



Bradford Public Library
Librarian's Report
April, 2024

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:

A proud moment~ If you did not get a chance, you might like to listen to this episode of [A Brave Little State](#) on Vermont Public's *Vermont Edition* which aired on 3/28/2024. *Don't have time for the whole episode? Skip ahead to about minute 25:35 !!*

BPL Unique Entity ID and CAGE/NCAGE account at SAM.gov has been renewed. This registration is required for us as a non-profit to bid on and get paid for federal contracts or to receive federal funds.

Alarmco Fire System Inspection was done on Weds., March 27. The circuit box at the front desk is outdated, failing, and must be replaced. A 'loaner' box has been installed.

Courier Service agreement has been signed and submitted covering the period of April 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026. Delivery is \$26.30 for each stop. Each stop includes one tote of up to fifty pounds delivered and one tote of up to fifty pounds picked up. Each additional fifty pounds of materials are \$2.16 per additional fifty pounds (no matter how many bins it is divided amongst).

Work Schedule ~ Federal Holidays:

There are 11 official Federal holidays this year ~ request 6 paid holidays for 2024

Juneteenth National Independence Day: Wednesday, June 19th

Independence Day: Thursday, July 4th

Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 28th (4th Thursday in November) asking approval for the following day as well.

Christmas: Wednesday, December 25th asking approval for Christmas Eve as well

Grants:

BPL was awarded the \$1000 CLiF Literacy Grant which will cover the costs of the No Strings Marionette puppet show, and the puppet making workshop during the April school break making these programs FREE and OPEN to everyone!

Washington Electric Community Funding request for \$600 should come through this month as expected. This funding will cover the cost of Poemtown.

Submitted a request to the VT Humanities for \$3000 covering costs for the 2024 Teen Drama Camp.

Donations:

Michelle Sherburne of the JO has donated 3 weeks of advertising for Poemtown activities.

Bradford resident Karen Gravelin of the VT Department of Libraries (ABLE Library director) delivered an extra 100 pairs of eclipse glasses for our patrons. BPL shared 150 pairs of ISO certified eclipse viewing glasses with the community! All were donated by the ECHO Center and VT Dept of Libraries.

Professional Development:

April 11 ~ Money Management for Librarians: Your Own Money, Plus How to Support Patrons During Financial Literacy Month and Beyond! April is National Financial Literacy Month and to support librarians who would like to offer related programming and be able to support patrons better, VTLIB is hosting guest presenter Carol Kando-Pineda, Counsel in the Federal Trade Commission's Division of Consumer and Business Education. This webinar will introduce an FTC site about "just the basics, plain and simple," and tools to help patrons manage their money and deal with debt. Some of the topics covered will be understanding personal credit and credit reports, managing debt, dealing with debt collectors, avoiding debt relief scams, and recovering from identity theft.

April 12 ~ CLiF Conference - Lake Morey Resort

Featuring keynote speaker Kekla Magoon. Kekla Magoon writes novels and nonfiction books for children and teens, often exploring themes of identity, community, empowerment, and social justice.

Discussion on youth resiliency through literature, featuring Author Amy Makechnie, Principal Robin Whitney, and Therapist/Author Kathy Brodsky.

The Mental Health First Aid course training hosted by BPL is scheduled for May 21, at 9am. The course will be presented by Christalee Kinney and Paige Stevens from the Clara Martin Center. The class will include 2 hours of independent pre-work online in addition to the in person session. The course will be open to the community with special invitation to local business owners.

New Patron '23	14	11	13	8	13	15	12	10	7	10	9	8
Program Attendance '24	341	264	138									
Program Attendance '23	96	139	158	174	176	227	251	307	159	76	157	220

SPECIAL APRIL PROGRAMS ~

Thursday evenings in PoemTown!

Schedule of BPL events:

April 11~ 6pm BPL CREATE'S ~ Black Out Poetry

April 18 ~ 6:30pm Alan Haehnel ~ Dynamic mixed media poetry presentation

April 25 ~ 6pm Live Poetry Coffee Hour

Crazy 8's Math Club ~ For grades K-2. This eight week program begins on March 27 from 3 - 4pm. Registration is required as space is limited. Volunteers Kelli Young, Alex Danforth, and Adri Petrossian are working with Gail as we build stuff, run & jump, make music, (make a mess), a totally new kind of math club! The club will not meet during April school break.

No Strings Marionette company will perform in the BA auditorium on Saturday, April 20, at 2:00pm. FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Puppet Making workshop with the folks from *No Strings Marionette* will take place in the children's room on Friday, April 26, from 2-4pm. Registration is required as space and materials are limited.

APRIL VACATION MATH CAMP!! ~ Tuesday April 23 Grades 3-5 10:00-1:30

The Growing Peace Project and BPL are hosting a math camp for kids in grades 3-5. Have fun with math, enjoy snacks, and take home a bag of cool math goodies. Math dice games, partner puzzles, line designs, picture book math, and more. Registration is required; seating might be limited. Lunch will be provided.

Programs: ongoing

Patron interest, requests, community needs, and collaborative opportunities drive library programming. High Mowing seeds have been ordered and will be available in the seed catalog as soon as they arrive.

Poetry Circle

The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 3pm and is open to the public.

BPL READS! Will discuss *Nothing Daunted*, by Dorothy Wickendon on May 16 at 6:30.

CREATE! ~ Adult Crafting

This group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00pm. This month we celebrate National Poetry Month and Bradford PoemTown'24 with Blackout Poetry! *If any board member has a craft they would like to present, let us know!*

BPL Gallery & Glass Cabinet

The gallery and cabinet displays feature an art project that has emerged from the VT carceral system. This exhibit posits art making as a transformative, healing, and cathartic practice and highlights the intensely human instinct to create as a way to transform one's relationship to community, the environment, and to the self. A spark of hope for the future emerges through the art of creation.

Curiosity Cabinet

This month continues to show a wonderful exhibit of historic photos of Bradford area women. Photos provided by Larry Coffin.

Seed Catalog

The seed catalog is full and ready to share. High Mowing seed packets are cataloged and folks may take what they need and swap what they don't!

Mahjong

Mahjong emerged in China in the 1800s and became popular in the Jewish American community by the mid-20th century. Like many programs we offer at BPL, the game's history offers an interesting lens through which to see the intersection of people from different backgrounds and create a sense of belonging and community. 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. Latino inspired foods are served each week!

The Friday After School Program for elementary school aged children meets each week from 3-4:30pm with a focus on crafting and social skills. During this time one of our younger patrons is making new friends through teaching others to play the game of 'Magic - The Gathering' which is a tabletop roleplaying game. A donation of \$125 worth playing cards were donated by the family so that others can play and learn.

Toddler Story Hour ~ Join Ms. Gail and sometimes Waldei each Friday at 10am, with stories, songs and crafts. Parents and caregivers appreciate Story Time as an [affordable] opportunity for children and their adults to make new friends, share with others, and practice fine motor skills.

