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VLA is here to help you. The people who make up the Executive Board, Section & Committee leaders and Representatives volunteer their time for VLA because they feel that it is important to be involved in an organization that benefits Vermont librarians and their profession as a whole. Below is a list of your VLA leaders. For more contact information, see the [VLA Leadership Directory](#). Let them know if you would like to be involved in VLA, too!

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From Your President...

by Oceana Wilson

In October, I had the pleasure of attending the New England Library Association conference. In addition to speaking on a panel of state chapter leaders, I attended many interesting presentations. One of the most practical was "Producing a Programming Policy That Empowers Your Library," presented by librarians Kerry O'Donnell and Meena Jain. Every day, libraries across Vermont are connecting with their communities through meaningful programs for all ages and interests. Similar to a well-structured collection policy, a programming policy can help support and clarify this work, and be a powerful tool if challenges arise.

O'Donnell and Jain emphasized the advantages of implementing a programming policy, which include maintaining consistent communication; supporting existing or creating new procedures; setting clear expectations for patrons, partners, and town administration; and effectively managing program-related challenges. They recommended several key elements that libraries should consider incorporating into their programming policies, including defining the policy's purpose, aligning it with the library's mission and values statement, stating responsible parties for program development, establishing program selection criteria, specifying budget or funding sources, and outlining the procedure for addressing reconsiderations.

If your library is considering developing a programming policy, there are some great Vermont examples to provide inspiration. Springfield Town Library's policy (<https://www.springfieldtownlibrary.org/our-policies>), newly adopted in 2023, outlines expectations for presenters and speakers and helpfully cross-references their other applicable policies for exhibits and meeting room use. Both Springfield's policy and Varum Memorial Library's policy (<https://www.varumlibrary.org/varum-memorial-library-policies>) have procedures for requesting the reconsideration of a program that mirror the procedures used for reconsideration requests for library materials, creating efficiency and consistency across policies. Ilsley Public Library's policy (<https://d1xsgv5rnouq19.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Library-Program-and-Spaces-1.11.2021.pdf>) is robust and reviewed and amended by their board periodically. South Burlington Public Library's policy (https://southburlingtonlibrary.org/client_media/files/Polices%20and%20Procedures/Library%20Program%20Policy%204%2014%2022.pdf) provides information on how programs are selected and outlines rules regarding library programs and business solicitations.

I'm so inspired by all the engaging Vermont library programs happening in November and December. Deborah Rawson Memorial Library (<https://www.drml.org>) is hosting a seated tai chi for fall prevention series. Orwell Free Library (<https://orwellfreelibrary.org>) is hosting "coffee, tea, and good community" gatherings, and Chelsea Public Library (<http://www.chelsealibrary.com>) is hosting weekly coffee gatherings for veterans. Kellogg Hubbard Library (<https://www.kellogghubbard.org>) is hosting "Grief Over the Holidays" facilitated by a hospice coordinator. Rutland Free Library (<https://rutlandfree.org>) is hosting Art Bar, an open craft time with "craft supplies galore." Quechee Library (<https://www.quecheeandwilderlibraries.com>) is inviting children to become Art Detectives, and Waterbury Public Library's (<https://waterburypubliclibrary.com/welcome-to-the-library>) monthly LGBTQ-friendly book club for youths, Queer Reads, will be reading *On a Sunbeam* by Tillie Waldon in November. Baxter Memorial Library (<https://sharonvtlibrary.com>) is hosting the inaugural gathering of their new Cookbook Club, and Swanton Public Library (<https://swantonlibrary.org>) is hosting a sourdough bread workshop. Fletcher Free Library (<https://fletcherfree.org/programs-events/month/2023-11>) is

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screening *The Glass Shield* for their monthly film series highlighting Black film directors. Wilder Memorial Library (<https://wildermemoriallibrary.org>) knows "Weston isn't exactly a stop on Taylor Swift's historic Eras Tour" but is still celebrating all things Taylor with a Taylor Swift-themed friendship bracelet workshop. These examples represent just a handful of the many ways Vermont librarians foster community, participate in both joyful and challenging dialogues, inspire curiosity, and enhance the quality of life for all Vermonters.

