

BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY
REPORT OF THE CITY LIBRARIAN
July 21, 2021

- Adult Reference and Programming Librarian, Stephen Kwasnik will retire on July 23, 2021. Steve will be missed and we wish him well in this new chapter of his life.
- The Digital Navigator Pilot Project was submitted to the State Library.
- Youth Summer Program, We Dig Chess began at the North Branch and will run until September. This program is funded by a grant from the Mayor's Summer Youth Initiative.
- Newfield Branch is collaborating with the Dunbar School in July to host a gaming program for middle school youth.
- Covid-19 vaccination events are scheduled In July and August for North and Black Rock Branches. They are free to the public and sponsored by Griffin Hospital.
- Approval for a full-day all-library mandatory professional development day is requested of the Library Board. On this day the library will be closed to the public. The tentative date selected will occur in January, when attendance is traditionally at its lowest. The public will receive ample notice of the date.
- Black Rock Branch experienced significant flooding with Tropical Storm Elsa due to existing conditions in the neighborhood. As soon as the storm subsided, the waters receded.
- Library Maintenance Manager David Otero has proactively scheduled walk throughs of library buildings with the City Fire Marshall. To date there have been no major issues or citations. David has addressed recommendations from the Fire Masrhall. The walk through at Burroughs Library has been postponed and will be rescheduled later this summer.

Respectfully Submitted by
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