

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Beardsley Branch Library August 2023 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>Number of new library cards:102 (52 A; 10 YA; 40 J) Number of visitors: 3,638 Specific to BHC: n/a</p>	<p>Number of questions answered: 1,216 (209 Reference, 849 Other; 158 Technical questions) Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 94/231 Number of online database sessions: n/a</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult:1,130 (40 added in August) Teen: 258 (6 added in August) Children: 1,550 (171 added in August)</p>	<p>A&V materials: 594 (4 added in August) Magazines & Newspapers:60 (11 magazines added in August) Hot spots:10 Passes to cultural sites:3</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 270 Teen: 102 Children: 607 A&V materials: 199 Magazines: 0</p>	<p>Newspapers: 45 (in house) Hot spots: 26 Cultural passes: 10 In-house: 136</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 275 Wifi use: 841</p>	
Room Usage:	<p>Room use: Community Room:2; Collab. Hub: 5; Study Rooms: 60; Total Attendance: 115 patrons</p>	
Programming Milestones Totals:	<p>16 Digital Navigator (1-1.5hr) sessions 4 PC Classes: 27 patrons 1 English Conversation Group:2 patrons 4 Kids Chess Club Sessions: 27 patrons 4 Drop-in Craft for Kids sessions: 39</p>	<p>Critter Caravan event: 53 patrons Robert Rogers Puppet Show: 42 patrons Outreach: Lemonade stand: 26 patrons Adult Craft Class: 10 patrons End of summer reading party: 14 patrons</p>
Staff Development	<p>8/1 Anna and Andre attended Planning National Voter Registration Day Webinar 8/9 Andre attended AI and Libraries: Enhancing Services and Engaging Communities Webinar 8/29 Anna attended Baker&Taylor training via Zoom</p>	

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Highlights

- August was a great summer month at Beardsley. Patrons of all ages enjoyed coming to the library and cooling down during hot days. Staff was pretty busy helping children, teens, and adults with summer reading requests, coordinating programs, accommodating room reservations, and so on.
- The summer reading program went well; we had patrons of all ages participating. Out of 137 participants: 88 were children, 34 were adults and 15 were teens - just alone signed up at Beardsley. At the end of the summer reading we had a small celebration for kids and teens; everyone enjoyed cupcakes, cookies, and playing board games with staff. The main prize drawings for teens and adults took place at the event as well.
- Two Saturdays of the month we hosted special programs for families: Critter Caravan brought live animals, and Robert Rogers puppet show presented the "Bremen Town Musicians." Both programs were entertaining and educational at the same time.
- In August, we held four weekly computer classes with total of 27 attendees. The topics were: Internet Safety; Computer Basics; MS Word; Intro to Typing. All classes are presented by the library staff.
- Our monthly craft class for adults had turned out to be a fun event. Ten patrons made their own seashell wind chimes to take home.
- Two of our full-time branch staff members: Meagan and Phil have successfully passed the six-month-probationary period and have been made permanent employees.
- Elvis represented Beardsley Branch at the March for Education outreach event in downtown Bridgeport.
- The remaining public PC stations have been installed by Peter and Brian. Presently we offer 24 public computer stations to be used for the public.
- ABC Mouse, free software for children, have been installed on all children's computers.
- Anna is in process of getting a quote to add more ceiling lights in the dark sections of the main room.
- BOOK DISPLAYS IN AUGUST: The Story of Music: Cautionary Tales Exhibit, which consists of written book creations by students from the nearby Beardsley School; in addition to that we had a summer themed book display with special summer props to spruce up the interest and read more.
- ISSUES/CONCERNS: We've been having issues with LuxerOne pickup locker. There were days/weeks when the locker wasn't in service due to technical faults, and/or vandalism. We are doing our best to have the locker fully functional as soon as possible.
- ISSUES/CONCERNS: There have been some complaints from the public about surrounding landscaping. David and his team have been a big help with addressing that.

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- ANECDOTE OF THE MONTH: We often place an easel stand outside on the sidewalk to promote events we have at the library on that day. The sign is visible for pedestrians and from passing cars as well. The day of the puppet show a grandmother came in with her three grandchildren asking about “puppies in the library.” She said she saw a sign driving by and came back to see the puppies. After we explained to her that the sign says “puppet show in the library” not “puppies” we all laughed about it and everyone stayed for the puppet show.