

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Beardsley Branch Library October 2025

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 51 (39 A; 9 J; 3 YA) Number of visitors: 4,371	Number of questions answered: 2,562 (379 Reference, 572 Technical, 1,611 Other)
Collection Statistics	Collection Size: 7,022 Total Added: 91	
Circulation Statistics	Total Circ: 1,781 In-house: 121	
Public Internet Usage	Total uses: 887	
Room Usage	Community Room: 5 times; Collaboration Hub: 56 times; Study Rooms: 119 times; Total Attendance: 290 patrons Podcast Studios: 12 recording sessions, 24 studio hours	
Programming Highlights	4 Computer classes: 15 patrons 2 Podcast Studio orientation: 5 patrons 3 Chess Club for Kids: 24 patrons Microbit Coding Class Kids: 9 patrons	3 Book Buddies Storytime: 18 patrons 2 English Conversation Group: 13 Christine's Critters Visit: 52 patrons Total programs: 24 Total patrons: 368 patrons
Other Services	Digital Navigator (1-1.5hr): 2 sessions Notary Public: 58 notarized documents; 45 sessions LuxerOne Pickup Locker: 4 deliveries	
Outreach	10/12 Elvis participated in the Columbus Day Parade	
Staff Development	10/7 Andre attended the AI Made Simple: Practical Tools for Today's Libraries	

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- **October** is a pretty festive month at the library - with various fall holidays approaching, kids getting ready to wear their costumes at the end of the month, and looking for some great spooky reads from our book displays.
- **COLLECTION:** In October, we featured a 'Banned Books' display decorated with artistically created paper fire and caution tape to attract readers – and also we had our Halloween book display.
- **PROGRAMMING:** We held four computer classes taught by Andre, with 15 attendees. The topics were: Computer Basics; Internet Safety; MS Excel; and a class on Copilot and Gemini.
- **PROGRAMMING:** Collaboration with Literacy Volunteers has brought up a new weekly program: the English Conversation Group, lead by one of the volunteers. It has begun meeting on October 22nd.
- **PROGRAMMING:** On October 30th, Victoria (our LA1) lead an adult craft class to teach patrons how to make a pumpkin from old books. Victoria acquired weeded chapter books from Burroughs-Saden, which were used as the main supply for the craft. The patrons' creations came out so well.
- **STAFF RELATED:** Anna is chairing the newly established Media Committee, which has been overseeing the library's social media and, over the past month, has worked on rebranding the website.
- **TECH:** Brian and Peter were able to reset our main Envisionware coinbox, which now works properly. We are grateful for their prompt response.
- **STAFF RELATED:** We had a library science student intern helping us a few weeks in October. She was able to experience assisting patrons on computers and mobile devices, and also performed collection inventory.
- **BUILDING RELATED:** David Otero has arranged for installing a lock in the Collaboration Hub and repairing the damaged lock on the storage room door. This will make our job much easier.
- **BUILDING RELATED:** Thanks to the efforts and dedication of our Council Woman Maria Pereira, the Beardsley Branch now has a new trashcan located near the entrance of our building. We hope that this addition will help keep the library surroundings clean.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Knorovska