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Tour of Franklin County Libraries '23

by Josh Worman

If you're like me (and who isn't?), you enjoy traveling around Vermont and visiting libraries. In fact, after I became the lucky winner of the director of the Haston Library sweepstakes in 2019, I self-organized my own little tour of libraries in the vicinity. I was like, hey, I want to get to know the lay of the land, library-wise! I also invited a colleague (who I had never met) to join me on said tour, and fortunately, she accepted my invitation. Why do I say fortunately, you ask? Well, lo and behold, before you could say "Dewey Decimal System" (or maybe "a more equitable alternative to the Dewey Decimal System"), the aforementioned colleague and I became an item! But that's a whole 'nother story, campers, and it's probably not even appropriate to include it in an article for the VLA newsletter, now that I think about it.

But anyway, what was I talking about? Oh yeah--library tours! That's because Catherine Goldsmith, director of the Starksboro Public Library (and president of the Public Library Section of the Vermont Library Association) and I are organizing a tour of Franklin County Libraries, to take place on Friday, November 17th. I have been on two "official" tours of Vermont libraries (NEK libraries and *mostly* Addison County libraries), and they were both fascinating and a lot of fun. So now Catherine and I (and your colleagues in Franklin County) are returning the favor. The tour will start out at the Enosburgh Public Library and include the Haston, Swanton, St. Albans, and Fairfax libraries. (More details were sent out on the Vermont lib.staff email list). I'm fervently hoping that the Bookmobile will make a celebrity cameo, too! Catherine and I extend a warm welcome to all VLA members, Vermont library workers, and trustees to join us and get to know a few more Vermont libraries and the people who make them so special!

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College & Special Libraries

by Sarah Scully

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College & Special Libraries Section Hosts First Event Since 2019

VLA CSL Section members from Norwich University, the School for International Training, Vermont Law and Graduate School, Vermont State University, and others met for an informal coffee hour in October. We discussed topics ranging from AI in education, to changing job roles, hiring practices, and ideas for the CSL online conference.

Speaking of the conference, you are encouraged to submit a proposal. We need your participation to make this event a success! The proposal form (<https://forms.gle/dDpxsLcPy7XHLG9q6>) is quick and easy, and the deadline is Wednesday, November 15, 2023.

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Vermont Libraries in the News

compiled by Susan Larson

"ALA Donates \$3,500 to Assist Vermont Libraries Damaged by Floods, Encourages More Donations"
<https://vermontlibraries.org/ala-donates-3500-to-assist-vermont-libraries-damaged-by-floods-encourages-more-donations>

St. Albans Free Library has a new director. "Becky Manahan replaced Mary Pat Larabee as the library's executive director this October following Larabee's retirement after 30 years with the organization.

"Manahan served as the library's assistant director prior to her promotion..."
https://www.samesseenger.com/news/st-albans-free-library-gets-new-director-larabee-retires-manahan-steps-up/article_fdf36a80-6f4b-11ee-9be4-6f7766f6e4be.html?fbclid=IwAR1nExZSuvM8VIMI3GJayMeydxYMXOhZ0OGvkeagoCGvw53-T0dWCRWQPk

"The John G. McCullough Free Library's Board of Trustees and Staff announced that the newly-named Bonnie Dundas Youth Room will undergo a much-needed renovation in the months ahead."
https://www.benningtonbanner.com/community-news/makeover-planned-for-mcculloughs-bonnie- Dundas-youth-room/article_1dd2134c-63cb-11ee-95ac-57b573e7f1cb.html?fbclid=IwAR2DXe1DntOKBWiXlenc15y9LZLX-CFL5cw8ccQn4l1xGpeCcMVb5sl5q8g

