## BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

## Beardsley Branch Library January 2024 Monthly Report

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| Service Statistics     |  |   |
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|                        | Number of new library cards: 66 (51A; 5  | Number of questions answered: 1,509 (138        |
|                        | YA; 10 J)  | Reference; 1,053 Other; 318 Technical)          |
|                        | Number of visitors: 3,360  | Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 128/118  |
|                        | Specific to BHC: n/a   | Number of online database sessions: n/a         |
| Collection Statistics  | Adult: 1,310(48 added in January)  | A&V materials: 636 (0 added in January)         |
|                        | Teen: 530(4 added in January)  | Magazines & Newspapers: 62 (1 added in          |
|                        | Children: 2,004 (37 added in January)  | January)  |
|                        |  | Hot spots: 12                                   |
|                        |  | Passes to cultural sites: 3                     |
| Circulation Statistics |  |   |
|                        | Adult: 231   | Newspapers: (35 in house)                       |
|                        | Teen: 64   | Hot spots: 25                                   |
|                        | Children: 689  | Cultural passes: 1                              |
|                        | A&V materials: 169   | In-house: 52                                    |
|                        | Magazines: 6   | Total circ: 1,205                               |
| Public Internet Usage  | Users for the month: 305   |   |
|                        | Total Wifi connections: 2,521  |   |
| Room Usage:            | Room use: Community Room: 6; Collab. Hub: 12; Study Rooms: 80 times; Total Attendance: 216 patrons |   |
| Programming Milestones | 7 Digital Navigator (1-1.5hr) sessions   | 4 Book Buddies Storytime: 26 patrons            |
| Totals:                | 3 PC Classes: 22 patrons   | 1 Microbit for Kids/Teens: 3 patrons            |
|                        | 2 English Conversation Group: 6 patrons  | Podcast Orientation Sessions: 6 patrons         |
|                        | 3 Kids Chess Club Sessions: 8 patrons  | Notary services offered: 5 patrons              |
|                        | 3 Drop-in Craft for Kids sessions: 13 patrons  | Special Event "Inspired" with Eddie Martinez: 1 |
|                        | Outreach: Luis Munoz Minar School: 90 patr   |   |
| Staff Development      | 1/8 Beardsley staff completed the final training of podcast studio equipment, given by DNR         |   |
|                        | 1/30 Elvis M. attended the customer service training offered by the City of Bridgeport             |   |
|                        | 1/31 Anna K. and Ana T. attended the customer service training by the City of Bridgeport           |   |

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## Highlights

- DNR Labs, LLC, has completed the installation of the audio-visual equipment (podcast, music/video recording) in both podcast studios. Beardsley staff have completed the training; policies and procedures have been written and waiting to be approved by the Library Board of Directors.
- PROGRAMMING: Starting in January, we've launched Podcast Studio Orientation session program, given by a librarian, Andre M. The session is scheduled on every other Saturday; patron registration is required.
- In January, we held three weekly computer classes with total of 22 attendees. The topics were: Google Chrome Tips & Tricks; Windows 10; and All About Emails.
- On 1/25, Bridgeport Health Dept. had a table in the lobby to share resources on radon testing.
- Anna and Elvis visited Luis Munoz Minar School for their Three Kings Day celebration. Many bookmarks, pencils, Three Kings Day coloring sheets, library applications, and other materials were given out.
- COLLECTION: Beardsley has started to receive Baker & Taylor materials directly from the vendor. Ana T. has been assigned to receive them.
- BOOK DISPLAYS IN JANUARY: National Hobby Month; winter themed book display.
- Meagan D., full-time Library Assistant 1, resigned effective January 19th. The Branch Manager has started conducting the interviews for the replacement.
- BUILDING RELATED: Thanks to the Board Member Tom Errichetti's purchase and the Maintenance Dept.'
  installation, about fourteen public chairs got their casters replaced, so they are safer to use. In addition,
  the sound panels have been installed (in both study rooms) to mitigate background noise and provide
  more quiet space for patrons.
- BUILDING RELATED: A new window shades in the community room and the manager's office have been installed.
- BUILDING RELATED: We've received three new armchairs that are more suitable for elderly patrons and they do like to use them. We gave the three (previously owned) rock launchers to the Newfield Branch.
- ISSUES/CONCERNS: Due to staff resignation, Beardsley presently doesn't provide notary services on site. We hope that the newly hired full-time employee would fill that role.
- ISSUES/CONCERNS: We are having an issue with ordering/receiving DVDs for the location. We haven't received a new DVD since the fiscal year started. We hope that the process will get smoother in the future and our patrons will be able to choose from new DVD titles.

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