

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Burroughs-Saden July 2024

Submitted by: Tanarha Smith-Dixon

August 5, 2024

Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 111 Number of visitors: 6,740 Number of questions answered: (886 Reference, 348 Technical, 537 Other)
Collection Statistics	Collection Size: 291,348 Total Added: 826
Circulation Statistics	Total Circ: 3,049 In-house: 680
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 1389 Total Wifi connections: 208
Room Usage	Room: 23 Bookings, Attendance: 128 Adults, 133 teens
Programming	Adult Services Chess Club, 24 adults & 13 children total <ul style="list-style-type: none">7/2, Chess Club, 5 adults, 5 kids7/9, Chess Club, 4 adults, 2 children7/16, Chess Club, 4 adults 2 kids7/23, Chess Club, 4 adults, 2 children7/30, Chess Club, 7 adults, 2 children Computer Class, 64 total <ul style="list-style-type: none">7/3, Computer Class, 7 adults7/10, Computer Class, 10 adults7/11, Computer Class, 8 adults7/17, Computer Class, 4 adults7/18, Computer Class, 7adults7/24, Computer Class, 10 adults7/25, Computer Class, 11 adults

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7/31, Computer Class, 7 adults <p>Bridgeport Library Literacy, 26 total</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7/8, 2 adults • 7/9, 7 adults • 7/15, 6 adults • 7/22, 6 adults • 7/29, 5 adults <p>BHC's Sybil Ludington</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7/6, 11 adults <p>Q&A with Clan Mother Piper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7/17, 12 adults, 1 teen <p>Bridgeport Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center Ribbon Cutting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7/18, 84 adults, 2 children <p>Bridgeport Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7/31, 3 adults
Other Services	Digital Navigator: 10 Notary: 37 Passport: 5
Outreach	Date, Event, Approx. # of people reached
Staff Development	<p>Adult Services</p> <p>Librarian Adam Cleri:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researched email marketing software to replace Constant Contact, and selected 3 that are the best fit for us (MailChimp, Moosend, & Klaviyo), & suggested their purchase to Laura • Recorded a podcast episode; interviewed Andy Piascik, historian & co-author of <i>Radical Connecticut</i> • Took a course on using our new 3-D printer (this course focused on using the software) • Joined Kate for a telecommunication session about Hiveclass, which sells access to fitness video clips • Applied for a grant for our National Voter Registration Day voter promotion party • Wrote for, edited, & distributed weekly newsletter • Posted events on Facebook • Ran chess club every Tuesday <p>Librarian Jeffrey Coutts:</p>

- Continued making carts of DVDs and books.
- Continued working on the history and highlight and staff pick portion of the newsletter.
- Planned programs for the fall.
- Led the virtual program: "Play With Your Cat! The Essential Guide to Interactive Play for a Happier, Healthier Feline" with author Mikel Maria Delgado.
- Administered a book giveaway for "Play with Your Cat!" for two patrons.
- Began ordering eBooks again through Overdrive, as we had received our new budget.
- Helped advertise and promote our new film streaming database Kanopy.
- Administered appointments for the Bridgeport Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Librarian Katherine Mozier-Tichy:

- Planned fall craft programs for Teens & Adults: DIY Terrariums, DIY Mini Zen Gardens
- Planned Author Talk with Claude Clayton Smith on Dec. 12: Featuring his republished YA historical book, [The Stratford Devil](#), featuring Goodie Basset & the Paugussetts.
- Held "Bridging Cultures" Q&A Program with Clan Mother Shoran Piper
 - List of Paugussett-approved resources were (and still are) being compiled for patrons
- Worked on a "Native American Cultural Celebration" program for Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024 with the Paugussett Tribal Nation (Clan Mother Shoran Piper).
 - The program will include Native food, dance, music, crafts, and more.
- Also organized a book talk with Paugussett Clan Mother, Shoran Piper, ([Red Road](#))
- Began History Center weeding project with Jaime P.

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Burroughs-Saden/Bridgeport History Center Monthly

Programming Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No programs schedule for July or August• ADDENDUM – Archivist Jaime Pettit researched and presented a program in June on Revolutionary War heroine Sybil Ludington. At least 11 people attended.
Staff Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Archivist Pettit and Youth Services/IS librarian Mozier-Tischy have commenced a project to garner information on a selected set of books stored in the BHC area of the 7th floor stacks. They will be recording valuable data on each publication which will allow the BHC staff to make decisions about the status of these publications – which ones should be kept and cataloged and which ones to send the CT River Book Auctions.

