



December 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:

On November 21, the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island struck down the Trump Administration's attempts to dismantle the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

The decision was issued in response to a lawsuit filed by the Attorneys General of 21 states.

ALA President Sam Helmick said, "Today's court decision is a powerful affirmation of what libraries mean to America. It restores everything that the executive order tried to take away: shared access to books in rural and remote areas, essential virtual learning tools, children's reading programs and the countless library services available to anyone who walks into a public, school or academic library. This isn't just a win for the 21 states who filed the case--it's a win for every library user and every American in every state and territory. ([ala.org/news](https://www.ala.org/news))

The ***Why Bradford still needs its library in 2025*** article posted in the December 3 edition of the Journal Opinion, and written by our very own Bri Bandy has been very popular. Many patrons are commenting and expressing their appreciation at the circulation desk and on the street!

The library will be closed on December 24, 25, and January 1-3 for the Holidays.

Collection Development:

Although we do not use Baker & Taylor Publisher Services, their closure has significantly disrupted collection development and circulation here at BPL. Since October 2025, "thousands" of libraries have switched to Ingram, the vendor we use, and they are "struggling to meet demand." In effect, orders placed in October have not yet arrived!

Professional Development:

Bri is halfway through the VT Certificate of Public Librarianship!

Certificate requirements:

- Four core courses, each 25 Continuing Education Units
 - Basic Public Library Administration:/ COMPLETE
 - Cataloging / COMPLETE
 - Collection Development / COMPLETE
 - Reference begins in February

Grants:

The Courier Grant for \$683.80 was submitted on Nov 13, covering ½ of our expense for this service.

Donations:

Bradford resident Marie Fogg ~ donated her annual Gingerbread House!



A holiday tree was donated by the Wells River Savings Bank, and decorated by Keara Gilmartin student volunteers.

Maintenance:

The new granite threshold is lovely and makes opening and closing the front doors much easier!

Technology:

We installed a wireless censored doorbell on the entryway door downstairs. This device is very helpful as it lets us know when people enter/exit the library downstairs.

Volunteers:

Thank you Sue Danis for leading BPL CREATE's adult crafting group for November and December!

Thank you Chris Bandy for helping us utilize and organize files in Google WorkSpace!!

Circulation:

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| house circ '25 | 654 | 663 | 637 | 692 | 677 | 613 | 834 | 575 | 365 | 450 | 397 | |
| 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 | 58 | 54 | 36 | |
| 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 | 37 | 39 | 24 | |
| 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 | 314 | 335 | 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 | 131 | 112 | 106 | |
| Little Libraries Youth | 67 | 59 | 66 | 124 | 130 | 119 | 140 | 161 | 173 | 120 | 75 | |

Visitor Tracking:

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Visits 2025 | 686 | 660 | 769 | 786 | 765 | 741 | 743 | 517 | 593 | 766 | 621 | |
| 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 | 13 | 11 | 9 | |
| 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 | 158 | 245 | 225 | |
| 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.

MONGOLIA, Thursday, December 18, at 5PM.

Special guest Anita Farhni presents a photo presentation and talk on MONGOLIA, Thursday, December 18, at 5PM. For the past twenty-five years Anita Fahrni-Minear has worked with Mongolian schools and universities. Her program has granted 124 Mongolian students of German a year of study in Switzerland and forty Mongolian teachers of English or German additional training in Swiss schools or in Vermont. She has placed over 150 people to teach English or German in institutions in the Mongolian countryside. Having spent a total of over two years there, she has broad knowledge of the country and its people which she will share with us in Bradford.

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 includes participation via ZOOM.

BPL GALLERY ~ Featuring the work of Siberian Yakut/Sakha artist and professor at the Russian Krasnoyarsk Art Institute, Aleksandr Surikov.

Curiosity Cabinets ~ This month showcase a seasonal collection of Springerle cookie presses. Springerle are traditional Christmas cookies in Bavaria and Austria. These cookie presses have been lent to us by Anita Farhni.

BPL CREATES ~ On December 4 local artist Sue Danis led participants in creating holiday ornaments with decoupage. January CREATE'S will feature watercolor painting.

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! Participant numbers are picking up again after a short lull this fall.

Homeschooling Group ~ STEAM program for homeschooling families has switched to Friday, at 1PM. Activities are based on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics putting our Young Makers tech tools to use!

Friday After School ~ begins at 3pm each week making the STEAM activities available to the broader community.

BPL as a community meeting space ~

The **Orange Parent Child Center** is hosting a playgroup in the children's room every other Tuesday/Saturday.

A **teen homeschooling group** meets at the library on Tuesdays for Language Arts class taught by Nancy Kane.

One on one support specialists from Upper Valley Services and other local support meet weekly with clients at the library.