

Burroughs-Saden June 2025

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 68 Number of visitors: 6,407 Number of questions answered: (655 Reference, 223 Technical, 616 Other)
Collection Statistics	Collection Size: 284,520 Total Added: 334
Circulation Statistics	Total Circ: 2417 In-house: 790
Public Internet Usage]]	Users for the month: 1372
Room Usage	Room: 16 Bookings, Attendance: 162 Adults, 57 teens, 13 children, 0 virtual
Programming	Adult Services February Programs • Chess Club: 12 adults total • Computer Class: 41 adults, 5 children total • Crafty Corners: 10 adults total • Literacy Volunteer Training: 43 adults • Trivia Night: 23 adults

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	Escape Room: 21 adults, 6 children, 4 teens
Other Services	Digital Navigator: 25 Notary: 156 Passport: 3
Adult Services Staff Report	Librarian Jeffrey Coutts: - Continued to make carts for Baker and Taylor, Overdrive and Midwest Tape. - Administered a virtual program with author Mindy Weisberger about her new book, Rise of the Zombie Bugs: The Surprising Science of Parasitic Mind Control, on June 5th. We had 11 participants. - Administered an escape room program in June with Bridgeport-based company Mind Factory Escape Games. The event occurred on June 24th. We had 30 participants for the event. - Continued to promote BCIE events on Facebook and worked with John Ash, promoting the next 3SD printing event for July. - Attended ALA 2025 in Philadelphia. - Worked on the "staff book picks" and "Bridgeport Yesterday" portions of the newsletter. Librarian Adam Cleri: - Booked rooms for public organizations - Ran weekly chess club - Wrote for, edited, and sent weekly newsletters Librarian Katherine Mozier-Tichy: Coordinated Adult SRP 2025: - Printed out SRP info, and created a flyer/poster to advertise Adult SRP. - Created a weekly Trivia question display, it is located in the lobby, next to the Adult SRP info poster. - Put out a community puzzle in Adult Services. - Created interactive word games for the bulletin board: - Boggle - Word Wall - a vocab challenge (Ask; Use the challenge word in a sentence!) - Equal Rights Amendment with Dr. Jill Zinckgraf - Created flyer & graphic for marketing

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- Reposted event on Facebook feed

Burroughs-Saden/Bridgeport History Center

Programming Milestones

- Memoir Writing Workshop, Saturday, June 21, 5 on site; 5 via ZOOM.
- Film: Hidden history of slavery in New York with filmmaker Jeffrey Epstein; held jointly with Adult Services. 21 attendees.

Highlights

- Reference requests submitted by email, phone, and mail continue unabated. June saw a downturn in visitors as we transitioned from the academic year.
- J. Pettit attended the Bridgeport Pride celebration to gather images and make connections with community organizations.
- Continuing project: Pettit and Van Tuyl, together with the assistance of Librarian Vivian Bordeaux have made progress with their inventorying and removal or cataloging of books on the 7th floor. Many items have been either deaccessioned, added to the collection, or replaced with current, identical publications in poor condition. Dozens of works on local history and genealogy have been added to the special collections. New shelving areas for certain special collection book categories have been established.
- More work continues in BHC's 6th and 7th floor storage areas.
- LA Michael Hawkins is still inventorying BHC's large collection of original newspaper issues. This time-consuming and supply-dependent project is intricately tied to storage remediation in one area of the 7th floor. It is also an important step in providing the BHC and CT State Library with an accurate account of which newspapers BHC has. Some out-of-state newspapers have been deaccessioned to major state libraries and archives, or historical societies.
- Continuing project: Continued corrections/additions to current online sources such as finding aids and collection guides. This is a work-intensive project and takes time. 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. Discoverability of BHC collections is the ultimate goal.
- Continued cataloging work in BHC's collections management software.
- Maintenance Crew staff A. Dionisio repaired part of the 7th floor cage wall, which will free up one entire vertical shelving unit for storage.
- BHC is continuing its search for homes for certain bibliographic encyclopedia and dictionary series. Reese Booksellers in New Haven took the Evans, Sabin, and American Bibliographic Index series, which were in excellent condition.
- Additional finding aids for BHC collections have been added to the BHC website and the Connecticut Archives Online.

