

# BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

## Beardsley Branch Library October 2023 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>Number of new library cards:61 (38 A; 6 YA; 17 J)          Number of visitors: 3,084          Specific to BHC: n/a</p>	<p>Number of questions answered:1,244 (113 Reference; 915 Other; 216 Technical)          Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 146/113          Number of online database sessions: n/a</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult:1,237 (177 added in October)          Teen: 303 (24 added in October)          Children:1,830(263 added in October)</p>	<p>A&amp;V materials:652 (19 added in October)          Magazines &amp; Newspapers: 59 (5 magazines added in October)          Hot spots: 7          Passes to cultural sites: 3</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 239          Teen: 61          Children: 621          A&amp;V materials: 367          Magazines: 8</p>	<p>Newspapers: (45 in house)          Hot spots: 28          Cultural passes: 5          In-house: 103</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 325          Total Wifi connections: 3,868</p>	
Room Usage:	<p>Room use: Community Room:4; Collab. Hub:3; Study Rooms:62 times; Total Attendance: 159 patrons</p>	
Programming Milestones Totals:	<p>9 Digital Navigator (1-1.5hr) sessions          3 PC Classes:19 patrons          2 English Conversation Group:7 patrons          Halloween Storytime &amp; Craft: 90 patrons          4 Kids Chess Club Sessions: 10 patrons          4 Drop-in Craft for Kids sessions: 46 patrons</p>	<p>3 Book Buddies Storytime: 13 patrons          1 Microbit for Kids/Teens: 9 patrons          1 Adult Craft Class: 10 patrons          4 other family programs: 42 patrons          Outreach: Beardsley School:73 patrons          Notary services offered: 12 patrons</p>
Staff Development	<p>10/2 Ana attended a training on processing materials at Acquisition Dept. at Burroughs-Saden          10/12 Anna attended the Diversity Without Adversity training organized by the City of Bridgeport          10/4 Andre attended the Beyond Books: Adult Library Programs that Work Webinar</p>	

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## Highlights

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- October was a busy month at Beardsley because we were catching up with back to school material requests, school outreach, and also offered many wonderful programs for our patrons.
- On 10/5, Ana and Anna attended a Parent Night event at Beardsley School. Parents were eager signing up their children for library cards and in just two hours we were able to create 14 library cards! In addition to that we talked about our new library and the resources we offer. Anna was even able to take a brief tour of the school library.
- We have done a good number of programs and events in October. From our weekly storytimes, weekly chess classes for kids, to drop-in crafts on Saturdays and our monthly Microbit program, but one of our most attended event was Halloween Storytime, held on Saturday, 10/28. We had about 53 children who came for stories and spooky songs and rhymes, and whom were able to decorate their own pumpkins to take home. The community room was filled with excitement and definitely creativity expressed on pumpkins.
- We also collaborated with Discovery and Science Center and Planetarium, who held a "Be a Physicist this Fall" program. Attendees were able to build lasers, a ski suit, and other experiments.
- In October, we held three weekly computer classes with total of 19 attendees. The topics were: Canva for Beginners; File and Password Management; and All About Artificial Intelligence.
- DNR Labs, LLC, has started the installation of the audio-visual equipment (podcast, music/video recording). The project should be fully completed in November.
- On 10/28 we hosted a preschool class visit from Big Dreams Early Learning Center who came for storytime and play.
- Our City Librarian, Elaine Braithwaite, hosted Community Discussion event at Beardsley to celebrate the National Digital Inclusion Week. Some of our regular patrons attended this one of a kind event.
- COLLECTION: Juvenile holiday books were moved in the storage area. Juvenile nonfiction and biographies were relocated to more visible location.
- Thanks to the library office staff, we were able to order a much-needed programming supplies such as storytime props, various craft supplies, technology tools, and other supplies for special events.
- BOOK DISPLAYS IN OCTOBER: National Digital Inclusion Week; Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month; Welcome Fall.