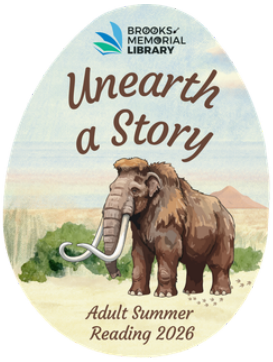
BROOKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Adult Circulation Report
August & September 2026



Adult Summer Reading

Challenge Cards	**330** Picked Up **80** Turned In
Rapid Reviews	**30** Attendees
Birds are Dinosaurs (VINS)	**115** Attendees (**40** children)
Unearth Your Creativity Workshops (3 Sessions)	**Total: 42** Attendees
Dinosaur Needle Felting	**14** Attendees







See attached Adult Summer Reading report for full details.

"Life Unearthed" Exhibit

Library staff created an incredible educational exhibit with recycled materials, showing a timeline of the history of life on earth, including a show-stopping woolly mammoth!

Tool Shed



The community has borrowed **258 tools** from the Tool Shed so far this year. The most popular items are the **string trimmers, hedge trimmers, and loppers.**

Brattleboro Music Center

BRATTLEBORO MUSIC CENTER BMC

BMC generously donated 2 passes for up to 4 patrons to attend each concert of the 2026-2027 season.

Friends Ice Cream Social

The Friends and library staff tabled at Gallery Walk to promote the library and give out free ice cream!



Displays	**August:** Booker Prize Shortlist, Nautical Books, Summer Cookbooks, Creative Guidance, Trains. **September:** Back to School, Hispanic Heritage, Ancient Greek Myth & Literature, Library Card Sign Up, Costume & Fashion.
Crafts	Charcoal Impressions, Time Capsule
Exhibits	"Life Unearthed" and Fossils

Submitted by Amanda Whiting, Circulation Manager

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Unearth Your Creativity: Vermont Stone Still Lives with Walnut Ink



Dinosaur Needle Felting Workshop



Life Unearthed Exhibit



Life Unearthed Exhibit

Youth Services Board Report- October 2026

This month, we received two suitcases full of art made by children in Yoshkar-Ola, Russia and Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan as part of Fermata Art Foundation's "The Peace in the World" traveling art exhibit. This initiative aims to develop understanding between New England communities and those in the post-soviet sphere of influence, promoting peace and understanding through cultural exchange in the arts. The pieces are on display in the wall mounted display case outside of the Children's Room until late-November when our *Brattleboro Festival of Miniatures* display will go up.

September also saw us restart our regular programming in the Children's Room after our post-summer reading program break. Rhyme Time and Sing & Dance with Robin are both under way again, and our popular Read to a Dog program is set to begin in mid-October. The end of the month was filled with preparations for our Design-a-Plate take-home workshop. This annual event—now in its 45th year!—has become a cherished family tradition in town, giving kids a chance to express themselves artistically and providing their adults with snapshot mementos of their children as they grow up. This program will run through October 20th with plates ready to pick up around Thanksgiving.

Community connections have been strong this month as people get back into the swing of a new school year. Childcare organizations have restarted their regular visits to the library, bringing kids of all ages in to check-out books for learning and entertainment in their own structured programs. We welcomed Hilltop Montessori's Middle School classes on the first of the month with a library book scavenger hunt, a tour of the Children and Teen Rooms, and a tutorial on doing online research at the library with our Information Services Librarian, Jeanne. We also had staff representatives at 802 Credit Union's Kids Fair on the Brattleboro Common in mid-September where they handed out fliers, bookmarks, and stickers promoting upcoming library events, as well as making custom buttons which kids could design themselves at the fair.

