

# BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

## Beardsley Branch Library October 2024

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Service Statistics	<p>Number of new library cards: 60 (35 A; 14 J; 10 YA) Number of visitors: 4,892</p> <p>Number of questions answered: 2,818 (262 Reference, 779 Technical, 1,777 Other)</p>		
Collection Statistics	<p>Collection Size: 6,590 Total Added: 195</p>		
Circulation Statistics	<p>Total Circ: 1,969 In-house: 160</p>		
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 921 Total Wifi connections: n/a</p>		
Room Usage	<p><b>Community Room:</b> 3 times; <b>Collaboration Hub:</b>33 times; <b>Study Rooms:</b>65 times; <b>Total Attendance:</b> 193 patrons <b>Podcast Studios:</b> 6 recording sessions, 12 studio hours</p>		
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Other Services	<p><b>Digital Navigator (1-1.5hr):</b> 8 sessions <b>Notary Public:</b> 18 sessions <b>LuxerOne Pickup Locker:</b> 7 deliveries</p>		
Outreach	<p>10/13 Along with staff from other locations Elvis was part of the Columbus Day Parade team.</p>		
Staff Development	<p>10/22 Anna attended a Time &amp; Attention Management Webinar by Tutor.com 10/3 All staff at Beardsley view The Safe Library: Security, Safety, and Service at the Moments of Truth webinar, provided by Innovative Webinars 10/17 Andre attended the Artificial Intelligence RoundTable via Zoom 10/24 Anna and Ana attended the Evergreen in-person training at Burroughs-Saden Main Library 10/30 Anna attended a Workshop on Writing Better Policies and Procedures at Burroughs-Saden 10/31 Phil attended the Tips, Tricks (and Treats) for Managing Patron Hotspot Lending Webinar</p>		

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- October was Beardsley's busiest month so far; we had almost 5,000 patrons who paid us a visit to use our resources and services.
- PROGRAMMING: We held five computer classes with 45 attendees. The topics were: Google Search; All About Emails; ChatGPT; Google Gemini; and Google Docs.
- PROGRAMMING: In October, we celebrated the Italian Heritage Month, by having a pizza making class with Matt Yanarella. It was a well-attended event for adults and teens; participants enjoyed making pizza from scratch, and tasting their creations after it was baked in a portable pizza oven outside.
- PROGRAMMING: In October, we also held multiple programs celebrating Halloween such as Halloween Party on October 26<sup>th</sup> where children could come for a story hour, a Halloween craft, participate in the library's scavenger hunt, a dance party, and other fun activities. We also had a Trick or Treat station set up outside in front of the library on Halloween night and gave out candies, coloring sheets, and personalized BPL's goodies. With costumes, bubbles, and music playing, trick or treaters had so much fun! For adults, we held a Paranormal Stories event given by Joe Franke on October 12. Lastly, we had a Halloween joke station set up at the information desk for few weeks around Halloween; patrons of all ages could take a riddle and a treat after.
- TECHNOLOGY: Along with staff from other locations, Phil, Andre and Anna attended the Morning Star Investing Center database demonstration and have been testing the resource as a potential addition to the library database offerings.
- COLLECTION: In October, Beardsley Branch circulated 1,969 materials. Since the branch owns total of 6,590 materials it's great to share that approximately 30% of our collection had circulated last month.
- BOOK DISPLAYS IN OCTOBER: Celebrate Italian Heritage Month; Elections; and Halloween displays.
- BUILDING RELATED: David Otero and his team took care of various repair projects such as arranging for replacing light switches in both study rooms; installing additional cameras adjacent to the outside of the building; adjusting the indoor lighting to the basic mode to keep library spaces bright.
- SUCCESSES: As mentioned above, it was a busiest month for Beardsley so far, and all Beardsley's staff have been doing amazing job with more patrons coming in providing best customer service.
- CONCERNS: With the delay of furniture ordering, we are still struggling with not having our own tables. We truly hope that the much need tables and furniture requested will arrive at Beardsley in upcoming months, so we can provide necessary comfortable seating, work spaces, and furniture for the public and in-house events.

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