



May 11, 2023

Librarian's Report

Bradford Public Library

Administrative:



Special thanks to the community, local sponsors, volunteers, and all staff for another successful Bradford Poem Town celebration! Guest poets Elizabeth Morrill and Alan Haehnel were enjoyed by all and promised to return for future events.

The weather cooperated beautifully and Ken Keating of Keating Painting was able to complete the project of scraping, caulking and painting the exterior windows before the rain returned. Many patrons have commented on the fresh look and appreciate the task of maintaining the building. Most noticeable are the front doors and trim which Ken scrubbed, dried, and painted in time for Story Hour on that Friday. Ken pointed out a few spots needing attention and will speak with his son about thoughts on replacing a few boards. There is also some mortar degradation which may be a problem considering water damage. Lastly, there is some trim which was not part of the estimate and may be addressed at a future date. Ken will write up an estimate for this job. One week later, a nest has been constructed above the front door which we will leave undisturbed...



The 2023/2024 the VTLIB Courier Service Agreement has been submitted electronically.

Delivery to BPL is \$22.66 (up \$1.37) per week for a tote up to fifty pounds and \$1.88 per additional fifty pounds.

Professional Development:

Wednesday May 3, 10am ~ Librarians met with web designer Terry Miller for WordPress/website tutorial and updates

Thursday May 11, 1-3PM~ ILL virtual Quarterly Round Table

Monday May 15, 10am ~ BPL hosts the Libraries of the Upper Valley (LUV) at our library with special guest Wendy Clark from the ABLE Library. At this meeting we will exchange audiobooks and DVDs.

Monday May 15, 11am ~ One Card virtual meeting. BPL is a member of the OneCard project of Upper Valley Vermont libraries to allow patrons to use their home library card to borrow materials directly from any participating library.

Tuesday May 30, 10am ~ virtual Cataloging Round Table / all things cataloging with Lauren Kelley | Vermont State Technical Services Librarian.

Technology

Technology specs and forms have been submitted and we should be up and running in the Palace Project by June. This eBook and eAudiobook service allows patrons to check out items like other similar services, but its most significant feature is the ability to combine content from multiple e-content vendors including LIBBY into one app,

rather than having to switch between multiple apps. The statewide collection includes eBooks and eAudiobooks for all ages and in multiple languages.

The new printer is set up. Library staff are more familiar with device capabilities and most patrons are able to use the device independently.

Donations

Book donations are coming in for the Yard Sale.

Friday May 19, 9am - 12pm

Oxbow students will come to BPL for community service projects.

They will wash windows and indoor sills.

Circulation:

April '23 Reports

In house 599 items borrowed from BPL

ILL - 64 borrowed, 37 lending

GMLC audio/ebook 367 checkouts

Visitor Tracking / New Patrons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Visits	691	605	821	697								
New patron	14	11	13	8								
Program Attendance	96	139	158	174								

Programs:

Garden Design with Expert Gardener Kelly Spooner

Saturday, May 13, 10am

Learn how to Design your Garden before you buy new plants this season and don't know where to plant them!

Topics include:

- -Garden Placement
- -Design Components
- -Plant Selection
- -Bloom time focus
- -Color Selection
- -Plant Placement

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. May Project ~ Paper Flowers!

BPL READS!

SOLITO: A Memoir by Javier Zamora discussion takes place on 6/15 at 6:30pm in the Reading Room. Books are available at the circulation desk. *Zamora . . . recounts in absorbing detail the dangerous, weeks' long journey he took from El Salvador to reunite with his parents in the United States when he was just 9.*—***The New York Times***

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

The group meets every Tuesday at 1:30 with at least ten learners in attendance. This month we purchased a Review & Practice text book for each learner with funds from the Spanish Grant through the Vermont Humanities Council.

Teen Summer Theater Camp Auditions

Sunday May 21, 2-4pm @ BPL

Teens are invited to audition to participate in the Summer Theatre Camp in June. Camp will take place at Elizabeth's park from 10am-3pm, June 26-30 with a free community performance in the park on July 1, at 12pm. Audience members are invited to bring a picnic and BBQ will be provided for sale by the Bradford Boy Scouts. The BPL Summer Theater camp is in collaboration with the Old Church Theater and sponsored by the Vermont Humanities.

Curiosity Cabinet ~

This month Dottie Unkles has created a display to honor the Asian-American Pacific Islander month for May.

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.