



October 12, 2023
Librarian's Report
Bradford Public Library

Mission Statement

The Bradford Public Library is committed to supporting and enhancing learning, creativity, and opportunities for personal growth and community connections with reliable information and resources, and the support necessary to navigate those resources in a safe and welcoming environment.

Administrative:

This month is my fifteenth year at BPL. Much has changed since Debra and I were hired as a team in 2008! While I may still look to my dear friend for guidance and support, I am grateful to have been blessed through these years with wonderful and creative working partners, a dedicated board of trustees, and a supportive community. My most sincere *thanks*....

Professional Development:

Wednesday, October 11th, 2:00-3:00 ET

Niche Academy webinar: Advocating Digital Citizenship in Libraries: Resources for Public and School Libraries

Thursday, October 12, Youth Services virtual meetup, 2-3pm

October 23, 9:00-11:00 at Converse Free Library in Lyme, NH

Book Repair Workshop. Betsy's son Alden will attend and will volunteer his services to BPL for book repair.

***Adult Mental Health First Aid Part 1 of 2 - 9:00am - 12:30pm, Thursday, January 25, 2024

9:00am - 12:30pm, Thursday, February 1, 2024

Washington County Mental Health will present this online 2-part training on Adult Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), a skills-based training course that teaches participants about mental health and substance-use issues. Participants will be introduced to the [ALGEE](#) plan which will provide tools to support adults who are struggling until professional help arrives. MHFA also strives to reduce stigma around mental health challenges and focuses on the importance of early intervention to support better outcomes. *The class*

includes 2 hours of independent pre-work online in addition to the synchronous sessions.

Technology:

Faxing continues to be a popular service as we have the only public fax in town.

Grants:

Reports Submitted:

CLiF Summer Readers, Winnie Belle Learned.

Donations:

BPL has already begun receiving AA dollars with a donation of \$500!

Gail & Larry met with Lee Morrill about the BPL Logo. Lee's services will be a donation to the library.

Community Outreach:

Gail has begun visiting area preschools on Wednesday mornings.

Circulation:

September '23 Reports

In house 556 items borrowed from BPL

ILL - 53 borrowed, 27 lending

GMLC audio/ebook 396 checkouts

- While in-house borrowing has slowed after a busy summer season, GMLC audio/ebook lending remains constant. That being said, we have received two monetary donations in appreciation of our interlibrary loan services from grateful patrons.

Visitor Tracking / New Patrons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Visits	691	605	821	697	748	927	918	1151	773			
New patron	14	11	13	8	13	15	12	10	7			
Program Attendance	96	139	158	174	176	227	251	307	159			

Programs:

Poetry Circle

Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 3pm. Special thanks to Sydney Lea for his reading on September 28.

BPL READS!

We will be discussing *Homegrown: Timothy McVeigh and the Rise of Right-Wing Extremism* by Jeffery Toobin on October 26 at 6:30 pm . The definitive account of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and the enduring legacy of Timothy McVeigh, leading to the January 6 insurrection.

CREATE! ~ Adult Crafting

This group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00pm. This month we learn the art of Pour Painting with patron Kristen Townsend.

Curiosity Cabinet ~

Betsy has created a wonderful display featuring a 17th century Wonder Cabinet in the tradition of natural scientists of days gone by.

Dungeons & Dragons (D&D)

Adult campaign runs bi-weekly from 5-8pm in the YA Room.

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 and new members each week.

The Friday After School Program for elementary school aged children resumed this month with an emphasis on crafting and tabletop gaming.

Toddler Story Hour ~ Join Ms. Gail and sometimes Waldei each Friday, with stories, songs and crafts at 1.