

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Burroughs-Saden/Public Services October 2022 Monthly Report

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| Service Statistics | <p>New library cards: 149 (77 A, 55 YA, 17 J) Number of visitors: 5,207 Number of online database sessions: n/a</p> <p>Questions answered: 2,316 (639 Ref, 1,231 Other, 446 Technical Assistance) Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 118/705</p> |
| Collection Statistics | <p>Adult: 228,182 A&V materials: 24,748 Teen: 6,234 Magazines & Newspapers: 3,976 Children: 61,980 TOTAL: 326,676 (241 added and 597 withdrawn in October)</p> |
| Circulation Statistics | <p>Adult: 700 A&V materials: 510 Teen: 162 Magazines & Newspapers: 2 Children: 1151 Hot spots: 7 Cultural passes: 4 In-house: 340 Grand totals: 2,262</p> |
| Public Internet Usage | <p>Users for the month: 1,177</p> <p>WIFI use: 519</p> |
| Staff Development - BHC | <p>MR attended first meeting of the Accessioning, Acquisitions, & Appraisal Section of the Society of American Archivists.</p> <p>MR transitioned to chair of the Inclusion and Diversity Committee of New England Archivists</p> <p>EVT attended CSL sponsored webinars, multi-part on newspaper microfilming and digitization + series on archival basics to train volunteers/other staff.</p> |

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EVT – ongoing A-V committee work for NEA conference in March 2023

Highlights

- Digital Navigator is proving very popular. Our Digital Navigators Andre O. Margaret G. and Ana T. have been very busy.
- Tutoring takes place every Wednesday & Thursday afternoon in the Teen Room. Attendance grows each week.
- BHC has continued to repaint its walls, to acclaim from staff who are impressed with the color choice and appreciative of the effort to keep things vibrant and lively in the archives. Repainting continues.

RandR:

- Michael, Adam, Margaret finishing up Community Assets overview of every neighborhood in Bpt (demographics reports)
- Robert, Margaret, and Adam are completing the compiling information for a new Quick Reference Guide for all staff that provides an overview of all services and collections offered by BPL as well as how-to instructions for equipment, printing services, and more.
- Adam and Margaret are beginning to re-focus on the BPL Youtube channel, with plans to expand and streamline content and better utilize Youtube to not only engage users but to showcase other content, services, or programs offered at BPL.

BHC:

- Remote reference remains high, and this month featured primarily research heavy local history questions that require additional legwork and reference of non-digitized materials.
- Multiple image requests
- Site visit to Paier College in preparation for BSO materials donation
- Deaccessions from 7th floor storage – ongoing
- Oral history interviews - ongoing

Programming Milestones

- 10/11/22 Health Information Session with Bridgeport Department of Health
- 10/20/22 Toil and Trouble: A Women's History of the Occult Virtual: Zoom
- 10/26/22 H.P. Lovecraft in New England with S.T. Joshi Virtual Zoom
- 10/5/22 Elba Llantín Cantandos Y Jugandos (Sing & Play) program. Children Dept.
- 10/19/22 Halloween Bingo night. Children Dept.

Outreach - YS

- Kristin visited several Bassick High School English classes (grades 9-12) on October 28th to discuss library resources for all ages, and give tips on choosing appropriate resources and books for class assignments.