



**October 16, 2025**  
**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:**

Banned Books Week 2025 took place from October 5–11, 2025, with the theme "Censorship Is So 1984. Read for Your Rights".

Intellectual freedom gives people the right to think for themselves. It respects individual dignity and self-rule. This freedom allows people to form their own ideas and opinions by questioning the world around them. Every person has the right to access information from all points of view, in all formats, and without restriction. Privacy is required for true intellectual freedom.

Protection of this freedom assures every person's right to form their own ideas and opinions.

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#### **Professional Development:**

Bri has completed Part I of the core coursework for the VT Certificate of Public Librarianship and is currently enrolled in Cataloging. We expect Bri to complete the requirements within a year. *I hope you can take the time to open the following link and Bri's response to a recent assignment* [Bri's BPL Op-Ed](#)

#### **Donations:**

Annual Appeal has begun and donations have been coming in through mail and at the circulation desk. The SQUARE card reader has arrived and is being set up to accept donations in house.

**Grants:**

BPL has been awarded 50 copies of the 2025 Vermont Reads title *A Light Pirate*, by Lily Brooks-Dalton through the Vermont Humanities Council. This award includes a discussion led by a trained facilitator. We have invited Jim Schley who has been leading book discussion groups for twenty years and has taught for Community College of Vermont and The Frost Place, where he was executive director. At Dartmouth College he majored in Literature and Creative Writing and minored in Native American Studies, and he has an M.F.A. in poetry from Warren Wilson College. Books are available at the circulation desk and we look forward to hosting this discussion on October 23, at 6:30pm.

**Maintenance:**

Outdoor lights are ‘OUT’ at the front stoop, and the accessibility ramp entrance.

**Technology:**

The end-of-support date for Windows 10, arrived Oct. 14, 2025 impacting our public computers, (as well as patron-owned and maybe some staff owned computers.) Windows 11 has a series of specific hardware requirements, which means many semi-recent computers that are otherwise totally usable aren’t able to upgrade. Our PC’s do not meet the minimum system requirements to run Windows 11. Patrons as well as librarians look forward to updating our public computers!

**Volunteers:**

Special thanks to Alex Danforth for covering Story Hour for two weeks while Gail was away.

**Circulation:**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
house circ ‘25	654	663	637	692	677	613	834	575	365			
house circ ‘24	631	703	732	618	528	694	805	810	585	616	624	549
ILL in ‘25	45	46	58	70	40	56	45	51	58			
ILL in ‘24	116	92	73	81	106	57	89	45	59	83	61	39
ILL out ‘25	43	50	36	44	36	33	37	32	37			
ILL out ‘24	40	31	32	28	35	23	44	21	26	38	28	26
audio/ebook ‘25	299	258	285	298	319	286	345	334	314			
audio/ebook ‘24	384	402	375	357	342	333	344	318	310	376	350	308

<b>Little Libraries Adult</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>131</b>			
<b>Little Libraries Youth</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>173</b>			

### Visitor Tracking:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Visits 2025</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>593</b>			
<b>Visits 2024</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>1010</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>479</b>
<b>New Patron '25</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>			
<b>New Patron '24</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Program Attendance '25</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>158</b>			
<b>Program Attendance '24</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>139</b>

### PROGRAMS:

Patron interest, requests, community needs, and collaborative opportunities drive library programming. Library programs are free and open to the public.

**BPL READS discussion group October 23 at 6:30pm** ~ will discuss the 2025 Vermont Reads pick *The Light Pirate* by Lily Brooks-Dalton, at 6:30pm on October 23. BPL received 50 copies of the book, and a discussion led by Jim Schley through a grant from the Vermont Humanities Council. Copies of *The Light Pirate* are available at the circulation desk.

**Writers Workshop ~ October 25, 10 am , November 15, 10 am.** ~ Ever want to write a story but don't know where to start? Join Award winning authors S.Lee and J.B.Manning for a two part workshop on how to generate an idea, create a character, and begin writing! Registration required.

**BPL Halloween Costume Swap ~ Acquire a 'new to you' costume for free rather than spend on a one time event!** Freshly laundered pieces and accessories are being accepted and

available to take now through October 30. We are also collecting non perishable items for the Bradford Food Shelf at this time.

**Poetry Circle** ~ The poetry group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 3 pm and is open to the public. The group often connects with folks currently out of the country via ZOOM.

**BPL CREATES** ~ Is on hiatus until November due to participants busy schedules and weather!

**BPL GALLERY** ~ Calling all local artists and craftspeople: We invite you to submit your work for consideration for an exhibition in our gallery.

**Mahjong** ~ This group plays Mahjong each Thursday from 2 - 4 pm. Experienced players welcome and help beginners to learn the game.

**Spanish Language / Conversation group** ~ The Spanish language group meets every Tuesday at 12:30 with at least ten learners in attendance and new members each week.

**NEW Homeschooling Group** ~ STEAM program for homeschooling families on Thursdays at 1PM. Activities are based on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics putting our Young Makers tech tools to use!

**Friday Morning Story Hour ~ Weekly at 10am**  
Stories, songs and crafts with Ms Gail and Alex!