

Vermont Small Library Assets (discussed during 10/7/22 Small & Rural Libraries Round Table)

- Staff
- High level of personalized customer service
- Picture book collection
- “Boutique” (personalized) collection development
- Readers advisory, including staff picks and anonymous “rate this book” form in back of books, “what my neighbor likes” shelf, “hot shelf” where patrons can put books they liked after they return them, displays with themes
 - Caveat about this is to be mindful about not only catering to current library users as this can create a private book club feel rather than an inclusive community-wide approach
- New baby book program
 - This topic also included discussion of how to protect and respect privacy of the people receiving the books. Suggestions were to not include names, have the books given as part of a new parent packet at birthing place rather than mailing
- Honoring tradition while also being innovative
- Community partnerships
- Cozy, inviting spaces, some with fireplaces, porches, reading nooks

Resources shared in chat:

- ARSL Access to Information Statement
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SJx9HGMvgTAcAtacXv1Nc2KBT_RqkofO/view
- McCullough Library Community Survey <https://forms.gle/MLdMz7HkxhLPLcAB8>
- Audio book service <https://libro.fm/>
- Vermont Library Association customizable library advocacy posters
<https://www.vermontlibraries.org/advocacy>

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