



August 21, 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:

The end of summer 2025 is bittersweet as we wish librarian Betsy Kane all the best on her new adventure of teaching art at the Olivarian School in Piermont New Hampshire. Betsy's cheerful attitude, literary knowledge, understanding and commitment to our work will be missed by the BPL community. That being said, we welcome Brianne Bandy, and thank both of these ladies for working together this past month to bring Bri up to speed on the many important pieces of the role for a smooth transition!

Professional Development:

Bri attended the ILL RT~ Barre , Aug 12

Gail will attend the VELI Conference at Lake Fairlee, Monday, Sept 8

Bri begins the VT Certification Core Classes/Basic PL Admin on Sept 2

Maintenance:

Check ins:

Ken Keating: paint project should be back on schedule within a few weeks, 8/19.

Valley Floors: upper window treatments have been built and shipped, 8/19.

Volunteers:

Angela's father-in-law plastered the hole at the bottom of the stairs.

Oden Schlager removed the broken braces from the computer table in the Reading Room

Jeremy Daigle painted the plaster at the bottom of the stairs, cleaned the front entry inside and out, washed the front doors, and inside the foyer!

Technology:

The Surface laptop has been ‘wiped’ and handed from Betsy to Bri.

Bri’s husband is a computer programmer (🤩👍) for SW Airlines.

Circulation:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
house circ ‘25	654	663	637	692	677	613	834					
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					
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					
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					
audio/ebook ‘24	384	402	375	357	342	333	344	318	310	376	350	308
Little Libraries Adult	65	32	53	121	90	99	114					
Little Libraries Youth	67	59	66	124	130	119	140					

Visitor Tracking:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Visits 2025	686	660	769	786	765	741	743					
Visits 2024	778	868	924	877	1010	861	925	934	714	813	675	479
New Patron ‘25	10	11	14	13	8	8	10					
New Patron ‘24	5	7	6	8	3	3	14	15	12	13	19	3
Program Attendance ‘25	209	209	447	215	190	241	201					
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.

We served 285 Summer Meals & Snacks for children - 18 yrs from June 23 - August 15. Meals were provided by Nourish Barre, and Hunger Free Vermont.

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.

BPL READS discussion group ~ will discuss *Miss Morgan's Book Brigade* by Janet Skeslein Charles on Thursday, August 28 at 6:30pm.

BPL GALLERY ~ Featuring a collection of Children's Art from Summer Programming through September.

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.

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

Congratulations to our Summer Reader Drawing Winners!

Pokemon ~ Jaxson P

Botanical LEGO ~ Tony Brainerd

Mechanical Masters, Bricks Remote Control, Vehicle ~ Jon Paul

Slime Blendz! ~ Elijah Dorsett

Lan Walker Fishing Chronicles ~ Mason Hatch

Desert Animals Collection ~ Ramona Vitale

OZ Sticker Jigsaw ~ Zoa Emerson

