

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Beardsley Branch Library December 2024

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Service Statistics	<p>Number of new library cards: 33 (29 A; 4 J; 0YA) Number of visitors: 3,527</p> <p>Number of questions answered: 2,116 (134 Reference, 715 Technical, 1,267 Other)</p>		
Collection Statistics	<p>Collection Size: 6,719 Total Added: 140</p>		
Circulation Statistics	<p>Total Circ: 1,603 In-house: 130</p>		
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 699 Total Wifi connections: n/a</p>		
Room Usage	<p>Community Room: 4 times; Collaboration Hub: 31 times; Study Rooms: 62 times; Total Attendance: 206 patrons Podcast Studios: 13 recording sessions, 25 studio hours</p>		
Programming Highlights	<table border="0"> <tr> <td> <p>3 Computer classes: 6 patrons Podcast Studio orientation: 6 patrons 3 Kids Chess Club: 16 patrons 2 Adult Craft Classes: 12 patrons</p> </td> <td> <p>2 Book Buddies Storytime: 15 patrons Frosty the Snowman Event: 68 patrons Holiday Concert with D. Giardina: 62 patrons Total programs: 15 Total patrons: 211 patrons</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>3 Computer classes: 6 patrons Podcast Studio orientation: 6 patrons 3 Kids Chess Club: 16 patrons 2 Adult Craft Classes: 12 patrons</p>	<p>2 Book Buddies Storytime: 15 patrons Frosty the Snowman Event: 68 patrons Holiday Concert with D. Giardina: 62 patrons Total programs: 15 Total patrons: 211 patrons</p>
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Other Services	<p>Digital Navigator (1-1.5hr): 5 sessions Notary Public: 15 sessions LuxerOne Pickup Locker: 1 delivery</p>		
Outreach	<p>n/a</p>		
Staff Development	<p>12/2 Beardsley staff attended the Staff Development Day at Burroughs-Saden 12/19 Anna attended the Procedure Writing Workshop at Burroughs-Saden</p>		

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- December was a relatively slow month due to holidays but we still had over 3,500 patrons coming to the library with over 1,600 circulating materials. We surely made sure that the building looked welcoming and festive for the holidays - with Christmas tree put up and other spaces decorated.
- On December 4th, Beardsley has extended its operating hours on Wednesdays; the location is now open from 10am to 8pm.
- PROGRAMMING: We held three computer classes with 6 attendees. The topics were: Canva; WordPress and Video-Chatting.
- PROGRAMMING: Besides our ongoing weekly/monthly programs such as Chess for kids and a weekly storytime, we held two craft classes for adults that are gaining in popularity. The attendees were able to make a Christmas tree craft out of wine corks; the other craft class was a crochet lesson.
- PROGRAMMING: One of our special programs for children in December was an event with Frosty the Snowman. Children and their families came for storytime, joined by Frosty (big thanks to our librarian Andre for taking the role); then everyone could take a photo with Frosty, decorate a cookie, and make a special snowflake craft. It was a fun and well attended event!
- PROGRAMMING: We held our annual holiday concert and this year we had Dave Giardina performing various holiday tunes with Latin flair!
- COLLECTION: Due to space constraints, we've done our first large-scale weeding of adult fiction. We've been ordering new titles and we're looking forward to having 2024-25 collection on shelves.
- BOOK DISPLAYS IN NOVEMBER: Holidays; New Year's Eve.
- STAFF RELATED: Due to extended hours on Wednesdays, Luis Rodriguez has started working at the location while the East Side Branch is in construction phase.
- STAFF RELATED: Since Black Rock Branch was going through renovations, one of their staff Sarah Greenberg was helping us at the branch full time, for a week. We are grateful for her assistance. In addition, we appreciated having a security guard from Black Rock Branch in morning hours during that week, since our guard works afternoons and evenings.
- CONCERNS: Since branch's hours has extended and we are open three nights a week and two full days, there are more visitors coming in. Presently we have only a part-time custodian and we would gladly welcome to have a custodian for few hours in afternoons.
- SUCCESSES: December was truly a festive time of year, with the library staff receiving several thank-you notes and small gifts from some of our patrons. We're grateful that our patrons are satisfied with the services we provide, and we look forward to welcoming more patrons in the New Year.