

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Beardsley Branch Library September 2024

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Service Statistics	<p>Number of new library cards: 75 (49 A; 19J; 7 YA) Number of visitors: 3,953</p> <p>Number of questions answered: 2,126 (208 Reference, 554 Technical, 1,364 Other)</p>		
Collection Statistics	<p>Collection Size: 6,375 Total Added: 134</p>		
Circulation Statistics	<p>Total Circ: 1,797 In-house: 108</p>		
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 822 Total Wifi connections: n/a</p>		
Room Usage	<p>Community Room: 4 times; Collaboration Hub: 22 times; Study Rooms: 57 times; Total Attendance: 252 patrons Podcast Studios: 13 recording sessions, 26 studio hours</p>		
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Other Services	<p>Digital Navigator (1-1.5hr): 10 sessions Notary Public: 20 sessions LuxerOne Pickup Locker: 10 deliveries</p>		
Outreach	<p>9/14 Phil and Elvis attended the Firebird Community Day at Knowlton Park: 34 attendees</p>		
Staff Development	<p>9/5 Phil attended a three-hour in-person Book Repair Workshop at Madison Public Library 9/18 LinkedIn for Librarians webinar by Niche Academy 9/26 Andre attended the Adult Librarian Roundtable by CLC.</p>		

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- September was a Library Card Signup Month, and we were able to register 75 patrons for new library cards. In addition, almost 4,000 patrons visited us in September, and over 1,700 materials circulated.
- As of September 14th, Beardsley Branch's hours have been extended on Thursdays; the new extended hours are 10 am to 8 pm. The staff and the community have been adjusting to the new hours.
- PROGRAMMING: We held three computer classes with 31 attendees. The topics were: Google Chrome; Computer Basics; and Intro to Typing.
- PROGRAMMING: On 9/21, we celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by having a special event called Cantando y Jugando with Elba Llantín, where children and their families could learn traditional Puerto Rican songs, games, and dances. The event was well received!
- PROGRAMMING: Our weekly Chess Club for Kids ages 6-16 has been gaining popularity. The attendance has increased greatly; we had 41 patrons attending the chess classes in 4 sessions.
- PROGRAMMING: Anna and Andre have completed planning library programs and events for the fall and the rest of the year.
- TECHNOLOGY: Brian and Peter from the Technology Dept. stopped by and installed MS Office on four of our laptops, which are used by patrons for computer classes.
- COLLECTION: We received many new children's book titles and duplicates of popular titles.
- OUTREACH: Phil and Elvis attended the Firebird Community Day at Knowlton Park on the second Saturday in September and had a chance to be part of a fun celebration, filled with great food and music. They shared that visitors who stopped by at their table were interested in library services. They created seven library cards and renewed three cards on the spot.
- Starting September 11th, Literacy Volunteers have begun using the Collaboration Hub on Wednesday mornings for ESL lessons. The collaboration should continue until the end of November.
- BOOK DISPLAYS IN SEPTEMBER: Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month; "Back to School" book display.
- BUILDING RELATED: David and his team took care of various repair projects e.g. adjusting shelves in the children's area, fixing book display lights, arranging for replacement of a light switch in the podcast studio; changing light fixtures in public restrooms, other projects. We appreciate their assistance very much.
- By the end of September, Luis Rodriguez has started working at the branch on Thursdays and every other Monday. We are glad that he can help us with coverage on our extended days and Mondays, besides other duties, he covers the role of the additional chess instructor we were seeking.
- Andre, Jada, and I visited the North and Newfield Branch, where both branch managers gave us a tour of their buildings, and collections, an overview of the services they offer, and much more. We

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find it beneficial to see how other library locations function and we are thankful to both managers for their time.