



September 14, 2023

Librarian's Report

Bradford Public Library

Administrative:

The end of summer and start of a new school year has always been bittersweet at the library. While we lose a few Story Hour friends to preschool and kindergarten, we begin again with a new 'crop of littles' learning to love stories from books and the library. As the busyness of summer and programs for children and families slow, we can prioritize, organize and fall clean for the coming months. In past years we would anticipate a decrease in visitors each fall. However, ongoing library programs for adults, ongoing summer collaborations, and many new faces in the community present continued interest and need for our services.

- A good sized homeschooling group utilizes the library space weekly for group learning with BPL staff member Nancy Kane.
- Ongoing programs are very well attended bringing new faces into the library and contacts to our monthly mailings.

****Don't forget to save this date!~ Sept 28, at 6:30pm local author Sydney Lea will be at the library to read from his latest book titled "What Shines."**

Professional Development:

Libraries of the Upper Valley (LUV) Special Meeting, Monday, Sept. 18, ZOOM, 10 am to noon.

Crafting & Advancing Your Library's Budget~ Monday, September 18, VT DOL webinar 1-2pm.

BPL will host the Orange County Directors meeting on Tuesday, October 3, at 2:30pm. VT state library consultant Karen Gravelin will lead the quarterly discussion.

Volunteer Alden Weiss will represent BPL at the upcoming book repair workshop being offered through our LUV membership in Lyme NH. Alden is enrolled in a *Book Binding, Conservation, and Repair* course for this fall semester.

Technology:

August stats show the highest public computer use this year at 96 sessions. Printing and scanning numbers have risen as well. We receive many calls for tech support especially for LIBBY/Overdrive(GMLC~audio/ebook). Others schedule appointments with librarians for help with devices, GOOGLE apps., email accounts, online applications and more.

SYMQUEST printer reading stats were reported 9/13/23. These usage numbers relate to the monthly service plan.

Donations:

Along with the spike in technology use, we have more folks contributing to the cash box at the circulation desk. Some of these ‘donations’ support printing services @ \$.25 per sheet of paper, others come as a thank you for wi-fi and other library programs and services such as interlibrary loan.

Community Outreach:

Gail has made arrangements with three area preschools to read a story and exchange a bag of books each month. Visits will occur on Weds. at 10:30am to help maintain the current and foster new relationships with children and families.

Circulation:

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In house 785 items borrowed from BPL

ILL - 69 borrowed, 33 lending

GMLC audio/ebook 400 checkouts

- Our data shows a significant decrease in circulation of hard copy CD audio books and DVD videos. This has us rethinking our LUV membership. While we will maintain our membership to the consortium, we have decided to cancel our subscription to the quarterly exchange of discs. Membership will keep us in the loop for meetings and professional development opportunities. Should we decide to join the exchange again we will not have the sign up fees. Membership without materials exchange = \$20 yr (down from \$120).

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				
New patron	14	11	13	8	13	15	12	10				
Program Attendance	96	139	158	174	176	227	251	307				

Programs:

Poetry Circle

Special event this month~ Sept 28, at 6:30pm local author Sydney Lea will be at the library to read from his latest book titled "What Shines."

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 created paper mache lanterns!



Curiosity Cabinet ~

Linda Vitale's display of Beatrice Potter 'Bunnykins' figurines remain until later this month as she prepares to head south for the winter!

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 will begin again in October 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.