



June 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:

This month's regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting is cancelled due to the Juneteenth Federal Holiday.

Summer is here and all library staff are switching gears for summer library use, programs and events. After a long cold spring, the Vermont Library Association (VLA) 130th annual conference, "Rooted in Community" held in Killington on May 19 brought together hundreds of Vermont professionals dedicated to the library and services provided to our communities. I attended workshops on supporting Telehealth services, AI awareness and education, and one on Navigating difficult Conversations. The keynote speakers were professionally inspiring and entertaining. In all, this day of learning and celebrating the impact of the library on our communities certainly reaffirmed the 'why' of what we do! **Speaking of community...I am honored to have been asked, and will speak at the BES grade 6 graduation ceremony on June 10. 🍷

Maintenance:

The carpeting in the children's room needs replacing.

Ken Keating began work on the exterior trim on Thursday, May 29, 2025.

Deposit has been made to Valley Floors and custom shades have been ordered for the reading room.

The View Sonic monitor has been mounted on the west wall in the Reading Room.

Technology:

After reaching out to library staff across the state we received helpful input on what other libraries are purchasing or have recently purchased for public use computers.

Request for BPL:

- laptop for the VT Room to support Telehealth, supervised visitations, and/or other private meetings. This laptop would also be used with the ViewSonic display board in the Reading Room.
- 3 All in one desktop in the reading room and 1 in the Mezzanine.

The children's area will not have public computers connected to the internet. Personal devices may connect to our network downstairs, and the children's AWE computers are preloaded with educational programs.

Donations:

Many plants, books and yard sale items have been donated for the annual fundraising event!

Thank You to the Bradford Little Grille for supporting our Summer Readers with a FREE Ice Cream Cone upon completion of their personal reading challenge!

Volunteers:

A very special *Thank You* to BPL Trustees for all efforts made to support the Annual Yard Sale! More special thanks to Arvid and Nate Johnson for installing the View Sonic Screen!

Circulation:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
house circ '25	654	663	637	692	677							
house circ '24	631	703	732	618	528	694	805	810	585	616	624	549
ILL in '25	45	46	58	70	40							
ILL in '24	116	92	73	81	106	57	89	45	59	83	61	39
ILL out '25	43	50	36	44	36							
ILL out '24	40	31	32	28	35	23	44	21	26	38	28	26
audio/ebook '25	299	258	285	298	319							
audio/ebook '24	384	402	375	357	342	333	344	318	310	376	350	308
Little Libraries Adult	65	32	53	121	90							

Little Libraries Youth	67	59	66	124	130							
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Visitor Tracking:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Visits 2025	686	660	769	786	765							
Visits 2024	778	868	924	877	1010	861	925	934	714	813	675	479
New Patron '25	10	11	14	13	8							
New Patron '24	5	7	6	8	3	3	14	15	12	13	19	3
Program Attendance '25	209	209	447	215	190							
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.

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

BPL CREATES ~ Meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6pm. On May 5, we transfer crayon drawings onto fabric tote bags.

BPL READS discussion group ~ meets June 12, at 6:30pm with local author Sasha Hom. *Sidework* is a lyric, page-turning novella about a homeless Korean adoptee and mother of four. During her busy Sunday shift waiting tables, her customers— rock stars, locals, and the Grim Reaper himself— bring her face to face with larger issues of motherhood, suicide, environmental degradation, death, and belonging. Sasha Hom is the recipient of a Sustainable Arts Foundation grant, a Brink Hybrid Literary Award, and a 2023 Justice, Activism and Localization Grant.

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.

BES KINDER Visit!

Bradford Elementary School Kindergarten class makes their annual trek to the library on Friday, June 6, for a special story hour!

Friday Morning Story Hour ~ Weekly at 10am

Stories, songs and crafts with Ms Gail and Alex!

We will be serving *Summer Meals & Snacks* for children - 18 yrs from June 23 - August 15. Meals are provided by Nourish Barre, and Hunger Free Vermont.

SUMMER PLANS!



COLOR OUR WORLD™
This summer at the library!
save these dates
Special Friday Story Hours
@ Elizabeth's Park ~ 10am

June 13 ~ Story Hour with Four Winds Nature Institute
July 8 ~ Story telling and FREE books with CLiF
July 25 ~ Story Hour with Four Winds Nature Institute

ART with the GREATS	PG Movie Matinee
Joan Miro ~ 7/15	The Wild Robot~7/11
Salvador Dali ~7/22	Paddington in Peru~7/18
Claude Monet ~ 7/29	Despicable Me 4~7/25
Henri Matisse ~ 8/5	The Croods~8/1
	The Garfield Movie~8/8
	Kung Fu Panda 4~8/15
Tuesdays ~ 10am	Fridays ~ 3pm

Complete a Summer reading Log for FREE ICE CREAM
**Enter the Summer Readers' Raffle every time you come into the library