

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Burroughs-Saden/Public Services

May 2024 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>New library cards: 136 TOTAL (125 A, 5 YA, 6 J)</p> <p>Questions answered: 1,148 (670 Ref, 310 Other, 130 Technical Assistant, 38 Notary)</p> <p>Number of visitors: 6028</p> <p>Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 74/576</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 210,751 A&V materials: 14,307</p> <p>Teen: 5,364 Magazines & Newspapers: 3,813</p> <p>Children: 48,667 TOTAL: 295,018(395 added and 2349 withdrawn in January)</p> <p>Hotspots: 45</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 754 A&V materials: 433</p> <p>Teen: 113 Magazines & Newspapers: 8</p> <p>Children: 1023 Hot spots: 8</p> <p>Cultural passes: 9</p> <p>In-house: 668 Grand totals: 3016</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 1370</p> <p>WIFI use: 188</p>

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ADULT SERVICES

Adult Services:

Professional development:

Adam Cleri:

- Wrote, edit, & produce weekly newsletter; book rooms; answered online reference questions through Burroughs library email account
- Conducted a podcast interview with Marcia Biederman, author of *The Disquieting Death of Emma Gill*
- Researched podcast hosting platforms, & explored Buzzsprout specifically
- This month, for Get Caught Reading Month, collaborated with LAIII Andre O'connor in creating and posted 3 clips, and 1 image on Facebook
- Reached out to Constant Contact concerning issues with publishing on social media

Jeffrey Coutts:

- Create book and DVD carts in Baker & Taylor, and Midwest Tape.
- Created carts for book replacements of books that are being weeded from the T & B room.
- Planned summer programs including an escape room program.
- Administered "Meet a Therapy Dog" program with Alliance Therapy Dogs on May 4th which had 12 participants.
- Hosted a virtual program Murderabilia: A History of Crime in 100 objects with Harold Schechter on May 23rd. There were 18 participants.
- Uploaded past author talks to YouTube for patrons to view.

Katherine Mozier-Tichy:

- Planned attendance at ALA 2024 in San Diego, CA
- Scheduled a program with Paugussett Clan Mother, Shoran Piper - July 17th at 5:30pm
- Proposed joining Library Speaker's Consortium for programming which will include all BPL programs
- Continued planning "A Journey" program for June 20th
 - Reached out to Kimberly to make sure everything is good to go
 - Program created (by Rebecca)
- Joined and attended CT Legislative Advocacy group meeting
- Provided recommendations for adult, and teen collection development

LAIII Andre O'Connor/Digital Navigator:

Digital navigator (19 total)

- 3 virtual one on one classes
- 9 new devices for participants (tablet)

- 8 in person one on one
 - 5 lessons
 - 3 tech/ fixing devices
- Outreach (Navigator)
 - About 8 seniors (assisted with lesson)5
 - 6-7 devices given
- Computer classes
- Notary
 - 15
- Passport
 - 3 Family
 - 1 Adult

Hotspot

- 3 devices have services added from broken device
- 5 turned off; 3 were turned on
- Had to fix 4 devices

LAI John Tiberi:

- Assisted 3 patrons with one-on-one digital navigator tech help.
- Worked on a presentation for an Arts & Crafts Adult program.
- I worked on a new displays
 - “DIY”.
 - “Historical Fiction- Transport Yourself Into The Past”
 - “Get Crafty”
 - “Show Your Pride”

BHC:

Elizabeth Van Tuyl and Jaime Pettit attended the annual New England Archivists conference in Providence, Rhode Island, March 15th and 16th. They both attended very helpful sessions given by fellow colleagues from regional institutions. Some topics covered were *Managing Born Digital collections*, *Critical Historiography in the Classroom: Teaching Primary Sources with a Social Justice Lens*, *Challenging Content*, *Challenging Project: Divided America*, *Collecting LGBTQ+ History: Three Rhode Island Community-Based Projects*, *Artists' Use of Archives*, and several more. Both archivists found these sessions and making connections with other archivists very helpful. Speaking with some of the vendors proved fruitful as well.

Elizabeth VT. and Jaime P. hosted 13 advanced students from Fairchild-Wheeler High School. Students were given an opportunity to work with primary source materials from the 19th Century. The students conducted their work for about 3 ½ hours. One student might do an internship at the BHC this summer.

Programming

- Memoir Writing Workshop with instructor Michael Brelsford, hybrid
- June's Memoir Writing Workshop will be the last session hosted by Brelsford due to schedule changes.

