthday Larry!

Community Volunteers:

Circulation:

August Reports

In house 767 items borrowed from BPL

ILL - 80 borrowed, 104 lending

GMLC audio/ebook 334 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				
New patron	5	5	12	7	14	12	13	13				

Programs:

Poetry Circle Resumes!

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 class begins September 13

Spanish language lessons with Lissette Parkin will take place on Tuesdays. The first 6 week session will begin on Tuesday, September 13, at 12:30PM in the library. There is a wait list and request for evening or Saturday class.

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.

Computer Basics September 22, 6:30

BPL Harvest Swap ~ Thursday, September 29, 6:00pm

Share a favorite recipe from the season's harvest! Bring two samples, one for the tasting and one for the swap! This event will introduce the online cooking program adapted from our popular *Spicing It Up @ the Library* program planned for winter months.

BPL Gallery ~

Presents an exhibit of local photographer Mike Tessier's photographs on display in the Reading Room.

Curiosity Cabinet ~ featuring Birds! Thank you Dottie Unkles.

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 and are expected to continue through the end of the year.

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

