



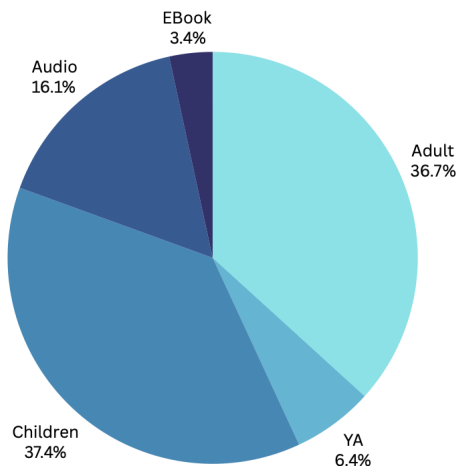
Mission Statement

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

2024 Reflection:

The library continues to serve the community through a diverse collection of reading materials, technology and digital support, and as a welcoming and inclusive meeting space for local groups and services. As a true community hub, Bradford Public Library programs are thriving and driven by patron interest and requests, focusing on learning new things, personal growth, and well being. As such, family and intergenerational programs and activities foster opportunity for community connection as new friendships are made providing a sense of belonging, and social support.

2024 showed a total circulation of 14,262 physical and digital checkouts of library materials!



Most popular reading in 2024

Children ~ 'Wings of Fire' (graphic)

YA ~ 'Gather' by Ken Cadow

Adult~ 'The Women' by Kristin Hannah

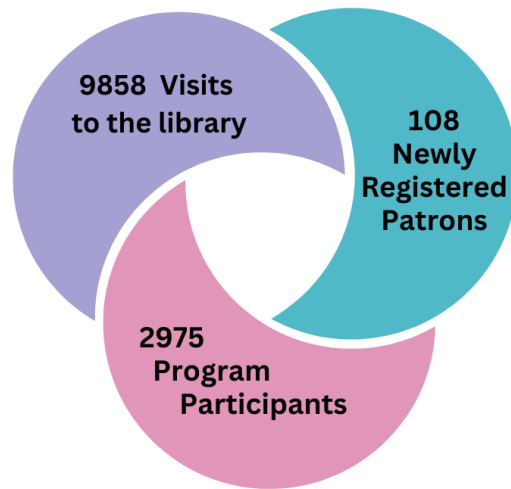
Audio ~ 'The Women' by Kristin Hannah

Ebook ~ 'The Women' by Kristin Hannah

Technology:

BPL continued to provide public access to digital tools and support with technology throughout 2024. Remote workers, visitors to the area, and the general public depend on our public computers and open wifi. Printing, scanning, and Fax services are important amenities for the public. Updates to our digital collection this year included Biblio+ streaming which provides free and unlimited access to groundbreaking film and enticing television, and continued access to the Mango Language Learning platform.

2024 Visitor Tracking:



2024 Program Grants

Librarians actively seek grant opportunities to help support a variety of library programs.

Washington Electric	\$500.00	WEC Community Fund - Poem Town
Dept of Libraries	\$300.00	Summer Reading - Summer Children's Programming
VT Humanities VELI	\$1,500.00	VELI 2024 - Children's & Family Programs
VT Humanities	\$3,000.00	2024 - Drama Camp

Maintenance:

Ongoing attention to preserving the historic library building this year focused on a surface water drainage issue that was regraded and successfully diverted around and away from the building. In addition, the outdated fire alarm system was modernized throughout the library.

Little Libraries:

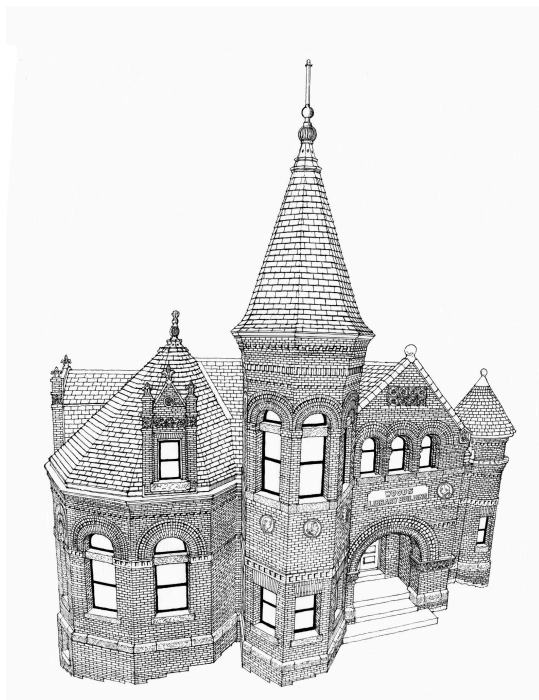
The Bradford Public Library expands book access for all with five Little Free Libraries throughout the town. Donated titles are collected and Little Libraries are maintained thanks to the volunteer efforts of Trustee Emeritus, Larry Coffin.

2024 Little Library Circulation totals:

808	Adult
1204	Childrens

Notable Gift:

This *'Gem of a Building'* attracts many visitors! This summer we were visited by award winning children's book author/illustrator David Macauley. Mr Macauley spent some time admiring the building before creating and generously donating these wonderful illustrations of our library! Mr Macauley has given us permission to use these works as we please.



Staff

Gail Trede ~ Library Director

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Respectfully Submitted by Gail Trede