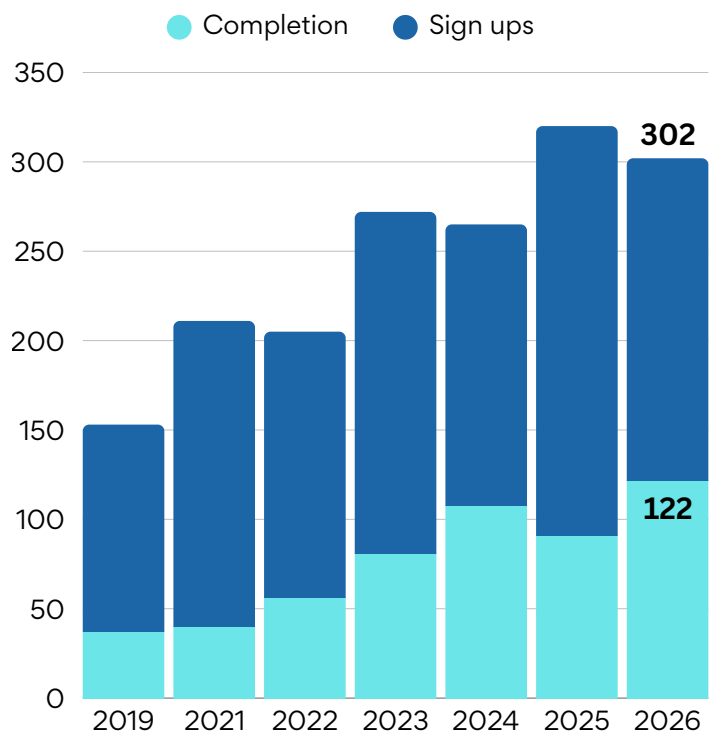
In Teen Services, the Teen Advisory Board met and worked on plans for programming in the new school year. September is an off month for teen programming while kids focus on the start of a new school year. Hopes were to get started with a Teen Game Night in October, but due to a number of event scheduling conflicts and the resulting staffing needs, this may need to wait until November.

Included on the following page is a graphic highlighting the excellent Summer Reading Program we had this year. In spite of the ongoing construction restricting direct access to the Children's Room, our patrons would not be kept away from their library this summer! We still saw record-high circulation from both the Children's and YA collections, as well as a record level of SRP challenge completions by participating kids. We are truly honored and privileged to have a town of people who love and support their library the way ours does.

Max Newirth - Teen Services Specialist

Youth Services Stats
Summer 2026

CR SRP signups and completion



CR SRP Prizes Awarded

Level 1	Level 2
191	180
Level 3	**Level 4**
134	122

Level 1:	191
Level 2:	180
Level 3:	134
Level 4:	122
TOTAL:	**627**

Most SRP completions *ever!*

Summer CR & YA Circ.

June - August

	CR	YA
Books:	**12,810**	**1,375**
Audio+Kits:	**604**	**-**
Launchpads:	**53**	**-**
DVDs:	**592**	**-**
Magazines:	**26**	**-**
	14,085	**1,375**

TOTAL: 15,460

Young Adult

52 teens got SRP cards.

YA circulation this summer was up nearly 30% compared to 2025!

All this with the Children's Room entrance closed!

Endowment Accounts - as of 10/2/26

Account Number	Description	Total Budget	YTD Actual	Balance
401-51121-202	BR01 Buffer Account	$ 10,000.00	$ -	$ 10,000.00
401-51122-202	BR03 Conferences & Worksh	$ 2,606.29	$ -	$ 2,606.29
401-51137-202	BR04 Contract Srvs Adult	$ 5,824.83	$ -	$ 5,824.83
401-51127-202	BR05 Books Adults	$ 26,381.00	$ (17.40)	$ 26,398.40
401-51139-202	BR06 Juvenile Programs	$ 4,547.69	$ 458.54	$ 4,089.15
401-51129-202	BR07 Reference Sources	$ 11,474.91	$ 2,223.25	$ 9,251.66
401-51128-202	BR08 Local History Source	$ 5,177.83	$ 30.00	$ 5,147.83
401-51132-202	BR09 Young Adult Sources	$ 5,036.34	$ -	$ 5,036.34
401-51135-202	BR10 Non-Print	$ 8,896.71	$ 5,200.00	$ 3,696.71
401-51134-202	BR11 Periodicals & Newspa	$ 5,020.87	$ -	$ 5,020.87
401-51124-202	BR12 Trustees Conferences	$ 1,912.34	$ -	$ 1,912.34
401-51138-202	BR13 Adult Programs	$ 1,589.01	$ 136.18	$ 1,452.83
401-51130-202	BR14 Fine Arts	$ 6,142.62	$ -	$ 6,142.62
401-51140-202	BR15 Board Approved Proje	$ 53,130.38	$ -	$ 53,130.38
401-51131-202	BR16 Books Children	$ 10,129.68	$ 344.66	$ 9,785.02
401-51141-202	BR17 Outreach	$ 9,978.78	$ 119.40	$ 9,859.38
401-51126-202	BR18 Conservation	$ 500.00	$ 310.43	$ 189.57
401-51142-202	BR19 Gifts	$ 4,048.89	$ 205.72	$ 3,843.17
401-51143-202	BR20 Projects	$ 11,908.64	$ 4,195.00	$ 7,713.64
401-51144-202	BR21 Legacy	$ 49,729.02	$ -	$ 49,729.02
401-51123-202	BR22 Staff Leave	$ 5,000.00	$ -	$ 5,000.00
401-51136-202	BR23 Downloadable Media	$ 18,799.69	$ 4,019.97	$ 14,779.72