Highlights

- BHC continues to field many requests from both CT and out-of-state researchers.
- BHC is providing materials for an exhibition at the Fairfield Museum and History Center.
- Hawkins continues his work on the index to the Corbit Studio portrait prints from the 1970s onward. He continues to perform on demand scanning and article searches.
- Jaime Pettit has started planning the next BHC exhibit which will be on Jasper McLevy.
- Staff negotiated several new oral history interviews and donations this month.
- Van Tuyl met with Travelling Archivist and Connecticut Archives Online (CAO) chief Brian Stevens to plan BHC materials selection for inclusion in a state-wide BIPOC subject guide. The project has involved allotting significant time to editing finding aids and preparing materials for inclusion in this project, but should produce significant benefits for BHC researchers, including providing links to digital objects from some finding aids.
- Van Tuyl and Pettit attended two more meetings for the MTMS project. 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 on going 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.

Successes/Concerns:

- After several weeks experiencing problems with the air in BHC, there seems to be a normalization of the atmosphere. The temperature remains problematic.

YOUTH SERVICES

Programming:

- Gizmo's Mental Health Month Storytime presented by the Bridgeport Department of Health & Human Services was on Wednesday, May 8th (11 children, 3 adults attended)
- Mother's Day Storytime & Craft was on Thursday, May 9th (7 children and 4 adults attended)
- A Visit with Sprocket from the Alliance of Therapy Dogs was on Saturday, May 11th (6 children and 5 adults attended)
- Krista's Kids Yoga was on Saturday, May 18th (2 children and 1 adult attended)
- **Saturday Drop-In Crafts**
 - May 4th (12 children, 5 adults)
 - May 11th (11 children, 5 adults)

- May 18th (19 children, 8 adults)
- May 25th - closed for Memorial Day weekend
- **Little Learners**
 - May 7th (11 children, 10 adults)
 - May 14th (10 children, 8 adults)
 - May 21st (9 children, 8 adults)
 - May 28th (9 children, 5 adults)
- **Monday Crafternoons**
 - May 6th (4 children, 2 adults)
 - May 13th (4 children, 3 adults)
 - May 20th (7 children, 4 adults)
 - May 27th - closed for Memorial Day
- **SlimeTime**
 - May 1st (7 children, 5 adults)
 - May 15th (8 children, 5 adults)
 - May 22nd (6 children, 4 adults)
 - May 29th (9 children, 5 adults)
- **Lego Club**
 - May 2nd (5 children, 4 adults)
 - May 9th (2 children, 2 adults)
 - May 16th (5 children, 3 adults)
 - May 23rd (10 children, 7 adults)
 - May 30th (7 children, 4 adults)

Displays:

- In May, we had book displays for Mental Health Awareness Month; Asian American & Pacific Islander Month; Jewish Heritage Month; Mother's Day, and Memorial Day.
- The bulletin board theme is *Hello Spring!*

Collection Development:

- New summer reading titles were ordered. The orders included: award winners, and Nutmeg nominees audio titles on Overdrive.
- New DVDs for the juvenile collection were ordered.
- We have switched the summer reading and graphic novels sections in order to bring graphic novels - a hugely popular section - front and center in the hopes of boosting circulation of an already booming section. Additionally, the summer reading now occupies a much larger section for easier browsing.

Passports:

- Taslima, Joy, and Andre completed 8 passport applications during the month of May.

Successes/Concerns:

- In my unexpected extended absence, Kate and Taslima stepped up and provided great support and each took on more of a leadership role within the youth services department. Knowing that they had Tanarha S-D. there to provide higher level leadership and advice was especially reassuring for me, as I knew the department was in good hands while I dealt with health concerns.

May 2024, Adult Program/Meeting Room Information

	Count	COMMUNITY PROGRAM	LIBRARY PROGRAMS	NOTES
5/01/24	1		2 nd floor., Adult Game Night	
5/01/24	6		3 rd . floor., Computer Class BPT Library	
5/02/24	11		3 rd . floor., Computer Class BPT Library	
5/08/24	15	City of Bridgeport Department of Health & Social Services		
5/08/24	5	City of Bridgeport Department of Health & Social Services		
5/08/24	6	The Greater Bridgeport NANBPWC		
5/08/24	1		2 nd floor., Adult Game Night	
5/08/24	6		3 rd . floor., Computer Class BPT Library	
5/09/24	7		3 rd . floor., Computer Class BPT Library	
5/10/24	9	Minority Entrepreneur		
5/15/24	22	100 Girls Leading		
5/15/24	7		3 rd . floor., Computer Class BPT Library	
5/16/24	30	100 Girls Leading		
5/16/24	7		3 rd . floor., Computer Class BPT Library	
5/18/24	5	Alpha Youth Inc		
5/18/24	11		Healing America's Narratives	
5/21/24	14		Literacy Volunteers Information Session	
5/22/24	8		3 rd . floor., Computer Class BPT Library	
5/22/24	15	buildOn		
5/22/24	30	CT Foundation for Open Government		
5/23/24	10			
5/28/24	2	Disability Rights Connecticut		
5/29/24	9		3 rd . floor., Computer Class BPT Library	
5/29/24	3		2 nd floor., Adult Game Night	
5/30/24	6		3 rd . floor., Computer Class BPT Library	
Total	246			