



Beardsley Branch Library July 2026

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 86 (58 A; 20 J; 8 YA) Number of visitors: 4,616 Number of questions answered: 2,190 (530 Reference, 227 Technical, 1,433 Other)
Collection Statistics	Collection Size: 7,651 Total Added: 19
Circulation Statistics	Total Circ: 1,681 In-house: 216
Public Internet Usage	Total uses: 750
Room Usage	Community Room: 5 times; Collaboration Hub: 52 times; Study rooms: 112 times, Total attendance: 319 Podcast Studios: 7 recording sessions; 14 hours
Programming Highlights	Stars & Stripes America 250: 58 patrons 5 English Conversations: 24 patrons 4 Podcast Studio Orientations: 4 patrons 4 Kids Chess Club: 14 patrons Jay Reidy Magic Show: 31 patrons Science in Summer 2 events: 43 patrons Total programs: 29 Total patrons: 233
Other Services	Digital Navigator (1-1.5hr.): 2 Notary: 64 notarized documents; 45 sessions Luxer One Pickup Locker: 17 deliveries
Outreach	7/8 Teaching PC Class at Bridgeport Rescue Mission
Staff Development	7/10 The majority of Beardsley staff attended the Staff Development Day at Burroughs-Saden 7/22 Andre attended "How to Teach Tech to Adults Who Swear They're "Bad at Technology" " Webinar by PCI

- **July** was an exciting month, with the library buzzing with patrons attending America 250 events, signing up for Summer Reading, exploring our book displays and latest collection, or simply getting their errands done while cooling off on hot days.
- **PROGRAMMING:** As part of our America 250 celebration, we hosted a Stars & Stripes Cupcake Decorating event where patrons of all ages participated in decorating patriotic cupcakes, made popsicle stick flags, adults could make patriotic cork-and-felt coasters, and other Fourth of July activities while listening to patriotic music.
- **PROGRAMMING:** We held two Science in the Summer events in partnership with GSK Science in the Summer and The Franklin Institute. Students in grades 2-6th explored careers in chemistry by practicing as cosmetic chemists, forensic chemists, medicinal chemists, and more.
- **COLLECTION:** Throughout July, we continued featuring book displays celebrating America 250 and the Fifa World Cup.
- **TECH:** In July, additional trouble shooting was conducted by the DNR technician to resolve sound and connectivity issues in both podcast studios.
- **SERVICES:** Notary Public requests have continued to rise. Andre, the only notary on site, has conducted 45 notary sessions and notarized 64 documents. I can see that it is a challenging role because Andre balances his regular job responsibilities while handling a high volume of notary requests. I plan to make recommendations to the administration on ways to reward notaries for taking on these additional responsibilities, while also encouraging more staff members to become commissioned notaries at BPL.
- **STAFF RELATED:** Paula Carlson has filled the vacant Library Assistant III position at Beardsley. Her responsibilities have expanded from receiving materials to overseeing circulation services, along with other duties.
- In July, I participated in multiple interviews to fill our vacant Library Assistant I position. The selected candidate is scheduled to begin in August.
- Luis, Adam, Bina, and other staff members helped provide coverage throughout July while we were short-staffed. We are grateful to the branch managers for prompt coordination and to the staff members with helping on site.
- **OUTREACH:** Andre and Adam taught a computer class at the Bridgeport Rescue Mission on July 12. Fifteen attendees participated, eager to learn and are looking forward to the next class in August. The library staff not only bring promotional materials to these types of programs, but this time they also brought library laptops to accommodate as many attendees as possible.

