



**February 9, 2023**  
**Librarian's Report**  
**Bradford Public Library**

**Administrative:**

Now that reporting is slowing down.... We can focus on day-to-day needs and plan for spring & summer programming. Our Poem Town event request for poems has begun with submissions already coming in. A humanities camp children's theater program planning has begun. Current programs such as BPL READS and Spanish language groups are growing. This week the Valley CoOperative Preschool visited BPL for a special Story Time with twenty 3-4 year old children and a few parents new to the library and services. Every child received a brand new picture book to keep for their home libraries. It seems like everyday more people are moving into the community and asking for a patron account to access resources offered at the library. All library services and circulation numbers have shown a significant increase during this first month of the new year.

Gail has been invited and will present at this year's VLA / VSLA conference "Be the Place: Libraries are for Everyone" on Monday, April 3, 2023 at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel, in South Burlington.

**Professional Development:**

Betsy will attend the quarterly ILL Roundtable on February 9th- 10-12.

Gail has begun a four week cataloging refresher course February 1, 8, 15, & 22nd.

**Technology**

The website is currently unavailable as Gail and Terry Miller work together to update the site.

MANGO Languages is live! ~ offering 70 world language courses to registered patrons. Majority of users are learning Spanish. Also Italian, French, Swedish, Greek, and Norwegian.

**Grants**

BPL will receive a **\$1,500** "partnership award" payment from VELI within the next month. These funds are to be used to develop programming. Gail has participated in the Vermont Early Literacy Initiative (VELI) since its inception in 2010. The Vermont Early Literacy Initiative (VELI) provides Vermont public libraries with books, hands-on materials, and training in early and preschool literacy, preschool mathematics, social-emotional development, and visual literacy.

BPL has been approved as a host for a Summer 2023 Humanities Camp. The award amount is **\$4,000**, with an additional book budget of up to **\$400**. The award includes funding for speakers, materials and other expenses for a BPL sponsored Youth Summer Theatre.

**Donations**

Bradford Public Library has been selected again to receive \$1 from every \$2.50 reusable Community Bag sold during the month of March 2023 at Hannaford, 586 Lower Plain in Bradford.

**Circulation:**

January '23 Reports  
 In house 712 items borrowed from BPL  
 ILL - 103 borrowed, 105 lending  
 GMLC audio/ebook 331 checkouts

**Visitor Tracking / New Patrons**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Visits	691											
New patron	14											

**Programs:**

**CREATE! ~ Adult Crafting**

BPL's new adult crafting and visual arts group will meet in the library on the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm. February 2 ~ CREATE a beautiful embroidered corner bookmark for yourself or another book lover. March 2nd brings Needle Felting. No experience necessary. All materials provided.

**Black History**

February 16, 6:00 - 7:30 Freedom Summer : 1964  
 A special showing of the documentary film A Regular Bouquet: Mississippi Summer (1964) Discussion will follow with Phil Sharp sharing his experience in the movement. Refreshments will be provided.

**BPL READS!**

Will read '*I Must Betray You*' for discussion on February 23. Discussions take place on ZOOM and in-house at 6:30pm. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

**Poetry Circle / Poem Town Event**

Meet at 3:00 on the first Wednesday of each month.  
 We invite poets of all ages to submit their original poems for our 6th Annual Poem Town event. Poem Town is a town wide event that displays poetry on local business

storefronts as a way to celebrate National Poetry Month in April. It is our goal to make poetry accessible to our community, and to inspire new readers and writers of poetry. Please send no more than 2 submissions by Tuesday, March 14 to [poemtown@bradfordvtlibrary.org](mailto:poemtown@bradfordvtlibrary.org).

### **Spanish Language / Conversation group**

Led by Rhianna Zadavec! Rhianna has been learning & practicing the Spanish language for over a decade. She has a degree in Sustainable Food and Farming and currently runs a one acre, no-till organic vegetable farm in Lisbon, NH with her partner and farm dog Vesper. Rhianna has spent many months traveling the country & the world connecting with people everywhere she goes and is grateful for her language skills.

### **Curiosity Cabinet ~**

This month Dottie Unkles has created a display to support our new CREATE! Crafting for Adults program. Be sure to check out a 'fraction' of Dottie's creative talent! Thank you Dottie for your commitment to this popular exhibit at the circulation desk.

**FREE MEALS.** After two-and-a-half years and 3.5 million free meals that helped Vermont restaurants, farmers, and eaters weather the COVID pandemic, Vermont Everyone Eats ends on March 31.

### **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.

### **Adult crafting vs Story Hour Crafting!**

