

BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
REPORT OF THE CITY LIBRARIAN  
For the Month of April 2024

The library has received notification of funding commitments for E-rate funding year 2024 – 2025 totaling \$22,950. This represents a 90% discount for Internet service and fiber maintenance services at all library locations beginning July 1, 2024.

I met with Senator Marilyn Moore at the Juneteenth of Fairfield County's Grand Marshal's Ball on April 20. She was very pleased to hear of our progress on the East Side Renovation Project and will have her staff coordinate her availability with us for the groundbreaking ceremony.

Our contract with the Connecticut State Library, who administers the construction bond for the East Side Renovation Project, has been extended to December 31, 2024. As David Otero notes in his report, the final agreement for construction has been provided by the City Attorney's office.

For the repurposing of the T & B Room (Technology & Business), Mike Roher has donated eight tables and chairs and a 3-D printer. The tables will support computers and color printing. I request that the Library Board of Directors approve this donation. The repurposing of this room will not require electrical rewiring in that space, but there will be some minor electrical work needed for the microfilm reader and printer, which will be moved to the main Adult Serviced room. The space and related programs will continue to be open to the public.

While HB 5312 and SB 148 did not pass this session, the Legislative Committee of CLA will continue its efforts to get legislation passed. I will keep the Library Board abreast of this effort and any other legislative matters of relevance to Connecticut libraries.

During the month of April, my activities included the following:

- Monthly Managers Meeting
- T & B Room, Teen Room, & Marketplace planning
- Weekly Administrators' Meeting (Asst. City Librarian, IT, Facilities, Technology, Technical Services. (Communications will be added in May)
- Policy Committee
- Outreach Committee
- Labor Relations
- IMLS Regional Digital Navigation Grant – search committee
- Connecticut Libraries and Partners for Digital Equity
- Connecticut Library Association 2024 Annual Conference – See report attached
- Staff Development
- Mayor's Office and Police Chief discussions on increasing rounds and improving response time for incidents, particularly at Beardsley and Newfield Branches
- Purchasing Department - Munis training/refresher for library office

The promotional process for The Library ITS Manager and Maintenance & Facilities Manager positions have been completed with a start date of 4/29/24.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Librarian  
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