

**BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY
REPORT OF THE CITY LIBRARIAN
For the Month of October 2023**

There are four items for Library Board approval this month:

- The Staff Association Executive Committee has submitted a request to amend library hours for 2024.
- We are ready to start the blood pressure monitor lending program in collaboration with the Department of Health and Social Services and the American Heart Association. The City of Bridgeport's Legal Department is requesting formal confirmation that the Library Board has approved the lending program.
- We have been asked to consider signing a pledge (no financial obligation) in support of workplace EV charging stations. By signing the pledge, we would have a site visit to determine if our location(s) would be feasible for an EV charger.
- The State Library has reviewed our revised Collection Development Policy and recommend the addition of one paragraph. The draft has been included in the library board documents for approval.

Outreach events for October included Library Board members and the City Librarian participating in the Columbus Day Parade where we handed out books and t-shirts. The Library also attended the Harvest celebration at the Church of Christ in Bridgeport. We handed out books and flyers for upcoming programs.

Our Accounting Clerk, Arthens Dacres, will be moving on to a position with the Board of Education at the end of the month. While we will miss Arthens at the Library, we wish her much success in her new position.

The 2023 Annual State Report was submitted. We are experiencing an upward trend in our data and expect this trend to continue as we bring new and expanded programming to the residents of Bridgeport.

We are in the process of a final review of the library app before it is placed on app stores for iOS and android.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Braithwaite
City Librarian
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