Town Accounts - as of 10/2/26

Account Number	Description	Total Budget	YTD Actual	Balance
101-51000-201	Equipment expense	$ 2,000.00	$ 528.99	$ 1,471.01
101-51003-201	Postage Expense	$ 8,500.00	$ 2,076.40	$ 6,423.60
101-51004-201	Office Supplies	$ 8,000.00	$ 498.37	$ 7,501.63
101-51011-201	Reimbursable Expense	$ 4,000.00	$ -	$ 4,000.00
101-51027-201	Telephone	$ 8,500.00	$ 1,397.31	$ 7,102.69
101-51031-201	Lost Book Refund Pmt Fees	$ 200.00	$ -	$ 200.00
101-51032-201	Book & Non-Print Supplies	$ 6,000.00	$ 656.82	$ 5,343.18
101-51034-201	Fuel Expense	$ 9,000.00	$ 521.73	$ 8,478.27
101-51035-201	Electric	$ 20,000.00	$ 4,550.23	$ 15,449.77
101-51036-201	Utilities	$ 2,000.00	$ 487.11	$ 1,512.89
101-51037-201	Building Repairs	$ 20,000.00	$ 3,437.56	$ 16,562.44
101-51038-201	Maintenance Supplies	$ 5,000.00	$ 1,251.78	$ 3,748.22
101-51039-201	Books - General	$ 5,000.00	$ 3,057.74	$ 1,942.26
101-51040-201	Reference Sources	$ 15,000.00	$ 13,769.29	$ 1,230.71
101-51041-201	Juvenile Books	$ 4,000.00	$ 728.31	$ 3,271.69
101-51042-201	Young Adult Sources	$ 2,000.00	$ 1,013.30	$ 986.70
101-51043-201	Replacement Books	$ 1,000.00	$ 100.90	$ 899.10
101-51044-201	Periodicals & Newspapers	$ 4,500.00	$ 1,774.85	$ 2,725.15
101-51045-201	Digital Subscriptions	$ 17,000.00	$ 4,408.78	$ 12,591.22
101-51046-201	Non-Print Materials Adult	$ 4,000.00	$ 1,642.10	$ 2,357.90
101-51047-201	Non-Print Materials Children	$ 3,500.00	$ -	$ 3,500.00
101-51271-201	Cell Phone	$ -	$ 41.66	$ (41.66)
101-54004-201	Computer Equipment Maint	$ 2,000.00	$ 187.14	$ 1,812.86
101-50000-201	Department Head Salary	$ 89,578.00	$ 18,396.10	$ 71,181.90
101-50001-201	Staff Salaries	$ 657,409.00	$ 134,748.22	$ 522,660.78
101-50003-201	Overtime	$ -	$ 261.51	$ (261.51)
101-50024-201	Longevity	$ 2,345.00	$ -	$ 2,345.00
101-50027-201	Sick Leave Bonus	$ 150.00	$ 600.00	$ (450.00)
101-50142-201	Social Security	$ 57,336.00	$ 11,331.58	$ 46,004.42
101-50143-201	Employee Retirement	$ 46,934.00	$ 11,331.31	$ 35,602.69
101-50144-201	Health Insurance	$ 117,190.00	$ 30,131.95	$ 87,058.05
101-50145-201	Life Insurance	$ 1,910.00	$ 49.51	$ 1,860.49
101-50147-201	HRA Expense	$ 22,060.00	$ 5,571.10	$ 16,488.90
101-50154-201	HSA Payments	$ 9,976.00	$ 5,225.00	$ 4,751.00
101-54044-201	VT Child Care Contirbution	$ 3,298.00	$ 621.64	$ 2,676.36
101-45007-201	Miscellaneous Revenue	$ -	$ (31.50)	$ 31.50
101-45012-201	Reimbursements Revenue	$ (4,000.00)	$ -	$ (4,000.00)
101-45019-201	Library Copier Revenue	$ (9,000.00)	$ (1,248.85)	$ (7,751.15)
101-45021-201	Non-Resident Fees	$ (22,000.00)	$ (2,895.00)	$ (19,105.00)
101-45022-201	Replacement Books	$ (2,000.00)	$ (814.34)	$ (1,185.66)

