



# VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES



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## Vermont Department of Libraries Staff News



This month the staff of the Department of Libraries met with Governor Phil Scott and Secretary of Administration Susanne Young.

Staff members were able to introduce themselves and share the most interesting- and most challenging- aspects of their jobs. Governor Scott talked about his goals for improving the state, and how the Department of Libraries' services and programs can help achieve those goals.

It was a productive and informative discussion, and we certainly agree with the sentiment that Governor Scott shared with us- that the future of Vermont libraries is bright!

## CLOVER ILL System Goes Live Aug. 1



After more than two years of market research, evaluation, contracting, and implementation, the new CLOVER interlibrary loan system will go live on Tuesday, August 1, 2017. CLOVER, which stands for Collaborative Libraries Of VERmont, will replace the outdated VALS system. CLOVER is built with Auto-Graphics' SHAREit software.

CLOVER will provide Vermont citizens with easy access to over two million items held at over 150 public libraries in Vermont. The system will provide real-time status, letting users know if an item is available or checked out. CLOVER will provide item data, such as cover art, summaries, and other granular data.

One of the best things about CLOVER is how much easier it will be for everyone in Vermont to get the information that they need. Because this system effectively opens the doors of so many libraries to all Vermont citizens, it will help fulfill everyone's information needs regardless of where they live. Information is a vital resource and this powerful tool will enhance Vermonters' access to that resource, spurring innovation and making Vermont a more affordable place to live.

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## Vermont Newspapers on Microfilm Move to VSARA



In an effort to improve access, preservation, and service, the Vermont Department of Libraries transferred the collection of Vermont newspapers on microfilm to the Vermont State Archives and Records Administration (VSARA) on July 20, 2017. Researchers that use the newspaper collections often travel a circuit between VSARA in Middlesex and the Department of Libraries in Montpelier as they proceed in their research. By moving this collection of newspapers on microfilm to VSARA, the natural synergies between newspapers and historical records will be amplified by having both in the same location. The proximity of the collections should improve access for the public and may lead to new lines of inquiry and a deeper understanding of the historical record of Vermont.

These newspapers date from the 1780s to the present and are the single most complete collection of Vermont newspapers on microfilm. VSARA is located at 1078 Route 2, Middlesex, VT 05602. Reference room hours are 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday.

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## Vermont Health Connect Open Enrollment: Nov 1-Dec 15, 2017



Find the plan that's right for you.

Open Enrollment is right around the corner, and here at Vermont Health Connect, we're working to increase public awareness of this important time when Vermonters can sign up for health coverage. This year, Open Enrollment is shorter than it has been in past years-starting November 1 and wrapping up December 15, 2017. Due to the shortened time frame, it's especially important to make sure Vermonters are aware of this year's dates.

As part of this year's outreach efforts, we're working on developing a program of events throughout the state to educate the public about Open Enrollment, how to use our online **Plan Comparison Tool**, **Vermont Health Connect's self-service portal**, and some basic considerations when selecting a health plan. Towards that end, we would like to reach out to Vermont's librarians with an offer to come speak to your community about their options during the upcoming Open Enrollment season. If you have a group of people, in your community, who would be interested in learning more about health insurance and Open Enrollment, please send us an email at

**[AHS.VTHealthConnect@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.VTHealthConnect@vermont.gov)**

and we will be happy to explore options for promoting health insurance literacy at your library.

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### Bringing Resources to Light



*Join us each month as we illuminate a fantastic resource (or two) from Vermont Online Library.*

## On the Road with Cass



This month, VTLIB's Youth Services Consultant Cass Mabbott was able to visit seven libraries throughout Vermont. She visited Brownell Library (Essex Junction), Fletcher Free Library (Burlington), University of Vermont Archives (Burlington), Burnham Memorial Library (Colchester), Bixby Memorial Free Library (Vergennes), Platt Memorial Library (Shoreham), and Orwell Free Library. She was impressed by the variety of programming, Summer Reading enthusiasm, and the dedication each library had for serving kids and teens.

Take a look at her adventures here:

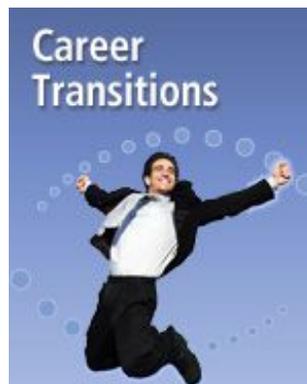
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She would love to visit your library! Just send her an email ([cass.mabbott@vermont.gov](mailto:cass.mabbott@vermont.gov)) or call (802-828-6954) if you're interested.

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## Bringing Resources to Light

Join us each month as we illuminate a fantastic resource from Vermont Online Library. This episode: *Career Transitions* (<http://careertransitions.galegroup.com/home.do>).



More and more job seekers visit their local library to search and apply for jobs online. Wouldn't it be great if your library could tell local funders and patrons that it encourages economic development by providing easy-to-use and effective job search tools to help with locating jobs, researching occupations, writing resumes, or practicing for interviews? Good news! Through Vermont Online Library's *Career Transitions* software, your library can offer your patrons all this and more!

For patrons ready to change careers, *Career Transitions* offers tools for assessing interests and exploring careers based on job experience. It hosts videos with workers in all types of careers, along with information on those careers - including Bureau of Labor Statistics' salary and job growth data. If a career requires training, *Career Transitions* helps patrons locate an appropriate training program or college/university near them.

For patrons actively searching for a job, *Career Transitions* offers a resume builder template (along with advice and real-life examples), a cover-letter builder (with more real-life examples), advice on finding, landing, and keeping a job, and an interview simulator where patrons learn effective answers to interview questions. Patrons can create, print out, and email their resume and cover letter. Though a partnership with Indeed.com, *Career Transitions* also offers an easy way to search for local jobs.

Libraries offer many resources to job seekers. Consider surprising patrons by telling them about *Career Transitions* - available for free from your library through Vermont Online Library!

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