



Branch: Burroughs-Saden
June 2026

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 190 Number of visitors: 6,539 Number of questions answered: (409 Reference, 146 Technical, 792 Other)
Collection Statistics	Collection Size: 261,004 Total Added: 439
Circulation Statistics	Total Circ: 2,259 In-house: 513
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 1,044 Total Wifi connections: 1,625
Room Usage	Room: 9 Bookings, Attendance: 137Adults, 4 Teens, 1 Children
Programming	Adult Services December Programs • Computer Class: 28 adults • Pet First Aid & Health Fair: 6 adults

Other Services	Digital Navigator: 12 Notary: 88 Passport: 4
Outreach	No information provided.
Adult Services Staff Development	Librarian Adam Cleri: • <i>Inside the Box: How Constraints Make Us Better</i> by David Epstein. Checked it out from Beardsley. Adam's perspective: ○ This book explores ways in which comprehending, accepting, and imposing constraints—including deadlines, resource limits, and clear, objectively upheld rules—tend to increase, not decrease, creativity and production. One particularly interesting concept is constantly overviewing a system to determine bottlenecks and to focus on improving the most ineffective parts of the system. This can apply to organizations—e.g., what limits the number of patrons attending an event- and individuals—e.g. what is the biggest impediment to one's health. • <i>No Hard Feelings: The Secret Power of Embracing Emotions at Work</i> by Liz Fosslien & Mollie West Duffy. Adam's perspective: ○ Book was checked out from Burroughs. I did not finish after the first couple of chapters. This book has excellent content, covering many topics of "bringing your whole self to work", and had points I agreed with and points I learned from. Another type of reader would find this book enlightening: for me, when I read, I prefer to have continuous sections and chapters of text, whereas this book had many



images and subsections of text, which for other readers would work excellently.

- Article (suggested by Bina), "The library's new chapter: Reimagining its role as America's community glue"
The library's new chapter: Building a role as community glue
- CSMonitor.com

Adam's perspective:

- I took from it that a library manager needs to be ever fluid in how to use the space—physical and informational—of a library to the most effective current needs (if you just accept things for how they've always been, you do a disservice); and while this fluidity has to be specific and local, there is at least one general change: libraries today, especially public libraries, need to shift orientation from reference to community. Also, literacy remains a critical service.
- LinkedIn Learning course: "SEO: Keyword Strategy" by Matt Bailey. This course talks about how to write websites that appear when patrons, who have questions we can answer, search these questions online; technically speaking, we want to increase our Search Engine Optimization (SEO), showing patrons our page when we can answer their questions. The key takeaway—in addition to learning specific SEO concepts and about a half-dozen suggested software—is that SEO is most effective not when one focuses on repeating certain keywords to magically get searches, but *to find out what people are asking and answer their questions, based on keywords; in this sense, reference librarianship is congruent to SEO*. As a member of the Media Committee, I intend to use the specifics of what I learned to give more intelligent suggestions, as we update the website; to monitor the value that the new website will

	give patrons once it's up; & to apply SEO strategies & tactics to our newsletter. Librarian Jeffrey Coutts: ● Started planning events for the summer and fall, including a concert, escape room, and author talk. ● Attended ALA 2026 in Chicago. Librarian Katherine Mozier-Tichy: ● Created the following displays: ○ Pet Health & First Aid ○ America's 250th: Juneteenth ○ America's 250th: Different Perspectives of US History ○ America's ○ 250th: Founding Values & Principles
Collection Development:	● Librarian Jeffrey Coutts made carts for Brodart, Overdrive, and Midwest Tape.
Adult Services Committees/Groups	Librarian Jeffrey Coutts: ● SRP 2026 Subcommittee - Attended meetings Librarian Katherine Mozier-Tichy: ● SRP 2026 Subcommittee - Adult Working Group ● America 250 Subcommittee (Co-Chair?)

