

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Burroughs/Research and Reference October, 2021 Monthly Report Template

Submitted by:

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: Number of visitors:	Number of questions answered: Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): Number of online database sessions:
Collection Statistics	Adult: Teen: Children:	A&V materials: Magazines & Newspapers:
Circulation Statistics	Adult: Teen: Children:	A&V materials: Magazines & Newspapers:
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month:	
Programming Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Marc Hartzman, author talk. "Chasing Ghosts: A Tour of Our Fascination with Spirits and the Supernatural". Presented by Zoom. We had 39 attendees. Two attendees posted their positive reaction to the program afterwards on Facebook.● We presented a retelling of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by storyteller Jonathan Kruk. We had 9 participants. This was an on-demand program which was new for the department. The performer let us have access to the link for the video for another month to get more participants.	

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Staff Development



Highlights

October saw us continuing to see more new and regular customers coming into the library to use our services. It was a transition period of sorts for us as the imminent retirement of long-time Librarian, Jay Aiken, was on the horizon. Jay graciously took the time to show both librarians, Jeffrey Coutts and Ron Fontaine, the intricacies of ordering books from our suppliers, Baker & Taylor and Midwest Tape.

On the programming side, October was Halloween Month. To commemorate that, and to get into the spirit of that unofficial holiday, RandR presented two programs online. Jeffrey Coutts hosted them with the help of Library Assistant, GianCarlo Amado. Jeff's rundown of them is on the first page of this report

All four of our Library Assistants kept busy on their assignments, both in RandR and in the Bridgeport History Center (Michael Hawkins, especially, here). Robert Jefferies continued his ongoing periodicals check-in duties. Nick Roman assisted on some computer and other technical matters, as he is quite adept in those fields. He also continued with his usual task of garnering supplies for us. GianCarlo Amado not only helped Jeff with Adult Programming but continued with his monthly tasks of compiling statistics and forwarding them to Jay Aiken for reporting.

As always, it was a fruitful month in aiding our patrons and getting our work done "behind the scenes". We are looking ahead towards November and December with the holidays and the programming & tasks that await us.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Fontaine, Librarian III