

# BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Burroughs-Saden/Public Services

JUNE 2023 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>New library cards: 101 TOTAL (69 A, 10 YA, 22 J)      Questions answered: 1,592</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(214 Ref, 225 Other, 119 Technical Assistance)</p> <p>Number of visitors: 4,780</p> <p>Number of online database sessions: n/a      Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 108/524</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 230,223      A&amp;V materials: 25,433</p> <p>Teen: 6,545      Magazines &amp; Newspapers: 4,026</p> <p>Children: 62,728      TOTAL: 325, 953 (415 added and 269 withdrawn in December)</p> <p>Hotspots: 47</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 815      A&amp;V materials: 522</p> <p>Teen: 173      Magazines &amp; Newspapers: 13</p> <p>Children: 1,502      Hot spots: 21</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cultural passes: 4</p> <p style="text-align: right;">In-house: 504      Grand totals: 3,050</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 1133</p> <p>WIFI use: 680</p>
Staff Development	<p>Assistant Archivist Jaime Pettit continued her training in both IS and the BHC. Pettit is currently assigned to enter 900+ photograph images and to edit catalog records in PastPerfect, the BHC's collections management software. Library Assistant Elizabeth Van Tuyl attended a Creative Commons review/discussion</p> <p>Tanarha Smith-Dixon is continuing her training in her new position as a Librarian III/Branch Manager</p> <p>Tanarha SD, Elizabeth Vt, and Brian R attended a USCAN training to learn how to use the new microfilm/microfiche machine in Adult Services.</p>

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## ADULT SERVICES

### Highlights

#### RandR:

#### Special Programs:

Margaret gave a program called Juneteenth: We Remember the African Experience. Program given by Jeffrey Fletcher: Founder of the African American Museum in Stratford, CT, and included a video tour of the museum.

#### Ongoing Programs:

- Adult game night, ESL English practice group, and the adult book club.

#### Collections

- Tanarha reviewed the Ready Reference books w/ Vivian; they need to be updated w/ new editions and additional topics.

#### Outreach and Networking

- Adam C. reached out to new language learning software companies.
- David Morales taught digital navigator programs to 6 people.

#### Concerns:

- Staffing is improved but Saturdays are still an issue. There are still times where only one staff member is on, and HC sometimes also only has 1 person alone on the 2<sup>nd</sup> fl, which is not safe.

#### BHC:

- Jaime Pettit created and installed an exhibit on firefighting in Bridgeport for the department's 3<sup>rd</sup> floor exhibit space.
- Michael Hawkins started two new, but ongoing projects: creating indexes for the department's larger newspaper clippings and scanning items from the BHC postcard collection that have not been fully cataloged or made available online.
- Elizabeth VT spoke to NewsBank representatives again this month to gather information in support of funding this project.

#### HC Collections:

Deaccessions – ongoing; work on selected secondary sources on 7<sup>th</sup> floor continued.

#### HC Outreach (ongoing)

Elizabeth VT worked with Synergy of Westport on a redesign of the "Bridgeport Working" 20<sup>th</sup> Cen. labor hist. website.

- Elizabeth VT. Met with CT Humanities staff about how and when to apply for funding for this project and how to craft a fundable project vis a vis the humanities requirements.

## YOUTH SERVICES

#### Special Programs

- Juneteenth Storytime & Craft. (5 adults, 8 kids)
- Summer Reading Kickoff with Bryson Lang's Cure for the Common Show (15 adults, 30 kids)

#### Ongoing Programs

- Little Learners Story Time, Lego Club. Attendance is good and still growing.

#### Outreach

- Kristin visited Childport daycare center and read books to the PreK. There were 31 kids and 5 staff.
- Had 3 class visits from New Beginnings Family Academy, and conducted tours for: 4<sup>th</sup> grade (5 adults, 58 kids); 5<sup>th</sup> grade (6 adults, 61 kids); and 6<sup>th</sup> grade (4 adults, 30 kids).

Collection & Displays

- Weeded beginner reader and early chapter books.
- Weeding the YA collection.
- Book displays for Juneteenth, Father's Day, LGBTQI+ Pride, Summer, and Summer Reading.

**Concerns:**

- Staffing has been - and continues to be - a great concern.
- There are three out-of-order public computers in the Teen Room, which have not been replaced yet.

**June 2023, Program/Meeting Room Information**

DATE	Count	COMMUNITY PROGRAM	LIBRARY PROGRAMS	NOTES
6/3/2023	30	Entrepreneur Training		
6/3/2023			Healthy Bridgeport, 1st fl rm	
6/4/2023				
6/7/2023	10	March for Education		
6/10/2023	50	Gather Teens, 1st fl.		
6/10/2023	1		Backyard Bees, 3rd fl.	
6/12/2023	9		Democratic Town Committee for the 131st District, 3rd fl.	Meeting
6/14/2023	5		Juneteenth; We Remember: the African American Experience	
6/15/2023	2		Tanarha Smith-Dixon, 3rd fl	Meeting
6/17/2023	8		Memoir Writing, 2nd fl (History Center)	
6/17/2023		NAACP Youth Council, 1st fl.		
6/17/2023	5		ESL, talking with the Community, 3rd fl	
6/22/2023			Adult Book Club, 3rd fl.	
6/24/2023			That's Weird, 3rd fl.	
6/28/2023		Youthful Impact, 3rd fl.		
6/28/2023	30	Emmanuel University Orientation, 1st fl.		
6/29/2023		Youthful Impact, 3rd fl.		
6/29/2023		CT Public Radio, 1st fl.		
6/29/2023	10		Elder Law, 3rd fl.	
6/29/2023	8	CT Institute for Refugees and Immigrants, 1st fl.		
Total	168			