"A new upgrade for Swanton's youngest citizens has just opened up at the Swanton Public Library."
https://www.samesseenger.com/news/swanton-library-gets-upgrade-with-new-children-s-room/article_427365ae-66b7-11ee-97f1-3beec35259b.html?fbclid=IwAR2YqHyqhQy0xPkkJSNfGbuH06HROyI6QdLVBM17a48am7IHgZp pSIU1BTw

Jeudevine Memorial Library and Castleton Free Library received \$600,000 and \$125,000 respectively through the US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Community Facilities Grants.
<https://vermontbiz.com/news/2023/september/12/vermont-gets-over-900000-rural-development-and-infrastructure-redevelopment>

Jennifer Murray, director of South Burlington Public Library, and Oceana Wilson, president of the Vermont Library Association, spoke with My NBC5 about Banned Books Week.
<https://www.mynbc5.com/article/libraries-across-vermont-celebrating-national-banned-book-week/45453963>

receive VLA News in its entirety, but if not, please [let us know](#).

"Norwich Public Library kicked off its 'Big Tree Quest,' a six-week program that seeks to find the biggest trees in Norwich and adjacent towns."

<https://www.vnews.com/Norwich-library-launches-big-tree-quest-52383909?fbclid=IwAR34CthjUVr13I41tJyucTipkmtkZrIFMRn3DGzWKErQz1dNqtaEtVrJ6kc>

"Council won't waive petition policy for Kellogg-Hubbard"

https://www.timesargus.com/news/local/council-wont-waive-petition-policy-for-kellogg-hubbard/article_e62d3275-3b34-5244-9ae4-b7f5107535a6.html

"The Waterbury Public Library recently welcomed a new Children's and Youth Librarian, Sandra Schewikert"

https://www.waterburyroundabout.org/community-archive/qq8s1g259b9ongm22maw1ah2dwcmt?fbclid=IwAR1n_vW_4f-ghXhOKC5T-YJXnvuVhCe1erolQzFvlcsCp7MwMOZrx9MhglQ

"Following the termination of the library director, the Dover Free Library Board of Trustees is seeking a closer relationship with the Select Board."

https://www.reformer.com/local-news/boards-to-integrate-after-dover-library-directors-firing/article_ca7c9924-5ba5-11ee-ba60-7b06515fa46d.html?fbclid=IwAR26ED-4x35x1Fcvl_b1-u316TUkMckTza6qp-9oTHDMO7RzO0F1xjOj5wk

Former Dorset Library board president Dorothea Kelly received three years probation for embezzling money from the library and a local business.

https://vt.digger.org/2023/09/28/former-dorset-library-president-gets-3-years-on-probation-for-embezzling/?fbclid=IwAR0NxPcp0oK0NKVdGWAXUDSiv1XPFDQz_EZo_obhwZoad3vEdOeDstJd4G0

"Montpelier's Kellogg-Hubbard Library Launches Flood Recovery Auction"

https://www.mychamplainvalley.com/news/local-news/montpeliers-kellogg-hubbard-library-launches-flood-recovery-auction/?fbclid=IwAR1j1qC3PQx7oB0Yse4WAM-aAfd5KrhTtlsex8zZ_6y5SSQXnNTbolcWvhk

"[Loren] Polk took on the head librarian position after a successful run at Aldrich Public Library in Barre and has come to Stowe with a modern sensibility for the role libraries play in their communities and a commitment to promoting greater public awareness of that role."

https://www.vtcng.com/stowe_reporter/news/local_news/new-stowe-librarian-embraces-community/article_fb3bbac0-58a2-11ee-bbfd-cb623cc42ed2.html?fbclid=IwAR3GwsxhQv12hWfxFSK22Rc9vSkp_F69aHlhbh45gUcwl1fsZQ0tUvPU4A0

Bree Drapa, director of Westford Public Library, was nominated for the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) Solo Librarian of the Year Award.

