

**BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**REPORT OF THE CITY LIBRARIAN**  
**January 20, 2021**

A summary sheet of Public Use (computer, faxing & photocopying) for North, Black Rock and East Side Branch Libraries, by hour, for the period November 16, 2020 through January 8, 2021 has been provided along with this report under "Staff Reports."

The library completed all spending for the State of Connecticut's Everybody Learns Grant ahead of the deadline and received word that all obligations under the grant have been satisfied. It was a great challenge to spend all grant funds in such a short space of time, and I commend all library professional and support staff that made it happen. Many of the items ordered have started arriving. I have attached the narrative report submitted to the State Library for the Board's reference.

The Programming Committee has planned a number of virtual programming events for adults and children starting in February, Black History Month, and continuing through the Spring. Planning for the Summer Reading Program has begun.

WiFi access points will be installed at Newfield and East Side locations on Monday, January 25, with the rest of our locations to be scheduled shortly.

Interviews for the open Accounting Clerk I position have taken place and we are awaiting further communication from HR for the next steps in the process. A request for a replacement Custodian I is in the process of being certified by Civil Service.

The library will be receiving reimbursement through the City's FEMA Grant for approximately \$3,000.00 of PPE that was purchased in early 2020, before the FEMA funds were made available. All documents for these purchases have been forwarded to the City's Finance Department.

Respectfully submitted  
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City Librarian