

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Beardsley Branch Library June 2025

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 58 (44 A; 14 J; 0 YA) Number of visitors: 5,169	Number of questions answered: 2,486 (172 Reference, 507 Technical, 1,807 Other)
Collection Statistics	Collection Size: 7,040 Total Added: 163	
Circulation Statistics	Total Circ: 1,496 In-house: 94	
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 915 Total Wifi connections: n/a	
Room Usage	Community Room: 6 times; Collaboration Hub: 50 times; Study Rooms: 100 times; Total Attendance: 265 patrons Podcast Studios: 13 recording sessions, 26 studio hours	
Programming Highlights	3 Computer classes: 7 patrons 1 Podcast Studio orientation: 6 patrons 5 Chess Club for Kids: 47 patrons Microbit Coding Class Kids: 21 patrons	3 Book Buddies Storytime: 26 patrons Magic Show: 48 patrons Bluey at the Library: 325 patrons Total programs: 16 Total patrons: 555 patrons
Other Services	Digital Navigator (1-1.5hr): 7 sessions Notary Public: 30 notarized documents; 27 sessions LuxerOne Pickup Locker: 13 deliveries	
Outreach	6/4 Andre and Anna gave out a presentation at Greater Bridgeport Community Mental Health Center 6/7 Elvis represented Beardsley Branch at the Juneteenth Parade at Seaside Park 6/8 Andre, Elvis, and Anna participated at the Black Rock Parade 6/21 Phil and Elvis participated at the Wing Ding Parade at Beardsley Zoo	
Staff Development	6/12 Andre and Anna attended the LinkedIn Training session via Zoom	

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- With the start of hot weather, June was a busy month as patrons of all ages cooled off at the library - browsing bookshelves, getting work done on computers, or attending fun library events. June was one the busiest months of the year, with over 5,000 patrons visiting the location.
- COLLECTION: Summer months are always fun for creating summer reading book displays. From showcasing summer romances to kids' summer reading picks, library displays are always a big hit with our patrons.
- PROGRAMMING: We held three computer classes with 7 attendees. The topics were: Computer Basics; Google Chrome; and a class on "How to Use Your Phone".
- PROGRAMMING: Adult patrons could participate in a wine glass painting class, conducted by our LA1, Victoria. We had fourteen patrons attending this relaxing but very creative class.
- PROGRAMMING: Besides having a special magic Show with Mr. Jay Reidy in June, we also held a special Bluey event on the last Saturday of the month. It was a busy day for all Beardsley staff, with lots of preparation, organization, and planning. More than 200 children were able to come to Beardsley for Bluey storytime, made Bluey masks, and even took photos with the mascot. The event was fun, busy with excitement, and we've received a good feedback from our patrons and visitors from surrounding towns. It was surely a great way to start the summer!
- In June, preschoolers from St. Paul's Daycare came for the visit with the librarian. The children could learn about the library spaces, collection, activities.
- Andre and Anna visited the Greater Bridgeport Community Mental Health Center, where they gave presentation on library resources and services. The attendees could apply for library cards on the spot after.
- Anna has started editing each branch's description on the BPL website and adding details to each location's homepage, such as a geo map, contact information, photos, and more, so patrons can learn more about each location on the library's website.
- STAFF RELATED: With Luis Rodriguez's temporarily relocation to North Branch, Kristin Graf and Adam Cleri from Burroughs-Saden's team have been assisting Beardsley with the staff coverage on Thursdays.
- SUCCESSES: Due to high demand for notary services at our location, Andre Massa has begun the process of becoming an additional notary public for Beardsley. His services are expected to begin by the end of July.
- CONCERNS: In June, we had a few minor and major incidents that challenged both library staff and the guard on duty - from medical emergencies to unruly patrons, and even a neighborhood crime involving our teen patrons. With longer hours open and a growing number of visitors, handling these types of incidents can be difficult. At times we have a thin staff presence that makes handling unpredictable patron problems intimidating and uncomfortable for staff. Also, our location is open

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50 hours per week, and our security guard covers only 26 hours, leaving staff to manage incident often. We sincerely hope to have a security presence on-site for more hours each week in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

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