Brooks Memorial Library

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY27_P&L - FY27 P&L

July 2026 - June 2027

	TOTAL				
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	REMAINING	% OF BUDGET	% REMAINING
Income					
Total Income			**$0.00**	**0.00%**	**0.00%**
GROSS PROFIT	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**0.00%**	**0.00%**
Expenses					
BR01 - Buffer Account		10,000.00	10,000.00		100.00 %
BR03 Conferences & Workshops		2,606.29	2,606.29		100.00 %
BR04 Contractual Services		5,824.83	5,824.83		100.00 %
BR05 Books Adults	-17.40	26,381.00	26,398.40	-0.07 %	100.07 %
BR06 Juvenile Programs	458.54	4,547.69	4,089.15	10.08 %	89.92 %
BR07 Reference Sources	2,223.25	11,474.91	9,251.66	19.37 %	80.63 %
BR08 Local History Source	30.00	5,177.83	5,147.83	0.58 %	99.42 %
BR09 Young Adult Sources		5,036.34	5,036.34		100.00 %
BR10 Non-Print	5,200.00	8,896.71	3,696.71	58.45 %	41.55 %
BR11 Periodicals		5,020.87	5,020.87		100.00 %
BR12 Trustees Conferences		1,912.34	1,912.34		100.00 %
BR13 Adult Programs	136.18	1,589.01	1,452.83	8.57 %	91.43 %
BR14 Fine Arts		6,142.62	6,142.62		100.00 %
BR15 Board Approved Projects		43,130.38	43,130.38		100.00 %
FA01 Fine Arts Auction Sales Revenue		10,000.00	10,000.00		100.00 %
Total BR15 Board Approved Projects		**53,130.38**	**53,130.38**		**100.00 %**
BR16 Books Children	344.66	10,129.68	9,785.02	3.40 %	96.60 %
BR17 Outreach					
OR01 Marketing	119.40	6,835.90	6,716.50	1.75 %	98.25 %
OR02 Outreach		3,142.88	3,142.88		100.00 %
Total BR17 Outreach	**119.40**	**9,978.78**	**9,859.38**	**1.20 %**	**98.80 %**
BR18 Conservation	310.43	500.00	189.57	62.09 %	37.91 %
BR19 Short Term Gift Funds					
BS01 Brattleboro Stamp Club Donation	90.20	90.20	0.00	100.00 %	0.00 %
DU01 Helen Durant Fund 9/6/2007		65.85	65.85		100.00 %
EJ01 Edward Johnson Fund		164.38	164.38		100.00 %
SG01 Small Gifts	-778.84	3,604.46	4,383.30	-21.61 %	121.61 %
TB01 Tom Burdo Fund 1/2/2012		124.00	124.00		100.00 %
Total BR19 Short Term Gift Funds	**-688.64**	**4,048.89**	**4,737.53**	**-17.01 %**	**117.01 %**
BR20 Projects					
SP01 Building and Grounds Committee	4,195.00	11,908.64	7,713.64	35.23 %	64.77 %
Total BR20 Projects	**4,195.00**	**11,908.64**	**7,713.64**	**35.23 %**	**64.77 %**
BR21 Legacy					
BF01 Building Fund		22,152.21	22,152.21		100.00 %
BN01 Brown Fund		283.03	283.03		100.00 %
CK01 Calista Book Fund		2,380.35	2,380.35		100.00 %
DW01 Dowley Fund		1,977.51	1,977.51		100.00 %
FR01 Frothingham Fund		4,648.98	4,648.98		100.00 %

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Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY27_P&L - FY27 P&L

