



Branch
December 2025

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 44 Number of visitors: 5868 Number of questions answered: (384 Reference, 316 Technical, 647 Other)
Collection Statistics	Collection Size: 261,153 Total Added: 135
Circulation Statistics	Total Circ: 2905 In-house: 332
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 1247 Total Wifi connections: 1236
Room Usage	Room: 6 Bookings, Attendance: 115 Adults, 3 Teens, 39 Children

Programming	<p>Adult Services December Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chess Club: 12 adults, 1 child • Computer Class: 30 adults • Holiday Movie Matinee: 9 adults • A Very Denzel December: 19 adults • The Fright Before Christmas: 10 adults
Other Services	<p>Digital Navigator: 16 Notary: 46 Passport: 10</p>
Outreach	<p>No Outreach in December</p>
<p>Adult Services Staff Development</p>	<p>Librarian Adam Cleri: took a LinkedIn Course, "Setting Up Your Podcast for Long Term Success"; takeaways include: I created a mission statement & "what problem does this podcast address" statement for <i>Bridgeport Unmasked</i>; I received assistance for my first virtual podcast episode in February; & I made plans for reaching out to co-workers to create a podcast team</p>
Collection Development:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Librarian Jeffrey Coutts made carts for Brodart, Overdrive, and Midwest Tape.
Adult Services Committees/Groups	<p>Librarian Katherine Mozier-Tichy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRP 2026 Subcommittee - Adult Working Group • America 250 Subcommittee

Burroughs-Saden/Bridgeport History Center

Programming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memoir Writing Workshop took place on December 20th. This month's program was via ZOOM only. 10 people attended, including a few new attendees.
Staff Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archivist Jaime Pettit has successfully published an article in the popular "CT Explored" periodical. Look for her article on the "Times-Star" Civil War era riot and the role P. T. Barnum played in January's issue. The issue has arrived and is available at the Bridgeport History Center. • Archivist Elizabeth Van Tuyl retired from the Bridgeport Public Library on January 2. She will be working on a few brief projects for the department at the end of January and into February, such as assessing records for a donation from the Orcutt Boys and Girls Club, which will be off-site.

Highlights

- December was a little slow, with fewer patrons coming in for on-site service. Long-distance reference service remains unabated.
- Surveys of specific collections indicate that BHC will need to order substantial archival supplies, especially in light of the near future donation from the Orcutt Boys and Girls Club.
- BHC is preparing to host a "pop-up" exhibit from the African American History Museum in Stratford. Exec. Dir. Will conduct a lecture in conjunction with the exhibit.
- BHC is still waiting for substantial digital assets to be returned from its A-V vendor as well as its recovered hard drive from another vendor.
- All BHC materials were removed from off-site storage in Stratford and sent to Meyer on December 5th. These were newspapers and boxes containing circus wagon carvings. Meyer will send BHC an inventory when it is finished its intake process.

BHC will also be sending A/V materials to Meyer for class A storage in the next month or two.

- Although the book collection in BHC storage on the 7th floor has been carefully reduced, it is likely that more materials could be culled for the CT River Book Auction over the next half year.
- BHC continues to create space through the rearrangement of selected materials in the stacks in preparation for incoming collections; Space for books remains extremely tight.
- BHC anticipates the intake of a substantial number of microfilm reels for the 1930s Telegram newspaper from vendor IDI.

Burroughs-Saden Youth Services

Programming:

- Wonderslime, 28 children.
- Cool Jams Winter Holiday Karaoke, 20 children
- Hanukkah Storytime and a craft, 12 children.
- Santa Claus visits with a Santa Storytime, 90 children.

Weekly programs

- Little Learners: 6 children, 3 adults
- SlimeTime: 35 children
- Lego Club: 12 children, 6 adults
- Sensory Safari: 11 children, 5 adults

Continuing Education:

- Taslima attended online Learning Together: How CT Libraries Can Use Sparkler to Support Families With 0-5 Year Olds. Also, she attended Early Childhood Development in Libraries



Successes/Concerns:

- Luis Rodriguez attended an NRZ meeting. I continue to volunteer at the Beardsley Branch on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Several patrons shared their appreciation for having engaging programs available this month.

Katherine Mozier-Tichy

TEEN SERVICES:

- **PROGRAMMING**
Bridgeport Boys' Choir, 12 adults, 5 children