



**July 17, 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 I want to recognize our librarians and the roles we play in supporting the community with technology. On a daily basis we help folks set up personal computers, tablets, phones, access patron accounts, LIBBY Overdrive, etcetera. Folks rely on us, sharing personal information in order to meet basic needs and demands. Job applications, unemployment filings, medical portals and health documents, bill pays, IRS filings, divorce proceedings, child custody status, and more. It is an honor to be trusted, a privilege to serve in this way. I am proud of, and grateful to all staff at BPL.

The season is in full swing with children's programming and summer reading challenges. Our youngest patrons are excited for the annual summer reading incentives including "how many in the jar", reading logs to earn an ice cream cone at The Mill, and entering to win a remote control LEGO Building kit and other prizes!

The new owner at the Bridge Weekly gave us a full page spread which was published on July 3. This is a collaborative effort between area libraries where we each took a week to let the public know what is happening in our libraries.

A few remote workers have been asking how the library might 'fill the gap' with the recent changes to the *Space on Main*.

We had a special guest visit on the evening of July 3 ... a grey squirrel dashed in through the front door and ran a few laps around the mezzanine before we were able to open a

staircase window and he happily joined his friend, who was literally waiting for him in the parking lot!

**Maintenance:**

- Wall repair at base of stairs ~ *Angela's father in law*
- Wall repair in bathroom~ *Angela's father in law*
- Time to replace carpet in the children's area
- Some of the furniture is in need of repair; we might consider replacing some antiques with durable materials that can handle use.
- Strangely, the reading room has been extremely hot this summer. In past years the air conditioner has worked well making this space the most comfortable in the building

The children's room is not as cool as it has always been. The air circulator does not run when turned on just inside the furnace room door. Can this be looked at?

**Technology:**

I would like some help looking into switching to fiber internet service for the library, perhaps even providing a bigger bang for our buck.

Arvid Johnson installed the LINUX operating system on one of the Window's computers which had been giving us trouble.

The new 86" Viewsonic Displayboard is up and running thanks to Arvid and Nathan Johnson. This display board acts as a computer allowing us to connect to any search engine, share content via screen casting software, with clear and vivid images. This purchase was funded by the American Library Association Access Grant.

**Donations:**

- Hanover Garden Club donated \$50 for our gardening collection!
- ALA donated three Blood Pressure Cuffs for lending and in house use.
- Larry Coffin is downsizing his home book collection, selling them on Ebay and donating the profits to BPL. Thank You Larry!

**Volunteers:**

Special thanks to Arvid and Nate Johnson for installing the View Sonic Screen!

Thank you to John Boyd for fixing and installing the Reading Room air conditioner!

Angela's Father in Law will volunteer his time and expertise to patch the hole at the bottom of the stairway in the children's room. THANK YOU!!

Jeremy Daigle is available to volunteer , with Community Service Time (CST) pay from his employer Hypertherm. If we have any projects, or the maintenance committee needs any help let me know! I must give Jeremy 24-48 hrs notice.

**Circulation:**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
house circ '25	654	663	637	692	677	613						
house circ '24	631	703	732	618	528	694	805	810	585	616	624	549
ILL in '25	45	46	58	70	40	56						
ILL in '24	116	92	73	81	106	57	89	45	59	83	61	39
ILL out '25	43	50	36	44	36	33						
ILL out '24	40	31	32	28	35	23	44	21	26	38	28	26
audio/ebook '25	299	258	285	298	319	286						
audio/ebook '24	384	402	375	357	342	333	344	318	310	376	350	308
Little Libraries Adult	65	32	53	121	90	99						
Little Libraries Youth	67	59	66	124	130	119						

**Visitor Tracking:**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Visits 2025	686	660	769	786	765	741						

<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>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>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.

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

**BPL Gallery** ~ Features local artist Stephen Duli. Stephen's pen & ink, acrylic, and watercolor pieces are on display through July.

**BPL CREATES** ~ Will not meet in July. We will meet on August 7 at 6pm to CREATE Zentangles with local crafter, Kristin Townsend.

**BPL READS discussion group** ~ will be reading Miss Morgan's Book Brigade by Janet Skeslien Charles. The discussion will take place on August 28, at 6:30pm. Copies of the book choice should be available at BPL by mid July.

**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.

**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.


**TEENS:** Playwright Festival & Performance takes place July 28 - August 1. Original plays are written, directed, and cast here at the library by local teens! ***The FREE Public Performance will take place at the Bradford Academy Building Auditorium on Friday, August 1, at 4PM*** This program is grant sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council.

### **SUMMER PLANS for KIDS!**

Children are invited to pick up a reading log and stickers to track summer reading. All Summer Readers will earn a certificate for an ice cream cone at Bradford's Little Grille!

Guess how many Pokemon Figures are in the jar!

Enter the BPL Summer Raffle every time you enter the library for a chance to win a Remote Control Building Block Machine, a LEGO Flower building kit, and more great prizes!



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**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**

<b>ART with the GREATS</b>	<b>PG Movie Matinee</b>
Joan Miro ~ 7/15	The Wild Robot~7/11
Salvador Dali ~7/22	Paddington in Peru~7/18
Claude Monet ~ 8/5	Despicable Me 4~7/25
Henri Matisse ~ 8/12	The Croods~8/1
	The Garfield Movie~8/8
	Kung Fu Panda 4~8/15
<b>Tuesdays ~ 10am</b>	<b>Fridays ~ 3pm</b>

Complete a Summer Reading Log for a  
**FREE ICE CREAM Cone at The Little Grille!**

**\*\*Enter the Summer Readers' Raffle every time you come into the library**