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Burroughs-Saden Youth Services

Programming:

- On Saturday, June 7th, we held a Birthday Storytime & Craft. 18 children and 10 adults made party hats and had cupcakes. We even had one person attend whose birthday was that day!
- Monday, June 16th was our first summer STEM adventure - Epic 3D Paper Sculpture Adventure. 5 children and 2 adults made some truly fantastic and creative artwork.
- June 16th - 18th saw the return of a popular program we held in the spring. 15 children and 7 adults attended Ping Pong Fun - an introduction to ping pong for kids.
- On Saturday, June 21st, we had a Sounds of Summer storytime & craft. 11 children and 7 adults listened to some of our favorite books about summer, then made windchimes!
- On Saturday, June 28th, we had our kickoff for Summer Reading, featuring juggler Bryson Lang & his Cure for the Common Show! 35 children and 15 adults attended - and many signed up for summer reading afterward!
- **Weekly programs**
 - Saturday Drop-In Crafts
 - June 7th (19 children)
 - June 14th (22 children)
 - June 21st (15 children)
 - June 28th (23 children)
 - Little Learners
 - June 3rd (13 children, 7 adults)
 - June 10th (14 children, 8 adults)
 - June 17th (17 children, 11 adults)
 - June 24th (12 children, 7 adults)
 - SlimeTime
 - June 4th (13 children)
 - June 11th (10 children)
 - June 18th (22 children)
 - June 25th (15 children)
 - Lego Club
 - June 5th (9 children)
 - June 12th (12 children)
 - June 19th - Library Closed for Juneteenth
 - June 26th (10 children)

Displays:

- In June, we had book displays for: Pride Month, Juneteenth, Father's Day, summer, gnomes, and summer reading
- Our summer reading theme is Level Up at Your Library, and our Nintendo Switch bulletin board - titled *Read & Level Up* and featuring elements of Mario Bros games - reflects that theme.

Collection Development:

- We are looking over our bedtime books and picture book collections, and weeding/replacing damaged items.

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- In response to frequent requests from parents, we have been looking for math, language arts, & science book that focus on homework help.
- We would also like to add a small parenting section to our department, so we are looking for some general titles for our collection.
- We received new Launchpads and Wonderbooks and our patrons couldn't be more excited for them!

Continuing Education/Trainings:

- Kristin attended a training about LinkedIn Learning, a new database that we are offering our patrons.
- Taslima (junior librarian) and Theresa (LAll) watched *Little Hands Signing in Storytime*, a webinar from the **Towards Inclusive Accessibility in Libraries (TIAL)** series, which is designed to "address the knowledge gaps and biases that exist about people with disabilities and people who are aging, and to aid libraries in extending access to library resources and services."
- Ana (junior librarian) watched *Preventing Power Struggles: How to Provide the Loving Boundaries Young Children Need to Thrive*, a webinar from the **Early Child Investigations** series. The webinar discussed appropriate ways to address unwanted behavior from young patrons.
- Ana also watched *Grant Writing Basics: Practical Steps and Strategies* which was presented by Niche Academy.

Outreach:

- Friday, June 13th, Taslima and Kate attended the Kolbe Early Education Center's Parent Fair. They spoke with 100 families about the services that the library has to offer for early education, literacy, family support, etc.

Successes/Concerns:

- We need to have a serious discussion about renovating both children's bathrooms. They are quite simply old. We have had multiple issues with the sinks, the doors are too heavy for kids to push/pull, there needs to be a changing table in the boys' room, they don't seem to be connected to the HVAC system since they are hot in summer and cold in winter. It genuinely does seem to be one thing after another.

Katherine Mozier-Tichy

Teen Service:

- Finalized & Coordinated Teen SRP 2025:
 - DIY Dungeon - Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 2-4pm.
- Planned crafts that will take place two times a week, for 2 hours, for 8-9 weeks.
 - Resin keychains & boxes
 - Clay pots & trinket dishes
 - DIY Locker Mirror
 - Mini Shadow Box wall decor
 - Wall garland
 - Customized journal
 - DIY Bookmark
 - Code Quest - Wednesdays from 4-6 pm.

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- Continuously using the website **Code.org** for their free curriculum about "Computer Science Principles".
- Battle Royale - Thursdays in July at 5-7:30 pm.
- Game Chat - Fridays from 2-3 pm
 - Social tabletop game hour for teens.
 - Teen will have variety of board games made available, or they can bring their own if they need someone to play with.
- Life-Sized Board Games
 - PayDay Classic: Burroughs-Saden Edition - Saturday July 19th @ 2pm
 - Monopoly: Downtown Bridgeport Edition - Saturday August 9th @ 2pm
- Along with LAI Jawon P. coordinated video game tournaments. This will be held on Thursday evenings in July. Teens can win a small gift card. Jawon P. kindly provided his PS5 for teens to play on.