<https://www.facebook.com/VTLlibraryAssociation/posts/pfbid028kyFvV5WQ19uQaP4pZubtQ8f89P2amftZPVZLkbHnREeqNm38hbjoaYxSvfoDEUaI>

Friends of Fletcher Free Library and Starksboro Public Library received \$10,759 and \$30,000 respectively in "cultural infrastructure" money from the Vermont Arts Council.

https://vermontbiz.com/news/2023/september/13/vermont-arts-council-announces-300k-awards-fund-cultural-infrastructure?fbclid=IwAR1j1qC3PQx7oB0Yse4WAM-aAfd5KrhTtlsex8zZ_6y5SSQXnNTbolcWvhk

Jeni Busby Clary has joined Springfield Town Library as the new youth services librarian. She most recently served as circulation manager at Brooks Memorial Library in Brattleboro.

https://www.eagletimes.com/news/new-librarian-focused-on-helping-youth/article_636ef8b5-da55-5be0-bb67-5f568888a799.html?fbclid=IwAR2TxbVWOF-GeXYZOXNONj-S3j-tylg69skxHe2UgZCZEC3I7aDPKVFFCO8

"The Pawlet Public Library and Merck Forest and Farmland Center have teamed up to offer an after-school program centered on nature-based learning this fall."

https://www.rutlandherald.com/news/local/merck-forest-and-pawlet-library-collaborate-on-after-school-program/article_7a425a0e-68dd-5643-b050-8e5cefb3cfbd.html?fbclid=IwAR0jeFD4NUqX0UUhAh9zMPvXj-2YbkzNVVWMa9L9UJZC2CCdrb5jfUBbPJxH8

Vermont Library Association Statement of Support for ALA

<https://vermontlibraries.org/vermont-library-association-statement-of-support-for-ala>

"After a childhood of reading books taken out from the Weathersfield Proctor Public Library in Ascutney, Vermont, Marilyn Webb Neagley returned to the library on Thursday, Sept. 14, to talk about her memoir..."

https://www.eagletimes.com/news/author-speaks-of-new-memoir-during-library-talk/article_2803c5fd-99cd-573a-a1cc-ba027075955a.html?fbclid=IwAR2kYOnfZUYN-QPq8aEY0_4jw2dYNGCzn6dIXbb9XRK-BqIYVpdTdgF6Dlw

"In the just-over-a-year since Ed Surjan took over as executive director of the Manchester Community Library, he has doubled down on the middle name: community."

https://www.manchesterjournal.com/local-news/view-from-3624-main-street-we-have-a-deep-tradition-of-love-of-libraries-here/article_ad76fe02-518f-11ee-bf96-53742b631cf5.html?fbclid=IwAR3M1I02ZTo3Ll6B9Toag3JSxZUialX7y-xfFZnRJ4c54BgFTHbgzSgk3s

Ilsley Public Library selected design plans from Wiemann Lamphere Architects + ReArch for their expansion.

<https://www.facebook.com/VTLibraryAssociation/posts/pfbid02AWY3vxunMwTcB1ByFsvGxUEnfWdBkhgFAQpsqieXh9YPboBgjy9FqTbqdzauzsl>

"National Literacy Month came at a perfect time this year for Rutland Free Library and its Imagination Library, as they celebrate the distribution of over 10,000 books to local children during the past 3½ years."

https://www.rutlandherald.com/news/local/rutland-free-library-celebrates-imagination-library-and-its-partnership-with-homeless-prevention-center/article_1b4e1225-1d35-5c99-b7eb-7f3d60a93ea2.html?fbclid=IwAR2TWkkr6NhqVc_pji9AG8RUUIhWAH30iYKb0TRnPPHVx3SBClex82ssjx8

Network of the National Library of Medicine Region 7 Education and Outreach Coordinator Bennie Finch visited several libraries in Essex, Clinton, Franklin, and Grand Isle counties. They met in person with library directors, connected online with library staff, and offered some continuing education events related to health information.

