

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Beardsley Branch Library August 2025

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 56 (40 A; 12 J; 4 YA) Number of visitors: 4,593	Number of questions answered: 2,697 (369 Reference, 623 Technical, 1,705 Other)
Collection Statistics	Collection Size: 6,835 Total Added: 87	
Circulation Statistics	Total Circ: 1,507 In-house: 178	
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 100 unique clients Total Wifi connections: n/a	
Room Usage	Community Room: 4 times; Collaboration Hub: 83 times; Study Rooms: 75 times; Total Attendance: 275 patrons Podcast Studios: 8 recording sessions, 16 studio hours	
Programming Highlights	2 Computer classes: 2 patrons 2 Podcast Studio orientation: 3 patrons 3 Chess Club for Kids: 43 patrons Microbit Coding Class Kids: 9 patrons	Adult Craft Class: 11 patrons Critter Caravan: 51 patrons Be a Health Scientist: 9 patrons Total programs: 18 Total patrons: 193 patrons
Other Services	Digital Navigator (1-1.5hr): 2 sessions Notary Public: 84 notarized documents; 65 sessions LuxerOne Pickup Locker: 11 deliveries	
Outreach	n/a	
Staff Development	n/a	

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- **August at Beardsley** was bustling with summer reading participants getting prizes and attending various library events to cool off on hot summer days.
- **COLLECTION:** We kept in mind that many of our younger patrons were getting ready for school, so we created a “Back to School” book display by the desk. We also continued to offer some great summer reads for adults.
- **PROGRAMMING:** Our weekly Chess Club for kids continues to grow; we now have about 10 attendees each week. In August, we were fortunate to have teen volunteer Maksim (a high school student) teaching alongside library staff. Presently, we are looking for college volunteers to assist with the Chess Program in the fall.
- **PROGRAMMING:** In August, we held another session of the *Be a Health Scientist* program, presented by the Discovery Museum in collaboration with the GSK *Science in the Summer* program. Nine young patrons participated, and we hope that this collaboration will continue next summer as well.
- **PROGRAMMING:** We hosted a few fun summer reading events, such as *the Reluctant Dragon* puppet show and a Critter Caravan event, where children could learn about and even touch various domestic and exotic animals.
- **PROGRAMMING:** We held summer reading drawings for adult and teen winners, and were happy to share some great photos on social media.
- **STAFF RELATED:** As of August 18th, Jada Vermont has become the full time Library Assistant¹ continuously assigned at Beardsley. Her focus will be on customer service and programming assistance; she will eventually serve as the Digital Navigator on site.
- **BUILDING RELATED:** Anna and David Otero, Head of Maintenance, have been discussing plans on having the carpets cleaned throughout the building, arranging for a locksmith to repair several projects on site, and completing additional tasks to make the building look clean and welcoming to visitors.
- **SUCCESSIONS:** Beardsley staff were able to attend the annual staff appreciation picnic organized by the City of Bridgeport at Seaside Park. Everyone enjoyed good food and great giveaways.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Knorovska