



November 20, 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 Wednesday, November 5, I [Gail] was invited to speak at a women's group meeting in the Fairlee Town Hall on behalf of the library. I took this opportunity to talk about the history of the library, our services and programs, how the library is funded, and our dependence on grants, donations, and the *Annual Appeal*. The RONDO club was founded by women in 1920 as a political club to advocate for women's right to vote. It now is a charitable club raising money for ten Upper Valley charities annually. At this meeting, BPL was nominated as one of the charitable organizations to receive a donation this year. The group will choose ten organizations at their December meeting. Fingers crossed...

The library will be closed on November 27, and 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

### Professional Development:

VELI virtual meetup ~ Friday, Nov 7. The Vermont Early Literacy Initiative (VELI) provides Vermont public libraries with picture books and early literacy training.

Bri is making her way 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 / **Currently Enrolled**
- Reference
- Electives: 40 Continuing Education Units, Library Technology: 10 Continuing Education Units

Total required Continuing Education Units: 150

### **Grants:**

End of year grant reporting has begun!

### **Donations:**

Holiday decoration requests have been sent to our local banks. We appreciate the generosity of the Community Bank, Wells River Savings, and Bar Harbor Bank for the holiday tree, double wreaths, and potted poinsettia donated by these businesses each year.

BPL welcomed twenty *ghoulish* preschoolers from the Valley Cooperative Preschool on Halloween! Each child received a brand new picture book and sweet treats thanks to our participation in the Vermont Early Literacy Initiative (VELI).

### **Maintenance:**

Ken Keating has not been able to secure the lift needed to complete the trim this season. Next spring he will tackle the turret with the second coat of paint. He says that all the trim up there is in good condition and has no chance of failing anytime soon. Ken was able to replace, caulk and paint two rotted boards, and clean the mildew from bricks on the front wall. (separate from the trim invoice , \$660)

### **Technology:**

ECFiber installation took place on Friday, Oct 31.

Chris Bandy has begun organizing the tech closet and wifi settings with the new ECFiber service.

### **Volunteers:**

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

Thank you Elaina for covering so that Gail could attend the RONDO meeting in Fairlee!

Thank you Chris Bandy for the tech support!

### 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		
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		
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		
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		
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		
Little Libraries Youth	67	59	66	124	130	119	140	161	173	120		

### 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		
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		
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		
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 includes participation via ZOOM.

**BPL GALLERY** ~ Featuring local artist Sue Danis.



**BPL CREATES** ~ On November 6 local artist Sue Danis led participants in painting with acrylics on wood. Sue will be back in December creating holiday ornaments with decoupage.

**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!

**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.

**Winners of the Fall Puzzle Challenge! ~ Saturday, November 8,** Three teams competed against the clock, and each other to complete the 500 piece puzzle. The winning team completed the puzzle in just over an hour! Winning team members won a gift certificate to a service at the Wright's Mountain Wellness Collective.