https://news.nlm.gov/region_7/2023/08/25/northern-vermont-focused-outreach-report-back/

"Editorial: Shhh, Heroes at Work"

"Our librarians are heroes. Time and again, we see them standing up for democracy, the First Amendment and inclusion. They rail against banning books and limiting ideas; they encourage users to use the library to expand knowledge, entertain new (perhaps contrary) perspectives; and they provide a safe place. Librarians (and their staffs when they have them) usually have a very accurate sense of the state of the world outside their door."

https://www.rutlandherald.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-shhh-heroes-at-work/article_000806f2-1956-51a6-a79b-57a6fe3c70a2.html?fbclid=IwAR1wrNF_IZePqDqc3_igDmmg30WhP6pV9mHTBzWMzCt3CgnJDEl8clsIctA

"Starr LaTronica, library director for Brooks Memorial Library, showed off some of the items people can check out with their library card that is part of the library's Field to Fork Community Tool Lending Library."

https://www.reformer.com/local-news/from-book-to-tools/article_78e002de-37b2-11ee-9539-b30bbca9ea55.html

"Usually people go to the library to borrow books. But on Thursday, August 10, a group of about 20 kids at the Fletcher Free Library in Burlington got to pick out two titles to take home for keeps."

<https://www.sevendaysvt.com/vermont/turning-the-page-the-childrens-literacy-foundation-inspires-kids-to-read-one-book-at-a-time/Content?oid=38919006>

"Miniature masterpieces [were] in the spotlight as the Burnham Memorial Library in Colchester is rolling out a first-of-its-kind art project to celebrate community."

<https://www.wcax.com/2023/07/25/colchester-library-display-tiny-creations-community-members/>

"Longtime Dover Library Director Fired"

"After 24 years, John Flores' employment at Dover Free Library was terminated [in July]...'I'm here not knowing why they fired me,' he said. 'To me, that's a puzzle. Usually when you get fired, you get a paper, you sign it, with the reason for why you were fired. Why would libraries be different?'"

Flores said an assistant to the Vermont Secretary of State advised him to seek private counsel."
https://www.reformer.com/local-news/longtime-dover-library-director-fired/article_383dd6b8-2649-11ee-917d-83506440915c.html?fbclid=IwAR2YqHyghQy0xPkkJSNfGbuH06HROyI6QdLVBm17a48am7IHgZp pSIU1BTw

"The Manchester Community Library has received a generous platinum sponsorship from Casella Waste Systems, Inc. The donation will support two important initiatives: the Fiery Froggies Robotics Team and the Saturday Morning STEAM Program."
https://www.manchesterjournal.com/community-news/manchester-community-library-receives-platinum-sponsorship-from-casella-waste-systems/article_eea762f6-24c4-11ee-9381-a37ad8ca95f1.html?fbclid=IwAR36LRpmCSPhx4X6Y25qzxFQ8wx1b7jBZLNhZeZCkA8pfvP78hxe9KEoFLg

"'We're not just books:' Franklin County Libraries Provide Essential Spaces in Small Towns"
https://www.samesessenger.com/news/we-re-not-just-books-franklin-county-libraries-provide-essential-spaces-in-small-towns/article_0f88891a-3153-11ee-824b-836e08216d8e.html?fbclid=IwAR27AswyYEOfNLsZD-aRbKYadBnMAS6haHozoMIOpxHs1qDMFU8u6H9cWk

The Vermont Community Foundation's VT Flood Response & Recovery Fund 2023 awarded grants to Ainsworth Public Library, Aldrich Public Library, Calef Memorial Library, Craftsbury Public Library, Jaquith Public Library, Johnson Public Library, Kellogg-Hubbard Library, South Londonderry Free Library, and Varnum Memorial Library.
https://vermontbiz.com/news/2023/august/09/vermont-community-foundation-awards-additional-flood-relief-funds-totaling-over?fbclid=IwAR25yHJ3mAOIxmQIZZO24S-vGAWN1tojh_gFYivoAKRZ8UVu2vFNWegEGg

