

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Newfield November Report

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| Service Statistics | <p>Number of new library cards: 42 Number of visitors: 2,037</p> | <p>Number of questions answered: Reference: 129 Other: 176 Tech Asst.: 48 Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 16/157 Number of online database sessions: n/a</p> |
| Collection Statistics Total: 35,509 | <p>Adult: 16,550 (61 added) Teen: 3,219 (13 added) Children: 15,740 (19 added)</p> | <p>A&V materials: 7,093 (12 added) Magazines & Newspapers: 893 (46 added)</p> |
| Circulation Statistics: 459 In-House: 496 Total: 955 | <p>Adult: 215 Teen: 34 Children: 186</p> | <p>A&V materials: 139 Magazines: 7 Newspapers: 10 Hotspots: 20</p> |
| Public Internet Usage Total: 1,176 | <p>Users for the month: 1,176</p> | <p>WiFi: 784 Public Computers: 392</p> |
| Programming Milestones Programs: 38 Attendance: 430 | <p>Inhouse Programs: 37 Off Site Programs: 0 Outreach: 1 Other: 15 (Study Room) Room Usage: 7 Notary Services: 3</p> | <p>Attendance: 230 Attendance: 200 Attendance: 163 (Community Rms)</p> |
| Staff Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slips, Trips, falls – Safety Training, attended by all Newfield Staff • First Reporting and Accident Investigation, attended by Branch Manager | |

Highlights

October has been a very busy month here at Newfield. Every Tuesday in October we had a bus load of students visiting from Bassick High School and on Thursdays a group of 6th-8th graders visit from Dunbar's Light House Program. These visits will continue weekly throughout the year.

Newfield Staff received safety training on "Slips, Trips, & Falls" to raise the level of awareness of the causes and to avoid or prevent them. Branch Manager received training on "First Reporting and Accident

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Investigation” to gain knowledge on the timely reporting and investigations of work-related accidents. These workshops were conducted in conjunction with the City’s Benefits Administration and PMA.

Branch Manager Nykia, LA Breta H. (East Side) and YS Librarian Alexis joined AKA and visiting HBCU colleges, Sororities, and local organizations for the “Oh the Places You Will Grow” college fair for Connecticut high school students held at HCC. Students participated in a panel discussion with Michael Rainey Jr., Actor; Seen in the hit TV series Power and Power Book II. Students and parents also participated in a series of workshops and events held throughout the day. Newfield Staff assisted with the writing workshop with the use of BPL Chromebooks.

Newfield ended October with a Spook-tacular Halloween Party for children and families. Lead by YS Librarian Alexis, with the assistance of LA Latara, and Branch Manager Nykia. Families decorated cookies and cupcakes, listened to music, and enjoyed pizza and pictures and other treats.

Newfield Library continued to host its regular programs during the month of October.

Children’s Events:

Creation Station: Monster Cookies: children decorated and personalized Halloween themed sugar cookies.

Pumpkin Decorating: Children & families spent the day painting and decoration special pumpkins pick at Jones Farm by YS Librarian Alex Y.

Little Readers Storytime: Monday Little Readers Storytime presented to children, caregivers and teachers. The children enjoy Halloween stories, rhymes, and song and most of all playtime with their favorite toys.

Lego Club: Monday Lego Club. Children used their imaginations to create works of art.

Coding for Kids: Coding lesson continued with robots borrowed from Middletown Service Center. Dash & Dot Robots. The children are able to make the robot follow their commands through block chain coding with a tablet or laptop. Ozobots are robots that can follow commands through color code detection. They can also follow code commands through a tablet or laptop with block chain coding languages.

Teen Events:

Table Top Thursdays: Teens enjoy table top games that include card and board games

Anime Club: Teens watch and discuss popular Anime and Mango series.

Gaming Tournament: A little competition never hurts! Jr Librarian Hassan and LA Jonathan hosted a fun gaming program. Using the PlayStation 4, teens played against each other for a chance to when a movie night gift basket full of treats.

Books & Brownies: Book Discussions for Teens

Makerlab: Acrylic Paint Pour. Led by Jr. Librarian Hassan and LA Jonathan, Teens created their own piece of art using the paint pour method.

Adult Events:

Coffee & Chess*: Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday Patrons stop in and test their knowledge of chess while enjoying a cup of coffee and a treat. (non-instructional) ***Coffee & Chess will return in February (2023)**

Lawyers in Libraries: Attorneys volunteer to meet with patrons to answer questions they have regarding a case.

Free Job Coaching: Free job coaching from and experienced People’s Manager. Patrons receive help with questions regarding interviews and resumes to help secure the job they seek.

