



April 13, 2023

Librarian's Report

Bradford Public Library

Administrative:

The library is jumping with programming bringing in members of the community who are new to the building and library services. We had twenty folks in temporary housing meet with a representative from *The Haven*, a private, non-profit organization that serves people struggling with poverty by providing food, shelter, education, service coordination, and other support. All were new to the library, three registered for patron accounts and either borrowed a book, used the computers, wi-fi, or signed in to the Green Mountain Library Consortium. Meanwhile, thirteen folks are downstairs playing Mahjong with more coming for the Cricut program at 4:00pm. The new bi-weekly D&D gaming program has begun as well! BPL has something for everyone and nothing is better for librarians than the smile and thanks we get from a new library user.

The *Hands That Speak* program with Dartmouth lecturers Clara Maria de Greiff, Doug Moody, and special guests Paco & Juanita offered a wonderfully enlightening evening of authentic Mexican food and conversation surrounding the plight of our local migrant farm workers. Be sure to read *Hands That Speak: Voices From the Upper Valley Dairy Farms*. Thank you Jill Baron for bringing this program opportunity to the library.

Our 6th Annual Bradford Poem Town runs throughout the month with over 100 poems hanging in storefront windows throughout town and in the library. Thursday evenings are booked with special programs celebrating National Poetry Month.

Gail has been invited and will attend a 25 year celebration at the Hanover Inn on Friday, April 21 recognizing Duncan McDougal who is the founder of the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF). Duncan and CLiF have been BPL supporters for many years! Duncan is retiring and this evening we will thank him and welcome the new Executive Director Laura Rice.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LAURA DICKEY ~ April 19
Miss Dickey was the librarian here from 1936-1979
Many of our patrons share fond memories of Miss Dickey!

Professional Development:

Programs:

CREATE! ~ Adult Crafting

BPL's new adult crafting and visual arts group meets in the library on the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm. **On hold this month for the Hands That Speak event.*

BPL READS!

Anxious People by Frederick Backman. Discussion takes place on 4/20 at 6:30pm in the Reading Room. Books are available at the circulation desk.

Poetry Circle / Poem Town Event

Poetry Circle meets at 3:00 on the first Wednesday of each month.

Our 6th Annual Poem Town event is up and more than 100 poems are posted in storefront windows throughout downtown to celebrate National Poetry Month in April. Our goal is to make poetry accessible to our community, and to inspire new readers and writers of poetry.

Poem Town special events include:

4/6 *Hands That Speak : Voices from Upper Valley Dairy Farms*

4/12 "Ode to Joy" Alan Haehnel brings great energy to this multi-media show where the fine art of poetry is brought from the clouds to ground level.

4/27 *Horse Meadow* poetry reading by local author Elizabeth Morrill

Mahjong ~

Learn to play Mahjong each Thursday from 2 - 4pm. Experienced players help us learn. No experience necessary, experienced players welcome!

Spanish Language / Conversation group

Mike Hernandez from Thetford leads the group. Originally from Havana Cuba, Mike recently retired from work at Dartmouth Hitchcock as a medical interpreter for the migrant community. We look forward to hearing Mike's personal story and family migration to the U.S. during the *Revolución Cubana*.

Curiosity Cabinet ~

This month Dottie Unkles has created a HAT display to welcome the sun for spring!

Friday Afterschool Program - Runs 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.