

**BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**REPORT OF THE CITY LIBRARIAN**  
**November 18, 2020**

Bridgeport Public Library Branches North, Black Rock, and East Side reopened to offer limited computer access, photocopying and faxing services. A press packet was sent to the City's Office of Communications, and the library's webpage also has information on the services available to the public.

Grant funds from the Governor's Everybody Learns Initiative have been received by the library and we are now focused on spending the funds by the grant deadline of December 18, 2020. Funds are being used to purchase additional PPE, furniture, and other items to assist with the library's reopening.

A site survey was conducted on 11/10/20 for the outdoor Wifi rollout that will be installed by Presidio. The outdoor Wifi project also funded by the Governor's Everybody Learns Initiative.

The City Librarian has reached out to representatives at Westech, the second highest scored security firm. They are interested providing security for the library according to their proposal and will work with us on rolling out security service sometime in the new year. They have recently won the security service bid for Manchester Public Library, in addition to having a contract with Bristol Public Library.

On behalf of the Staff Association's Executive Committee, the City Librarian acknowledges the Library Board's approval of a 9:00 am-5:00 pm work day for Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve and Thursday, December 31, New Year's Eve at the last board meeting. The Staff Association's Executive Committee additionally requests that the library be closed at 5:00 on Wednesday, November 25 (Thanksgiving Eve) and closed Saturday, December 26 and Saturday, January 2, 2021 since the holidays fall on Fridays, as this is a custom of the library board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Braithwaite  
City Librarian