



May 15 , 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:

Happy Spring ! It is that time of year when folks are cleaning out their basements, attics and BOOKSHELVES! BPL accepts most donations if they are in good condition, generally relevant to readers, and sometimes to help an elderly patron dispose of materials...Many of these books go to our popular Little Free Libraries, some are saved for the book sale, few are recycled, and others are sent to *Better World Books*. Better World Books collects and sells used and new books online, donating a portion of the proceeds to literacy initiatives. Our staff works with this organization to support their mission of making books available to those in need and to organizations supporting literacy. Together, we are diverting books from landfills and giving booklovers across the world access to the power of knowledge and connectedness through reading!

Maintenance:

The carpeting in the children's room needs replacing.

We are revisiting the estimate from Valley Floors for the custom made blinds for the upper windows in the Reading Room as recently imposed tariffs are expected to affect costs. The blinds are part of the ALA LTCAccess3 Grant project to reduce glare.

The new ViewSonic display board wall mount will need to be installed where the current projector screen hangs in the Reading Room.

Technology:

We need to think about replacing one of the IMAC 2011 computers in the Mezzanine. Also, one of the Windows machines died this month!

A portion of the \$10,000 ALA LTCAccess3 Grant award will support the purchase of ViewSonic 86-inch 4K UHD bundle format presentation display, WIFI and wall mount. The agreement has been signed for this purchase.

We have reached out to our contact at the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) and will borrow an older version of the Eschenbach Vario Digital FHD desktop video magnifier to be sure this device suits the needs of our patrons and goals of our project before purchase.

Grants:

BPL has been awarded a Summer Reading '25 Program Grant of \$350 from the VT Department of Libraries for summer children's programs.

BPL has been awarded a CLiF Summer Readers Grant which includes an author visit and book giveaway this summer! This event is scheduled July 8 at 10am in Elizabeth's park and is valued at about \$2500.

BPL Poem Town received a \$500 Community Grant from Washington Electric. This covered the cost of printing and 21 overtime staff hours. Collaborations between BPL and the JO resulted in free advertising for PoemTown'25.

A check for \$10,000 has been deposited for the ALA LTCAccess3 Grant award.

Professional Development:

VELI Virtual mtg ~ May 2, 1pm

ILL Virtual Roundtable ~ Tuesday, May 13, 2025, from 10:00am-12:00pm.

Vermont Librarians Association (VLA) 2025 Conference in Killington on Monday, May 16.

Volunteers:

A very special THANK YOU to Denise Shannon, David Samatarro, and Tom Marshall for staffing the library during Gail's illness and Betsy's absence!

OXBOW Community Day ~ May 16 , a group of students from Oxbow HS will be at BPL to help clean up the yard, wash windows, install air conditioners, and other small jobs. Someone from the BPL Maintenance Committee would be welcome to help with this!

Circulation:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
house circ '25	654	663	637	692								
house circ '24	631	703	732	618	528	694	805	810	585	616	624	549
ILL in '25	45	46	58	70								
ILL in '24	116	92	73	81	106	57	89	45	59	83	61	39
ILL out '25	43	50	36	44								
ILL out '24	40	31	32	28	35	23	44	21	26	38	28	26
audio/ebook '25	299	258	285	298								
audio/ebook '24	384	402	375	357	342	333	344	318	310	376	350	308
Little Libraries Adult	65	32	53	121								
Little Libraries Youth	67	59	66	124								

Visitor Tracking:

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

PROGRAMS:

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

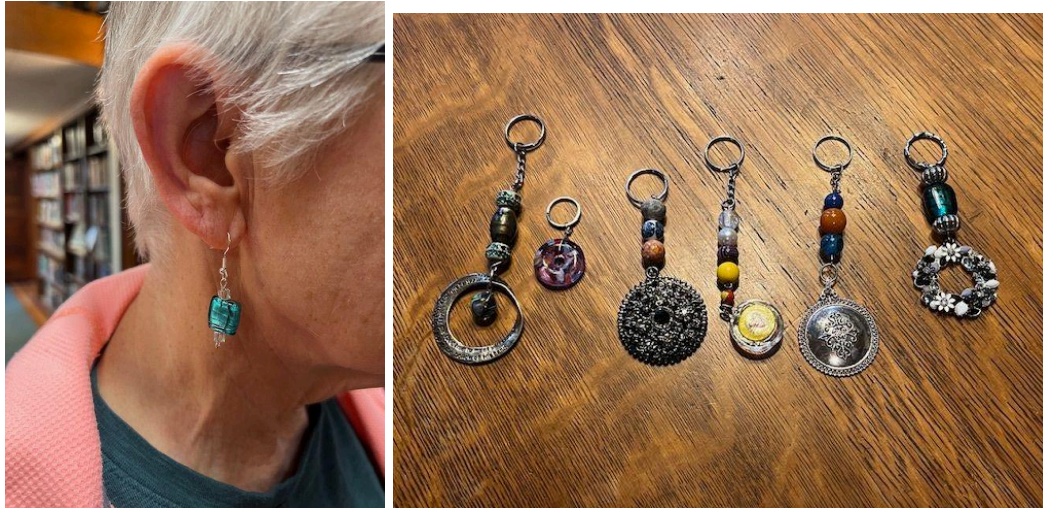
**The BPL Seed catalog is full of High Mowing Seeds*

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

Poem Town 2025 ~ The live reading which took place on April 24 was well attended celebrating another successful and popular Bradford Poem Town!

Teen Playwrights ~ teens aged 12+ are working with teaching artist Kailie Larkin in preparation for the 2025 Teen Drama Camp production this summer.

BPL CREATES ~ Meets on the first Thursday of each month. On May 1, we CREATE-ed upcycled jewelry art with Cheryl Maynard.



BPL READS discussion group ~ meets May 8, at 6:30pm discussing Remarkably Bright Creatures written by Shelby Van Pelt.

Mahjong ~ This group plays Mahjong each Thursday from 2 - 4 pm. Experienced players help beginners to learn the game. The Snowbirds are back !

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.

Tuesday Homeschool Meetup ~ This group is growing and bringing folks from Groton, Corinth, Topsham, and Bradford. A few older homeschooling children from New Hampshire attend the Friday Art Club as well.

Toddler Story Hour ~ Children join Ms. Gail each Friday at 10 am for 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.

Friday Afternoon Art Club ~ Elementary school aged kids interested in drawing, paint, clay, collage and more join Ms, Gail on Fridays from 3 - 4:30 pm.