

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

North Branch October 2022 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>New library cards: 107 (45 A, 36 YA, 265 J) Number of visitors: 4,361 Number of online database sessions: n/a</p>	<p>Questions answered: 5,081 (2,475 Ref, 2,410 Other, 196 Technical Assistance) Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 180/534</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 49,306 (66 added in October) Teen: 4,631 (1 added in October) Children: 38,086 (110 added in October)</p>	<p>A&V materials: 13,910 (2 added in October) Magazines & Newspapers: 1,566 (58 added in October) TOTAL: 107,499 (237 added and 39 withdrawn in October)</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 1,400 plus 136 inhouse use Teen: 74 plus 11 inhouse use Children: 1,520 plus 585 inhouse use Hotspots: 27</p>	<p>A&V materials: 575 plus 146 inhouse use Magazines & Newspapers: 44 plus 4 inhouse use TOTAL 3,640 (41.197% of total BPL circ) plus 882 inhouse use. GRAND TOTAL: 4,522</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 602 WIFI use: 1,321</p>	

<p>Programming Milestones TOTALS: 80 programs Attendance: 2,152</p> <p>5 Room use: Attendance: 119 GRAND TOTAL: 2,271</p>	<p>Inhouse programs: 20 Digital Navigator interactions: 40 1 BCHS (BCHistorical Society): 30 1 Strange Happenings: 19 3 Vaccination clinics: 53 4 Little Bears Storytime: 82 1 Monthly study room use: 68 4 Notary appt's: 13 5 First Serve Tennis: 144 1 BPT Health Dept info table: 25 1 USP CT Tech info table: 25 1 Mental Health Awareness: 3 4 Forest Bath'g: 9</p>	<p>4 Mahjonnq: 25 1 Halloween Hullabaloo: 706 1 Lawyers in Lib's: 11 1 Colonial Life: 2 1 St A Class V: 25 1 JW Class: 21 1 Fall Paint: 32 3 Yoga: 34 1 Scary Movies: 40 1 Not-too-scary stories: 95</p>	<p>Virtual programs: 4 Mindfulness: 21 1 Adult Book Discussion: 15</p> <p>Outreach: 1 Watermark Book Discussion: 15 1 Winthrop Trunk or Treat: 299</p> <p>Other: 12 COVID testing (Attendance estimated): 300</p>
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Staff Development, meetings other than the usual, etc.

Several attended Slips Trips and Falls offered by COB
Digital Navigator training: Monika A,
Paula: Winthrop School Governance Council

Highlights

"The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library"

-Albert Einstein

October was a jampacked month. Kickoff for the Digital Navigator program brought several requests for participation. Monika Anton was and is extra busy juggling those appointments. In her spare time, she started a Job Board with employment information. Yoga is back with our popular volunteer instructor, and an artist has volunteered several programs for the fall, starting with Fall Paint, so popular we had to turn people away. We welcomed the post-Covid return of Nikki Vogeles and her Strange Happening (scary stories for adults- always a favorite). Nancy's Stone's Virtual Adult Book Discussion tackled *The Zahir* by Coelho, while the Watermark group discussed *The Weight of Ink* by Kadish.

It was all hands on deck for our Halloween activities. First came bag stuffing (hundreds of bags- by North staff and any volunteers that crossed the threshold) with lots of activity sheets, library information and giveaways. Then Dana H and Larry F spent a Thursday evening greeting over 200 families at the Winthrop School Trunk or Treat. Then came the Halloween Hullabaloo: a huge daylong event shared with the Bridgeport Youth Sports Academy. There were so many activities inside and outside! Coach Don arranged for a couple of face painters inside the library. We showed movies. Bina told stories. We had several craft options and so many families crafting. Bina also provided enough donations from her various national award committee work that we had hundreds of titles kids could choose from to keep a book. North Branch had over 706 visitors that day, including one poor young man trying to study for a firefighter test. We found a secluded study room for him away from the general melee!

Our regular programs happened too! Class visits, Lawyers, Vaccines, Mindfulness, Forest bathing, Little Bears and all the rest, including another successful Bridgeport Community Historical Society program, "Grover Cleveland's Rubber Jaw" a presentation by author and retired UNH Professor Stephen Spignesi, from his book about unusual, unexpected, unbelievable but all-true facts about America's Presidents.

Regular work continued as well, and in spite of some absences over the course of the month, we were able to help East Side during an emergency. We remain at a critically short staffing level. We had some additional "anniversaries" this month. Bina W celebrated 25 years with BPL, and Paula Keegan, 38 years.



There has not been any noticeable solar project activity since the panel delivery in September. The outside landscaping work is almost finished. Inappropriate use of the less public parking areas remains a concern.

Looking forward to an active November!