



**June 8, 2023**

## **Librarian's Report**

### **Bradford Public Library**

#### **Administrative:**

The Government's System for Award Management (SAM) registration for BPL was renewed on May 15. BPL remains eligible to do business (ie: grants) with the federal government. The annual renewal date for the registration is 2024-05-18.

Dreamhost free domain [bradfordvtlibrary.org](http://bradfordvtlibrary.org) has been renewed for 1 year, (6/03/2024)

#### **THANK YOU!**

On Friday, May 19, six Oxbow students came to support the library for their annual Community Day which had not taken place during the Covid-19 pandemic. Accompanied by co-principal Ashley Youngheim, we spent the morning sweeping the front walkways, cleaning window sills and glass, and reading to our toddlers at Story Hour.



**Professional Development:**

Vokal Reports Workshop- June 2

Basic Reports: 9:30 - 12

Advanced Reports: 1:30 - 3:30

VLA Annual Meeting, June 7th , 1pm via Zoom

Orange County Directors meeting, June 22, 10am

**Grants:**

Summer Readers Grant ~

BPL has been awarded the Summer Readers Grant from the Children’s Literacy Foundation(CLiF). CLiF presenters tell stories, read aloud from books, and share their love of words, reading, and writing. Every child who participates chooses two books to keep from a wide selection of brand-new children’s books. This event will take place on July 11, 10am, at Elizabeth’s Park.

WinnieBelle Learned Foundation Grant~

BPL has been awarded and received \$500 toward the purchase of six Lakeshore Learning kits. Kits will be added and available for checkout from the children’s collection.

**Town of Bradford** ~ We have received \$20,000 from the town of Bradford (ARPA) for the HVAC system.

**Technology**

Palace Project ~Is now available for all BPL patrons. The Palace app is available through mobile phones and tablets (except Kindle) offering more audio/eBook choices for our patrons. Patrons may access all GMLC and Palace offerings in one place. The Palace Project is free to public libraries through our state library.

**Circulation:**

May ‘23 Reports

In house 691 items borrowed from BPL

ILL - 61 borrowed, 43 lending

GMLC audio/ebook 381 checkouts

**Visitor Tracking / New Patrons**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Visits	691	605	821	697	748							
New patron	14	11	13	8	13							
Program	96	139	158	174	176							

Attendance													
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**Programs:**

**CREATE! ~ Adult Crafting**

BPL's adult crafting and visual arts group meets in the library on the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm. June Project ~ Cricut with Pam Benware making a gift bag that looks like a purse from paper!

**BES Kinder Field Trip!~**

Each year the BES Kindergarten walks to town for lunch at the Collatina, a visit to the Post Office and ends the day at the library for a special Story Hour. Children are introduced to librarians, listen to stories, and do a craft. Each child received a new book about sharks which was donated by Gail Gibbons and a real shark's tooth donated by Linda Vitale! Forty, yes 40 Kindergarteners visited BPL on June 2...

**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**

**Orange County Parent Child Center Playgroup~**

Weekly playgroup will meet each Wednesday from 3-4:30 with a focus to provide support and education to families with young children with the goal of helping all Vermont families get off to a healthy start, while promoting well-being and building on family strengths. Begins June 21.

**Mahjong ~**

Learn to play Mahjong each Thursday from 2 - 4pm. Experienced players help us learn. No experience necessary, experienced players welcome! 8-12 committed mahjong players participate each week.

**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. We are also trying traditional Latin American foods each week!

**Curiosity Cabinet ~**

Check out the shark teeth, sea glass and even sea horses on display this month. Thank you Linda Vitale! BES Kinder-friends really enjoyed this and each took home a real shark's tooth on their visit~!

**Summer At The Library**

### **JEFF BOYER'S BIG BUBBLE BONANZA ~**

This SPECIAL Summer Reading kickoff event will be held at the Bradford Fairgrounds on June 24 at 11am. FREE & FUN for all ages! Co Sponsored with the Fairlee Public Library and paid for with the VT DOL Summer Readers Grant.

### **Teen Summer Theater Camp**

Monday, June 26, 10-3pm @ Elizabeth's Park

A free community performance will take place 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.

**Friday Summer Program** - Children's Friday Afternoon Summer program will begin July 7

Activities will include STEAM, movies, and 2023 Good Citizen Challenge

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