

# BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

## Beardsley Branch Library March 2025

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 46 (36 A; 9 J; 1 YA) Number of visitors: 4,745	Number of questions answered: 2,569 (183 Reference, 737 Technical, 1,649 Other)
Collection Statistics	Collection Size: 7,016 Total Added: 265	
Circulation Statistics	Total Circ: 1,677 In-house: 205	
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 906 Total Wifi connections: n/a	
Room Usage	<b>Community Room:</b> 7 times; <b>Collaboration Hub:</b> 48 times; <b>Study Rooms:</b> 120 times; <b>Total Attendance:</b> 349 patrons <b>Podcast Studios:</b> 12 recording sessions, 24 studio hours	
Programming Highlights	4 Computer classes: 27 patrons 3 Podcast Studio orientations: 10 patrons 5 Chess Club for Kids: 44 patrons Animal Embassy Visit - Kids: 68 patrons	4 Book Buddies Storytime: 91 patrons Adult Crochet Class: 14 patrons St. Patrick's Day Storytime: 21 patrons <b>Total programs: 23 Total patrons: 330 patrons</b>
Other Services	<b>Digital Navigator (1-1.5hr):</b> 6 sessions <b>Notary Public:</b> 25 sessions; 35 notarized documents <b>LuxerOne Pickup Locker:</b> 9 deliveries	
Outreach	n/a	
Staff Development	3/20 Andre attended AI Roundtable hosted by CLC	

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- March at a public library can either be slow or vibrant; however, we were grateful for the mild weather and a good number of patrons who came in to use our services and resources.
- COLLECTION: We completed an inventory of all our Launchpads and Wonderbooks and placed an order for a great selection of new ones. We can't wait for the new items to arrive - Launchpads and Wonderbooks are very popular with patrons and circulate well.
- COLLECTION: In March, we started receiving new magazine subscriptions for the branch.
- PROGRAMMING: We held four computer classes with 27 attendees. The topics were: Google Docs; Artificial Intelligence; All About Mobile Phones, and a class on the library's free digital resources.
- PROGRAMMING: On Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, we held a St. Patrick's Day storytime. Young patrons participated in a special storytime, followed by a fun rainbow craft and decorating sugar cookies with green frosting and treats – all while listening to traditional Irish songs.
- PROGRAMMING: The last Saturday of the month, we hosted Animal Embassy in our community room. Chris Evers, the founder of Animal Embassy, brought various rescued domestic and exotic animals to show the children – ranging from a shy chinchilla to tortoise, a chicken, and more. The kids were especially excited to learn about Kooneykooney, a small hairy domestic pig, who walked through the library doors on their own.
- PROGRAMMING: The Career Coach Bus, provided by Career Resources, Inc., continues with its monthly educational sessions, designed for the public. The bus parks in front of the library, and patrons can walk in and attend classes on topics such as resume writing, interview success, and more.
- BOOK DISPLAYS IN MARCH: Women's History Month; Spring holidays.
- BUILDING RELATED: We've received a new tree-shaped bookshelf for the children's area and found a home for all those board books, placing them within perfect reach for our youngest patrons.