



Beardsley Branch Library March 2026

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Service Statistics	<p>Number of new library cards: 97 (59 A; 35 J; 3 YA) Number of visitors: 5,217</p> <p>Number of questions answered: 3,037 (443 Reference, 647 Technical, 1,947 Other)</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Collection Size: 7,404 Total Added: 124</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Total Circ: 1,627 In-house: 340</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Total uses: 970</p>
Room Usage	<p>Community Room: 10 times; Collaboration Hub: 71 times; Study rooms: 86 times, Total attendance: 405 Podcast Studios: 13 recording sessions; 25 hours</p>
Programming Highlights	<p>4 Computer classes: 11 patrons 3 English conversation: 18 patrons Cyber Security Workshop (Fairchild Wheeler presenters): 8 patrons</p> <p>5 Kids Chess Club: 18 patrons St. Patrick's Day Storytime&Craft: 46 patrons</p> <p>Total programs: 27 Total patrons: 177</p>
Other Services	<p>Digital Navigator (1-1.5hr.): 3 Notary: 36 notarized documents; 27 sessions Luxer One Pickup Locker: 7 deliveries</p>
Outreach	<p>n/a</p>
Staff Development	<p>3/10 Andre attended an AI Marketing Tools webinar 3/11 Anna attended the Beardsley School's School Guidance virtual meeting</p>

March was a great month, not only because of the fun events at the library, but also due to the many wonderful class visits from Bridgeport Public Schools. Beardsley welcomed twelve classes of third graders from six public schools. Many thanks to their hardworking teachers and educators from Beardsley School, Edison School, Multicultural Magnet School, Luis Munoz Marin School, Thomas Hooker School and High Horizons School.

- **CLASS VISITS:** Thanks to the collaboration between library administration and the Board of Education, our branch was also able to host third-grade students for ninety-minute visits. During their time at the library, students learned about how the library works, explored library's physical and digital resources, and even checked out a book to take home. We received a lot of positive feedback from both teachers and students, many of whom were eager to come back with their families.
- **COLLECTION:** In March, we celebrated Women's History Month and St. Patrick's Day with nice book displays put up in the main area. With a new collection coming in, we have started weeding adult fiction and nonfiction to make room for new items.
- **PROGRAMMING:** We held four computer classes with eleven patrons attending. The topics were: MS PowerPoint, Artificial Intelligence; Mobile Phones, and a class on Google Docs.
- **PROGRAMMING:** We held St. Patrick's Day event, which consisted of storytime, a craft, and cookie decorating with green frosting. Children and their families enjoyed the event very much!
- **STAFF RELATED:** Anna served on the interview committee for the LA1 positions.
- **Mayor Joe Ganim** stopped by at Beardsley Podcast Studios to record a podcast, moderated by our Librarian, Andre.
- **BUILDING RELATED:** Many thanks to our Maintenance team for arranging the construction of a wall between our study rooms and for repainting the spaces. Both rooms look clean and refreshed, and our patrons appreciate the added privacy when using them.
- **SAFETY FIRST:** Due to numerous incidents in March, we have seen an increase presence of Bridgeport Police officers conducting rounds in the library at least once a day. This added visibility helps support a safe and welcoming environment for both patrons and staff.