

BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY
REPORT OF THE CITY LIBRARIAN
June 2022

- Annual Statistics for the 2021-2022 year are being compiled. The final report will be sent to the Board by the September meeting for review before sending to the Connecticut State Library. We will also prepare an annual report.
- During the ALA Conference in Washington, DC, I attended a workshop on “Evidenced-Based Decision-making in Libraries.” It was informative to formally learn the process from the authors of an upcoming book on the topic.
- The Purchasing Department has announced that the City Ordinance establishing the amount over which the informal bid process is required is now \$2,500.00, increased from \$1,000.00. This change should help the purchasing process within the library. We will continue to do our due diligence and make sure the library and City is getting the best prices for procurement, but unique purchases such as programming vendors and services such as Zoom Videoconferencing will not need to be vetted by the Purchasing Department, thus saving valuable time and effort that can be used on larger cost goods and services.
- We have begun receiving funding confirmations from E-Rate for the FY year for the Emergency Connectivity fund Program. We will be able to extend the service on the hotspots we now loan and will be able to move forward with our Digital Navigator Pilot, which we are planning to start in September. We are developing an informational presentation on the Digital navigator pilot.
- The Library hosted a vaccination clinic and press conference for Governor Lamont in the Pop Room on July 18. The state is encouraging families and especially children ages five and older to get vaccinated for COVID-19 ahead of the coming school year.

Respectfully Submitted by
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