

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Burroughs-Saden/Public Services

MAY 2023 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	New library cards: TOTAL 158 (72 A, 3 YA, 83 J) Number of visitors: 4,316 Number of online database sessions: n/a	Questions answered: 1,592 (718 Ref, 661 Other, 213 Technical Assistance) Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 75/476
Collection Statistics	Adult: 227,599 Teen: 6,306 Children: 62,298 Hotspots: 47	A&V materials: 25,359 Magazines & Newspapers: 4,039 TOTAL: 325, 726 (434 added and 134 withdrawn in December)
Circulation Statistics	Adult: 762 Teen: 115 Children: 1,271	A&V materials: 348 Magazines & Newspapers: 13 Hot spots: 28 Cultural passes: 3 In-house: 662 Grand totals: 2,541
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 975 WIFI use: 563	
Staff Development	Jamie P. continues training in IS and HC Michael H. is receiving HC training for its more specialized materials All collection developers were invited to attend A to Z Databases Training arranged by Margaret and hosted by A to Z Rep Peter M. Participants learned just a little about how much A to Z can offer. Elizabeth attended a Creative Commons review/discussion Kristin and Taslima went to CLA, attending sessions on youth services and outreach Kristin is participating in "Set the Stage" training for CT librarians. So far, topics have included: Coll. Dev.; Countdown to Kindergarten; Super-charged Storytimes. Margaret and Vivian attended a BRBC event downtown. Adam attended a DSSD event downtown Adam and Margaret attended the Mayor's "State of the City" address with Elaine	

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ADULT SERVICES

Highlights

RandR:

- Reference continues to get busier. We have enough staff now to start staffing TB and possibly Fine Arts

Collections

- Margaret reviewed the test books w/ Vivian; they need to be overhauled w/ new editions and additional topics.

Outreach and Networking

Working with BRBC, DSSD, GVI, and Latin Unity. Adam has been reaching out to senior living areas to promote events. Adam continues to create the newsletter biweekly (sharing the responsibility with Jeff and under the direction of Anna K.)

Concerns:

- Staffing is improved but Saturdays are still an issue. There are still times where only one staff member is on, and HC sometimes also only has 1 person alone on the 2nd fl, which is not safe.
- New display areas have been assigned, and better program displays have started to hype interest into BPL events.

BHC:

- Now open to public w/o appointment Wed- Fri; appointments are still needed for Saturdays
- Elaine B and Elizabeth Vt met with Newsbank to discuss digitization projects

HC Collections:

- Deaccessions of 7th floor materials continuing

HC Outreach (ongoing)

- EV working with Advantage Preservation and LDS/Family Search re: digitization of materials (ongoing)
- Bridgeport Working project with Westport Synergy

Programing Milestones

RandR: ESL: 1 in person Adult Games: 0 Vax Facts!: 0 Adult Book Club: 2

BHC: Memoir writing : 10 via Zoom WPKN Radio: 11 [held at HCC, in black box theater]

YOUTH SERVICES

Special Programs

- Magic School Bus Stories/Craft (5 Adult/8 Children) -Mother's Day Story Time/Craft (10 Adult/15 Child.)
- Caterpillar to Butterfly Storytime/Craft (5 Adult/8 Children)

Ongoing Programs

- Little Learners Story Time, Lego Club, tutoring (for teens). Attendance is good and still growing.

Outreach

- KG: Columbus School (6 staff, 65 Children); Literacy Night, New Beginnings Family Academy (25 Adults, 40 Child.)

Collection & Displays

- Manga/Graphic Novels reviewed, ordered & Replaced (teens); currently reviewing early chapters books w/ emphasis on STEAM and diversity topics
- Display topics: Spring, Magic School Bus, Cino de Mayo, AAPI month; "Good Books Are In Bloom. Pick One!"

Concerns

- staffing issues, 3 PC's in Teen Room need replacing.