Highlights

- BHC saw a large up-tick in visitors and researchers to the department.
- BHC continues to field many requests from both CT and out-of-state researchers. Many questions such as those related to historic preservation require in-depth research and multiple correspondences.
- Van Tuyl continues to work on collecting and reassessing various oral histories held by the department. It is hoped that once some of technical difficulties currently experienced by the CTDA that the BHC can upload a significant number of interviews that have not been as accessible to the research public in the past.
- Fairchild-Wheeler magnet school student Katelynn Robinson completed her work for the department.
- Van Tuyl and Pettit continue to devote time monthly to the MTMS project. The contributors' form and portal should be completed by next month.
- The History Center was selected as a participant in the "My Town, My Story" project. The project is a joint effort between the CTDA and CT Humanities.
- The BHC is working with doctoral candidate Kenia Rodriguez and the CTDA staff to find innovative ways to collect materials from community groups and individuals for preservation and presentation.
- Continued corrections/additions to current online sources such as finding aids and collection guides. CTDA has eliminated finding aids on its site, therefore the BHC archivists will have to update finding aid records on the CAO and BHC websites.
- Continued cataloging work in BHC's collections management software.
- Management and planning for the BHC's storage area continued. There is an ongoing need to buy and implement supplemental shelving as a work around to inadequate storage in the stacks and cages, but there are limitations.
- Continued selected deaccession activities.
- Several projects remain on hold as the department waits to hear about funding.

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Burroughs-Saden Youth Services

Programming:

- Had the third round of Pokemon Bingo on Saturday, July 6th (6 children)
- InspireInnovation, a 4-part engineering program for kids ages 8-14, started on Tuesday, July 9th. We had 2 children for the first session, and had 9 for the second and third sessions.
- Held an Ice Cream Storytime & Craft on Wednesday, July 10th (7 children, 5 adults)
- On Thursday, July 18th, we had an Invention Convention in which kids built their own creations and inventions from recycled and craft materials (13 children participated). This is a program that we will definitely repeat!
- Wednesday, July 24th was our incredibly popular program sponsored by the Friends of the Bridgeport Public Library, Critter Caravan! (30 children, 20 adults attended)

- **Saturday Drop-In Crafts**
 - July 6th (13 children)
 - July 13th (15 children)
 - July 20th (7 children)
 - July 27th (12 children)

- **Monday Crafternoons**
 - July 1st (4 children)
 - July 8th (5 children)
 - July 15th (4 children)
 - July 22nd (5 children)
 - July 29th (3 children)

- **Little Learners**
 - July 2nd (13 children, 10 adults)
 - July 9th (15 children, 11 adults)
 - July 16th (12 children, 8 adults)
 - July 23rd (15 children, 13 adults)
 - July 30th (13 children, 10 adults)

- **SlimeTime**
 - July 3rd (4 children)
 - July 10th (6 children)
 - July 17th (5 children)
 - July 24th (6 children)
 - July 31st (6 children)

- **Lego Club**
 - July 4th - no Lego Club/ Library closed for Fourth of July
 - July 11th (2 children)
 - July 18th (4 children)
 - July 25th (6 children)

Displays:

- In July, we had book displays about: Fourth of July, summer, trees, animals
- Our summer reading bulletin board is themed *Read, Renew, Repeat*.

Collection Development:

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

- In an effort to boost circulation of the Launchpads, Wonderbooks, & Habbi Habbi kits, they were moved to a more prominent display area when patrons first walk in. So far, they are getting a lot more attention.
- We have received most of the summer reading titles that were ordered

Outreach:

- We did not have any outreach in July.

Continuing Education:

- Kristin watched the webinar STEAM in the Public Library: Programs & Services for Children in order to get some new ideas for programs for our elementary and middle school-aged patrons.

Successes/Concerns:

- Taslima has returned to work after a leave of absence and we are delighted to have her back!
- We are very grateful to have had Ana Felipe continued help in our department, especially during vacation season!