



Beardsley Branch Library April 2026

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Service Statistics	<p>Number of new library cards: 81 (46 A; 22 J; 13 YA) Number of visitors: 5,012</p> <p>Number of questions answered: 2,953 (476 Reference, 667 Technical, 1,810 Other)</p>								
Collection Statistics	<p>Collection Size: 7,510 Total Added: 29</p>								
Circulation Statistics	<p>Total Circ: 1,494 In-house: 149</p>								
Public Internet Usage	<p>Total uses: 882</p>								
Room Usage	<p>Community Room: 9 times; Collaboration Hub: 56 times; Study rooms:133 times, Total attendance:416 Podcast Studios: 10 recording sessions; 20 hours</p>								
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Other Services	<p>Digital Navigator (1-1.5hr.): 2 Notary: 37 notarized documents; 28 sessions Luxer One Pickup Locker: 17 deliveries</p>								
Outreach	n/a								
Staff Development	4/21 Andre attended the 2026 Connecticut Library Association (CLA) Annual Conference								

April was an exciting month at Beardsley. We hosted many engaging programs and events for the community, along with creative book displays celebrating spring and various spring holidays.

- **PROGRAMMING:** We held four computer classes with fourteen patrons attending. The topics were: Computer Basics; Files & Password Management; Excel; and All About Emails class.
- **PROGRAMMING:** We held Easter Storytime, which was followed by a themed craft, and an Easter egg giveaway with treats. Families and children enjoyed this fun event.
- **PROGRAMMING:** The English Conversation Group organized by the Literacy Volunteers of Greater Bridgeport has been gaining popularity, and a good size group meets weekly in the Collaboration Hub.
- **COLLECTION:** In April, we celebrated Easter and Passover, and the arrival of spring with beautiful book displays put up in the main area. The collection has not been arriving as frequently as needed, but we are hoping the issue will be resolved soon.
- **STAFF RELATED:** Juan DePara has become a new member of our team and holds a part-time Library Assistant position.
- **STAFF RELATED:** Our longtime security guard, Nathan, has left our location to pursue new opportunities. We hope his replacement will be as reliable and responsible as Nathan was.
- Anna recorded a video for New Beginnings Academy to promote library services at their school. The video will be shared on social media.
- **BUILDING RELATED:** Many thanks to our Maintenance team for arranging the construction of a wall between our study rooms and for repainting the spaces. Both rooms look clean and refreshed, and our patrons appreciate the added privacy when using them.
- **OVERALL:** April was a busy month for us, with over 5,000 visitors coming to the building. We assisted with study room and meeting room reservations, printing, copying, scanning services, one-on-one patron support, computer assistance and much more. Overall, it was a successful month with no significant incidents or issues, which means things are going well.