"Books banned in other states fuel Vermont lieutenant governor's reading tour"
<https://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/pushing-back-limits-vermonts-lieutenant-governor-banned-books-102301049>

"Vermont's lieutenant governor takes banned books on the road"
<https://www.bostonglobe.com/2023/09/28/arts/vermonts-lieutenant-governor-takes-banned-books-road/>

"Among the new projects is a large addition to Jeudevine Memorial Library in Hardwick. The addition will make the entire library ADA accessible, add dedicated space for children and teens, and add a community room with enough seating space for community events."
<https://vermontbiz.com/news/2023/august/10/vermont-bond-banks-recent-bond-issuance-helps-move-vermont-communities-forward>

"Stowe library offers new delivery service"
https://www.vtcng.com/stowe_reporter/community/stowe-library-offers-new-delivery-service/article_22b611ee-37c8-11ee-821d-e7192554f35e.html

"To the Editor: I was flabbergasted by news of the threat to defund the Morristown Centennial Library. ('In Morristown: Third budget proposed, library ask nixed,' July 27, 2023)"
https://www.vtcng.com/news_and_citizen/opinion/letters_to_the_editor/morristown-library-is-a-treasure/article_86961186-37c4-11ee-a776-57928ad02bdb.html

Charlotte Library served as a drop-off spot for flood-relief supplies.
https://www.charlottenewsvt.org/2023/08/10/need-dehumidifiers-generators-plastic-bins-etc-for-flood-relief/?fbclid=IwAR3eLc5m8rEtvGfAIGgU0n_gGupshCG8vllBMG_yN9LUsyDc0QnqL_6oNg

Michael Hibben is Pierson Library's new director.
https://www.vtcng.com/shelburnenews/news/local_news/pierson-library-picks-new-director/article_a3c4fef2-378d-11ee-9a23-eb5a1bcd0e39.html?fbclid=IwAR2LUXyLhAEG1mjoowHC1CJJbdQkwj-W6WOkIGTezq75aBLuFmmd0xZuic

A letter from Morristown Centennial Library director Kendra Aber-Ferri on the Selectboard's decision not to fund the library without a town budget.
<https://www.facebook.com/VTLibraryAssociation/posts/pfbid03317ZnUKD6sNJQABxBHd74Ntsvx29EEznGAELvrsPhsAaq5rZDq7Grxks3D2czFBEI>

"The termination of John Flores, who served as Dover Free Library director for 24 years, has prompted an outpouring of support and questions."

https://www.manchesterjournal.com/fired-dover-library-director-receives-impressive-support/article_93f61ecc-32d6-11ee-afb1-7f08d78fe1f3.html?fbclid=IwAR0B9lt_CvEN9pPdEQzt9g-JFIWfFikvzvjuPH1ty_QinZsx8IxPtXSuO88

"Wines tasted, money raised for [Manchester Community Library]"

https://www.benningtonbanner.com/community-news/wines-tasted-money-raised-for-library/article_697cd83e-349d-11ee-988c-7f0fa660c746.html?fbclid=IwAR0FacUbl4MsJaQrlzIq7MioByHYQfYvLOeivj2aOXG0IsipA7bXSEStL-A

"Gail Trede, Bradford's head librarian, has worked to keep the library's doors open to the people who need it for more than just reading materials. 'I've been here for 15 years, and for 15 years I've said, 'Not just books,'" Trede said. 'We're a social service.'"

<https://vtdigger.org/2023/08/07/amid-housing-shortage-bradford-struggles-with-homelessness/>

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Libraries in Vermont Working Group

The Working Group on the Status of Libraries in Vermont has been working diligently for three years. The resulting report was submitted November 1. Check it out!

View the report, testimony and recordings of past meetings, and more at
https://libraries.vermont.gov/services/projects/working_group

Huge thanks and kudos to all those who contributed to this important endeavor!

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