

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

We continued October. with many programs for children and adults, and outreach for this occasion.

Continuing projects worked on include:

- Digital Navigation IMLS Grant – Kickoff Event Presser at NHFPL – 10/7
- National Digital Inclusion week (October 7 – 11) – Tables at Each Branch
- Outreach: Ordering supplies and attending events
- Marketing: Logo development
- Facilities: North Branch Roof – Working with OPM and Purchasing
- Facilities: East Side Project – Ground Breaking Ceremony – 10/8

Data from the 2023- 2024 year is being compiled into a formal Annual Report.

Laura and I are working on staffing plan/organizational chart.

The City of Bridgeport is sponsoring our Staff Development Day luncheon on Monday, December 2, 2024. Notice to the public of closing on this day will be disseminated via our channels.

Our Klein Partnership program, Orkestra Afinke was well attended by an enthusiastic audience. I do believe that a Friday would work best in the future since many would prefer a non-work night, and there are many other Salsa events in and around Bridgeport on the weekends that the same audience would attend after our event.

Action items for the 11/20/24 meeting:

1. 2025 Holiday Hours – Day before Thanksgiving closing – I recommend that the library hours of 9 am – 5 pm due to fact that the managers report that less than 5 patrons visited last year when the library closed at 6:00 pm. This evening is a time of family activity, whether travelling, shopping, cooking, or just being with family. We get so few visitors, that the additional hour is not justified.
2. Public Art Mural for North Branch – In a meeting on October 16 with the Public Art consultant, Paula, David, and I unanimously chose Option 2 for our vision of the North Branch mural. In addition, we felt that Option 1 could be modified to fit the garage, thus saving the time and effort of a second RFP. I have included the options in the board packet. Liz’s rendering is just a sample; when completed, it will be as vibrant as Option 1. I have invited muralist and city consultant, John Paul Ogrodnick, to the board meeting; he will most likely attend via Zoom
3. Legislative Committee: there will be a Fairfield region Meet and Greet for new state legislators on December 12 at Fairfield Public Library. I will be sending out invitations to all of our representatives, and members of the library board are welcome to attend also.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elaine Braithwaite  
City Librarian  
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