

# BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

## Burroughs-Saden/Public Services

### January 2023 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>New library cards: 93 (70 A, 3 YA, 20 J)      Questions answered: 1,736          (487 Ref, 1,141 Other, 108 Technical Assistance)</p> <p>Number of visitors: 4,768</p> <p>Number of online database sessions: n/a      Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 48/626</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 226,379      A&amp;V materials: 25,296          Teen: 6,215      Magazines &amp; Newspapers: 3,938          Children: 62,066      TOTAL: 324,953 (148 added and 119 withdrawn in December)          Hotspots: 47</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 583      A&amp;V materials: 472          Teen: 102      Magazines &amp; Newspapers: 1          Children: 804      Hot spots: 15          Cultural passes: 3          In-house: 299      Grand totals: 1980</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 1,140</p> <p>WIFI use: 525</p>
BHC	<p>MR and EVT continued their work for the NEA Spring programming committee 2023</p> <p>Acquisitions: BHC has received materials into their collections from a local fireman as well as the Greater Bridgeport Symphony.</p> <p>Collaborative work:          BHC is working with the Black Rock Community Council on a yearlong series of events lighthouse anniversary events. BHC will provide access to primary source materials and will be both hosting events and promoting them via the BHC website.          BHC is also working with Synergy on the "Bridgeport Working" labor history website.</p>

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## Highlights

RandR:

-mandatory weekly staff meetings have been reinstated. Topics include tech/program/service updates for staff, and group discussions noting and problem-solving for any RandR issues that have arisen or are predicted.

-Bibliomation tech Peter Lanese readjusted printers to address bottlenecking issues in dept. He has also prepped an OPAC (wireless) for the TandB.

-Adult In-house programming is planned and scheduled out through June: 2 ESL classes (one online), a book club, and a board game group are planned every month.

-RandR main room has been updated with colorful monthly and bi-monthly changing displays and bibliographies for patrons

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## Programing Milestones

### BHC

- Memoir writing attendance: 9 (5 in person, 4 via Zoom)

### Youth Services

- Little Learners is popular and attendees enjoy the new format.
- The Teen center offers weekly tutoring. Attendance is growing.
- Lego club continues each week, with the new addition of a "membership" card to track attendance. Every 4 visits earns a small prize. This has clearly impacted attendance.
- New Programs:
  - Weekly: Monday Crafternoons (kids); Creation Station (crafts for teens); PS4 Tournaments (teens)
  - Monthly: Family Game Nights (Children's Room); TableTop Thursdays (1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays, Teen Room)

### Outreach - YS

The Children's Department is currently reaching out to schools to arrange visits for report card or conference events.