Burroughs-Saden/Bridgeport History Center

Overview:

- We continue to work on reference projects as well as outreach and programming. As previously stated for May, there has been difficulty in locating certain materials in our collections. It was discovered that the locations of certain collections,

materials, and records were left out of their respective PastPerfect files. For this reason, we are considering creating both a collections report and a grand, easy-to-access XLS file that will list all collections with their respective locations, and we will be consulting Elizabeth further on the process.

Programs:

- This month we had Jennifer Toro's final workshop on June 13th. This course consisted of writing narratives of family histories. The attendance was five people in total. Memoir Writing was canceled and has been tentatively rescheduled to July.
- Reference Work, Patrons, and Visitors:
- For June, Michael H. and Jaime P. completed 35 long-term research requests. Overall in June, we had 69 reference requests, 3 directional requests, and 2 tech inquiries. Most reference work consisted of local Bridgeport History Inquiries, as well as genealogy other than obituaries, collection information, donations, and image requests. We had 15 in-person visits this month, consisting mostly of patrons who wanted to look up articles and directories.
- Additionally, we processed four artifact donations, with a fifth donation currently being processed. We received a sixth donation on June 30th. We are hoping to complete a full-scale inventory of our material collections in the autumn.

Staff Development:

- I spent at least three hours per week practicing Spanish and Portuguese on Mango to better assist our ESL patrons and those looking for the literacy volunteers program.
- This month was very busy for I attended the Connecticut League of Museums Conference on June 1st, in which I attended panels regarding the development of museum trends and how they were celebrating America 250. I also connected with various institutions, such as Industrial History New England, with which I hope there will be future opportunities to collaborate. I was invited by Industrial History New England on a tour of the Railroad Museum of New England in Thomaston, CT in June 27th. The meeting went smoothly, and Industrial History of New England expressed their enthusiasm to work with us in the future and would call us soon.

Burroughs-Saden Youth Services

Programming:

- We kicked off summer reading with a magic show from magician Matt Matthews. There were 29 attendees.
- We celebrated Juneteenth and Father's Day with storytimes and crafts. We had a local author do a read-aloud of her book for Father's Day. She was very engaging and well received by attendees.
- We offered a workshop for parents of teen daughters with the purpose of improving communication between girls and their parents.
- Weekly Programs:
 - Little Learners (Tuesdays)
 - June 2 (10 children, 9 adults)
 - June 9 (11 children, 11 adults)
 - June 16 (15 children, 10 adults)
 - June 23 (10 children, 9 adults)
 - June 30 (12 children, 8 adults)
 - Learn & Play (Wednesdays)
 - June 3 (5 children, 3 adult)
 - June 10 (1 child, 1 adult)
 - Slime Time (Wednesdays)
 - June 3 (4 children, 3 adults)
 - June 10 (? children, ? adults)
 - June 17 (6 children, 4 adults)
 - June 24 (6 children, 4 adults)
 - Lego Club (Thursdays)
 - June 4 (3 children, 2 adults)
 - June 11 (? children, ? adult)
 - June 18 (2 children, 2 adults)
 - June 25 (3 children, 1 adult)
 - Drop-in Craft (Saturdays)
 - June 6 (4 children, 3 adults)
 - June 27 (3 children, 2 adults)
- Special Programs:



- Numbers Bingo
 - June 5 (1 child, 1 adult)
- Teen Podcast Workshop
 - June 1 (0)
 - June 8 (4 teens)
 - June 15 (1 teen)
 - June 22 (0)
- Magic Show
 - June 17 (15 children, 1 teen, 13 adults)
- Juneteenth Craft
 - June 18 (2 children, 2 adults)
- Father's Day Storytime & Craft
 - June 20 (5 children, 1 teen, 4 adults)
- 3 Secrets Talking to Teen Daughter Workshop
 - June 24 (4 adults)
- Snap Bracelet Decoration Drop-in Craft
 - June 25 (12 children, 8 adults)

Displays:

- We had book displays highlighting Juneteenth, Father's Day, and Pride Month in the children's room.

Continuing Education: None at this time.

Successes/Concerns: None at this time.