

# BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

## North Branch June 2022 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	New library cards: 84 (54 A, 5 YA, 25 J) Number of visitors: 2,076	Questions answered: 4,935 (2202 Ref, 2,733 Other) Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 227/465 Number of online database sessions: n/a
Collection Statistics	Adult: 49,883 (223 added in June) Teen: 4,662 (2 added in June) Children: 38,126 (151 added in June)	A&V materials: 13,886 (23 added in June) Magazines & Newspapers: 1,433 (0 added in June) TOTAL: 107,990 (399 added and 54 withdrawn in June)
Circulation Statistics	Adult: 1,378 plus 138 inhouse use Teen: 147 plus 29 inhouse use Children: 1,243 plus 1006 inhouse use Hotspots: 12	A&V materials: 585 plus 3 inhouse use Magazines & Newspapers: 55 plus 24 inhouse use TOTAL 3420 (43.34% of total BPL circ) plus 1200 inhouse use
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 618 WiFi use: 976	

<p>Programming Milestones</p> <p>TOTALS: 74 programs</p> <p>Attendance: 1,299</p> <p>1 Room use: Attendance: 30</p>	<p>Inhouse programs:</p> <p>4 Vaccination clinics: 81</p> <p>1 AARP Safe Drive: 4</p> <p>1 Notary Public interactions: 4</p> <p>2 Little Bears Storytime: 24</p> <p>1 Monthly study room use: 38</p> <p>5 DIG LITT Chess: 43</p> <p>3 First Serve Tennis: 42</p> <p>1 Live your best life: 2</p> <p>1 Juneteenth celebration: 6</p> <p>1 Law in Libraries: 10</p> <p>1 Youth Lacrosse: 6</p> <p>1 Zoo promotion: 40</p>	<p>6 Class visits: 150</p> <p>3 Forest Bath'g: 16</p> <p>1 Coloring: 7</p> <p>4 Yoga: 41</p> <p>1 Homebuyers seminar: 11</p> <p>1 Test Proctoring: 1</p> <p>1 Recovery Network: 7</p> <p>2 LGBTQ info: 7</p> <p>1 Computer 1-1: 8</p> <p>4 Mahjonnig: 20</p>	<p>Virtual programs:</p> <p>5 Virtual LITT Chess: 42</p> <p>4 Mindfulness: 26</p> <p>1 Adult Book Discussion: 13</p> <p>Outreach:</p> <p>Other:</p> <p>18 COVID testing (Attendance estimated): 650</p>
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Staff Development, meetings other than the usual, etc.

All: Emergency preparedness training (City Hall)  
Bina Williams: ALA (Washington DC)  
Online Caldecott Committee meeting

## Highlights

“...In this team effort to get our students reading again you have opened new doors of possibilities and imagination for many of the kids. I am sure we will see the great effects in the long run...”

“Sorry for that one time our class was being rude.”

“We appreciate you.”

“Thank you for being kind, thoughtful, and letting us read cool books we never read before!”

From the large thank you packet sent by St. Andrews Academy

June was full of comings and goings at North Branch. Veteran part-timers Gail Marcello and Pat Garcia both resigned. They had a wealth of knowledge and experience that cannot be replaced, as well as an unparalleled work ethic. They were especially gracious about the amount of paging made necessary by the lack of any pages since August 2021. Two part-timers started, one an old friend, Debbie Stanley, and newcomer Larry Ferguson. Staffing remains a primary concern. We remain incredibly short-staffed. With the (very welcome) increases in readership and use, the staff does a great job maintaining customer service standards, while contemplating roller skates, extra hands, and other more practical ways to get everything done. We are behind in planning our summer programs, but continue to persevere.

Displays included Father’s Day, Juneteenth, Gardening and outdoor living, summer reading, and more. This year’s summer theme is “Read Beyond the Beaten Path”. The Recovery Network of programs sponsored another info table during the month.

Programs continue to grow. Adult Yoga reached capacity after just a couple of weeks. Our regular programs, both virtual and live, continue. The testing site outside the library has reduced its schedule, but we continue to offer vaccination clinics inside. Our partnerships with Bridgeport Sports Academy and First Serve Tennis provide opportunities for area youth to learn both physically and academically during the summer months.

St. Andrew's School Grades Pre-K-5 continued their frequent visits to choose books, right up to the last week of school. See a sample of their thank you packet contents, above and below.

From Bina:

Highlights of the ALA Annual Conference in DC included a special reception at the Library of Congress with a display of some of their treasures, a celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Newbery Award, the Coretta Scott King Awards breakfast and the Newbery Caldecott Legacy banquet. Seeing colleagues from across the country, in fact the world, was a much-needed balm after the last few years of COVID. Thanks to the staff of North for covering my absence!

