



January 12, 2023
Librarian's Report
Bradford Public Library

Administrative:

Happy New Year ~ Welcome 2023!

- Park Pass Stats submitted 12/05/22
- Vermont Humanities Financial report for \$1000 Rapid Response Grant submitted and \$4000 Project Grant agreement for Spanish Language Class submitted 12/14/22
- BPL Annual town report submitted 12/23/22

On December 23, 2022, The U.S. The House of Representatives passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 from which the Vermont Department of Libraries will receive \$10M for Public Facilities Preservation Initiative Grants to be available for the state's small, rural public libraries. A competitive grant process for these funds will launch in the first quarter of 2023. At that time, the department will hold workshops and produce materials to support Vermont libraries applying for these transformative capital projects grants.

The goal of this funding opportunity is to provide resources to address repair and mitigation needs in small, rural public libraries that also serve as community meeting spaces and public facilities, with a focus on economically depressed areas. Improving ventilation and filtration of air could be eligible for this funding.

Anticipated opening for the application period is January/February 2023. Grant awards will be made by spring 2023 so that projects can begin as early as summer 2023. Building projects must be completed by December 31, 2026.

For Information: <https://libraries.vermont.gov/capitalprojectsgrants>

Gail to attend the Bradford Business Association meeting, Jan 10, 8am, Space on Main.

Professional Development:

Anna continues to make progress on VT Library Certification and is now halfway through core coursework.

Betsy is currently enrolled in the Homelessness Training for Public Librarians

Gail is registered for the four week cataloging refresher course which begins February 1.

Technology

Gail connected with Terry Miller (TMiller Web Design) of Peacham VT regarding a quote for services and website support.

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

Penguin Random House Grants for Small & Rural Libraries~ Request for \$1000 submitted to support web design on 12/12/2022

Funding turnaround was prompt due to early reporting and application on these awards: \$1000 **received** for Spanish Language Class from VT Humanities, spent through December

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Circulation:

December '22 Reports

In house 679 items borrowed from BPL

ILL - 43 borrowed, 22 lending

GMLC audio/ebook 298 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	742	619	612	622
New patron	5	5	12	7	14	12	13	13	13	14	3	14

Programs:

Poetry Circle

Meet 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 / Conversation group

Led by Rhianna Zdravec! 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.

BPL READS!

Will read *Women Talking* by Mirriam Toews for discussion on January 26. Discussions take place on ZOOM and in-house at 6:30pm.

BPL Gallery ~ Kathy Davidow Photography

Curiosity Cabinet ~

FREE MEALS continue to be made available each week. We receive meals from **Waits River Country Store & Deli**. Local volunteer Jim Bulger delivers these meals to BPL each week. 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.

Fish Art Contest

Ms Gail is available after school on Weds & Thurs, from 3 - 4:30pm to help kids participate in the VERMONT Fish Art Contest. The contest is open to grades K-12 (5-18 years). Students will select a VT fish species to research and create a work of art to illustrate the species and write a one-page creative writing essay. There is no essay requirement for grades K - 3 The library has everything you need to participate! Books, Computers, Rules and Guidelines, Adult Mentors, Art Supplies, and ability to scan and send submissions! Submission deadline is February 28

*This national contest is sponsored by the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife and Wildlife Forever.

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.