



September 18, 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 changing of the guard between Betsy and Brianne has gone extremely well thanks to both of them for their dedication and commitment to BPL and library services! This time of year also brings changes to the children's room as many of our little friends are moving on to Pre-K and Kindergarten. Fridays are exciting and fun as we welcome new families to story hour each week! As the season settles, gardens are put to bed for winter, and the school year gets underway, adult programming will resume for the cooler months ahead.

Professional Development:

Vermont Early Literacy Fall Conference ~ Gail > Lake Morey, Monday, September 8.
BPL has been a member of VELI since its inception in 2010. 21 VELI libraries represent a diversity in geography, size, audience, and experience. Shared insights among the group are invaluable in supporting early literacy programming in our community library.

Bri has begun coursework for the VT Certificate of Public Librarianship. She is currently enrolled in the Basic Admin, and is registered to begin Cataloging in October.

Certificate requirements:

- Four core courses, each 25 Continuing Education Units
 - Basic Public Library Administration:
 - Cataloging
 - Collection Development
 - Reference
- Electives: 40 Continuing Education Units

- Library Technology: 10 Continuing Education Units

Total required Continuing Education Units: 150

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.

Donations:

Thank you Denise Shannon, for the beautiful new chairs in the Reading Room!

Thank you Joy Ellsworth for the cutest little Disney Princess table in the children's area!

Maintenance:

Custom window treatments for the upper windows in the Reading Room were installed on Monday, September 15. This project was paid for through the ALA LTC Access grant.

Technology:

Reminder : the upcoming end-of-support date for Windows 10, on Oct. 14, 2025 impacts 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. We could do nothing, and use the computers as-is. But the operating system will not get security updates, leaving patron privacy at risk which becomes more and more concerning as time goes along.

Chris Bandy does IT for SouthWest Airlines. Chris explained a number of changes we can make in the tech closet to secure wiring, and make better use of our network in general. He has suggestions for PC purchase to support the needs of our patrons.

Volunteers:

Working with a JOBS Vocational Counselor at the Clara Martin Center, we are supporting a young person interested in a possible career in library services. Lucas will be working with us as a volunteer for a few months, with pay from the program at Clara Martin.

Two Oxbow HS students looking for community service hours will be doing some major fall cleaning for us. Thank you Keara Gilmartin and Lilly Schlegel!

Circulation:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
house circ '25	654	663	637	692	677	613	834	575				
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				
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				
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				
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	106				
Little Libraries Youth	67	59	66	124	130	119	140	161				

Visitor Tracking:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Visits 2025	686	660	769	786	765	741	743	517				
Visits 2024	778	868	924	877	1010	861	925	934	714	813	675	479
New Patron '25	10	11	14	13	8	8	10	8				
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	140				
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. 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 READS discussion group ~ 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.

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.

NEW Homeschooling Group ~ Bri is running a 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!