July 2026 - June 2027

	TOTAL				
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	REMAINING	% OF BUDGET	% REMAINING
GB01 George Brooks Fund		802.50	802.50		100.00 %
JR01 Jerard Fund		1,621.53	1,621.53		100.00 %
LU01 Loud Fund		13,707.25	13,707.25		100.00 %
PG01 Pageant Fund		617.05	617.05		100.00 %
SH03 Schorling 2007 Books Ref		143.16	143.16		100.00 %
WY01 Wyatt Fund		1,395.45	1,395.45		100.00 %
Total BR21 Legacy		**49,729.02**	**49,729.02**		**100.00 %**
BR22 - Employee Leave Awards		5,000.00	5,000.00		100.00 %
BR23 Downloadable					
DL01 Youth Downloadable	1,019.97	6,915.39	5,895.42	14.75 %	85.25 %
DL02 Adult Downloadable	3,000.00	11,884.30	8,884.30	25.24 %	74.76 %
Total BR23 Downloadable	**4,019.97**	**18,799.69**	**14,779.72**	**21.38 %**	**78.62 %**
Total Expenses	**$16,331.39**	**$257,835.52**	**$241,504.13**	**6.33 %**	**93.67 %**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**$ -16,331.39**	**$ -257,835.52**	**$ -241,504.13**	**6.33 %**	**93.67 %**
NET INCOME	**$ -16,331.39**	**$ -257,835.52**	**$ -241,504.13**	**6.33 %**	**93.67 %**

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Fiscal Year P&L Cash Basis

July 2026 - June 2027

	JUL 2026	AUG 2026	SEP 2026	OCT 2026	NOV 2026	DEC 2026	JAN 2027	FEB 2027	MAR 2027	APR 2027	MAY 2027	JUN 2027	TOTAL
Income													
Dividend Income	5,927.35	2,367.73	11,411.30										$19,706.38
Total Income	**$5,927.35**	**$2,367.73**	**$11,411.30**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$19,706.38**
GROSS PROFIT	**$5,927.35**	**$2,367.73**	**$11,411.30**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$19,706.38**
Expenses													
BR05 Books Adults	-17.40												$ -17.40
BR06 Juvenile Programs		55.35	150.56	252.63									$458.54
BR07 Reference Sources		300.00	1,923.25										$2,223.25
BR08 Local History Source		30.00											$30.00
BR10 Non-Print	53.40	5,146.60											$5,200.00
BR13 Adult Programs		25.98		110.20									$136.18
BR16 Books Children		103.78		240.88									$344.66
BR17 Outreach													$0.00
OR01 Marketing	6.00		113.40										$119.40
Total BR17 Outreach	**6.00**		**113.40**										**$119.40**
BR18 Conservation		310.43											$310.43
BR19 Short Term Gift Funds													$0.00
BS01 Brattleboro Stamp Club Donation				90.20									$90.20
SG01 Small Gifts	-296.81	-274.93	-312.05	104.95									$ -778.84
Total BR19 Short Term Gift Funds	**-296.81**	**-274.93**	**-312.05**	**195.15**									**$ -688.64**
BR20 Projects													$0.00
SP01 Building and Grounds Committee			4,195.00										$4,195.00
Total BR20 Projects			**4,195.00**										**$4,195.00**
BR23 Downloadable													$0.00
DL01 Youth Downloadable			1,019.97										$1,019.97
DL02 Adult Downloadable			3,000.00										$3,000.00
Total BR23 Downloadable			**4,019.97**										**$4,019.97**
Total Expenses	**$ -254.81**	**$5,697.21**	**$10,090.13**	**$798.86**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$16,331.39**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**$6,182.16**	**$ -3,329.48**	**$1,321.17**	**$ -798.86**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$3,374.99**
Other Income													
Change in Investment Value													$0.00
Change -3335	1,096.17	718.80	-2,497.83										$ -682.86
Change -3431	19,143.55	4,215.97	-58,549.75										$ -35,190.23
Change -3811	536.66	360.71	-1,231.69										$ -334.32
Change -5050	2,961.08	397.68	-5,109.18										$ -1,750.42
Change -7353	-80.36	-17.64	-250.88										$ -348.88
Change -7577	588.09	385.64	-1,340.08										$ -366.35
Total Change in Investment Value	**24,245.19**	**6,061.16**	**-68,979.41**										**$ -38,673.06**
Total Other Income	**$24,245.19**	**$6,061.16**	**$ -68,979.41**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$ -38,673.06**
NET OTHER INCOME	**$24,245.19**	**$6,061.16**	**$ -68,979.41**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$ -38,673.06**
NET INCOME	**$30,427.35**	**$2,731.68**	**$ -67,658.24**	**$ -798.86**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$ -35,298.07**