

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Burroughs-Saden/Public Services

August 2023 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>New library cards: 99 TOTAL (63A, 8 YA, 28 J) Questions answered: 2,185 (930 Ref, 795 Other, 460 Technical Assistance) Number of visitors: 6,036 Number of online database sessions: n/a Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 96/208</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 226,073 A&V materials: 25,231 Teen: 5,776 Magazines & Newspapers: 4,097 Children: 62,297 TOTAL: 324,546(303 added and 884 withdrawn in July) Hotspots: 47</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 937 A&V materials: 545 Teen: 207 Magazines & Newspapers: 18 Children: 1,630 Hot spots: 21 Cultural passes: 1 In-house: 762 Grand totals: 4,102</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 14,082 WIFI use: 698</p>
Staff Development	<p>Tanarha SD welcomed new Librarian Katherine Mozier-Tichy. Katherine will be working in the adult service department, and the teens department. Katherine was trained in adult services by Manager Tanarha SD, and Librarian Adam Cleri. The Burrough-Saden Library Branch also welcomed 3 new pages; Thomas Evans, Jamal Johnson, and Joshua. They were trained by circulation Supervisor Robert Jefferies. Assistant Archivist Jaime Pettit continued her training in both adult services and the BHC. Tanarha SD has been meeting with library support staff learning the needs of each department so staff can efficiently provide better service to patrons.</p>

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ADULT SERVICES

Highlights

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Special Programs:

- BuildOn Program hosted by a non-profit organization that provides volunteer opportunities in the community for high school students. This organization also help educates students about social injustice issues.
- Access Health CT. Their goal is to help decrease the number of individuals that do not have healthcare. They also inform resident about how they can improve their health.

Ongoing Programs:

- Adult game night
- Adult book club
- ESL group talk on Saturdays

Collections:

- Continue weeding in various areas have started with the non-fiction collection.
- Book carts have been created in Baker & Taylor for purchase.

Outreach and Networking:

Andre O'Connor 14 participants for tech help, both in person and virtually. David Morales helped 6 people with tech help. There was a total of 22 responses for the Digital Navigator Program questionnaire.

Concerns:

- Staffing is improved but Saturdays are still an issue. There are still times where only one staff member is on, and HC sometimes also only has 1 person alone on the 2nd fl, which is not safe.

BHC:

- Assistant Archivist Jaime Pettit -ongoing - continued her training in both IS and the BHC. Pettit is currently editing 300 + catalog records for photographs in PastPerfect, the BHC's collections management software. She is also editing some oral history digital files for online presentation. Her work on surveying and describing the BHC's Civil War related materials continues. Pettit has also scanned photographs using the BHC's standards manual. She continues to field reference questions on site and via email in order to familiarize herself with the department's considerable resources.
- Pettit continued to write and assist with posting publicity for the BHC's upcoming programs.
- Library Assistant Michael Hawkins continued his work on two newer, but ongoing projects: creating indexes for the department's larger newspaper clippings by subject collections in preparation for filming and scanning by Advantage Preservation, and scanning items from the BHC postcard collection that have not yet been fully cataloged or made available online. Michael will soon start a new newspaper related inventory index for the BHC's hard copy newspaper collection.

HC Collections:

- Deaccessions – ongoing; work on selected secondary sources on 7th floor continued.

HC Outreach (ongoing)

- Third year Yale Univ. doctoral candidate Amanda Rivera continued her work interviewing members of Bridgeport's Puerto Rican community about bi-lingual education, especially in the 1970s. BHC is providing equipment and also garnering the interviews from her research for the permanent collection.
- One professor from SUNY Albany and one doctoral candidate visited to use manuscripts collections pertinent to post-war Bridgeport planning and development.
- A high school student has been writing an article on the Mexican American community for the Grassroots Historians program.

Concerns:

- BHC now has doors open to the public Wednesdays-Fridays, with appointments on Saturdays. The department continues to limit Saturday appointments in order to serve in IS. Some weekday time was spent serving in IS as well.

YOUTH SERVICES

Special Programs:

- Tuesday, August 1st, White Memorial Conservation Center delivered their Do The Locomotion program thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Bridgeport Public Library (35 kids, 18 adults)
- Saturday, August 5th, Jay Reidy performed his Magic of Summer Reading program, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Bridgeport Public Library (20 kids, 12 adults)
- Thursday, August 24th, Youth Services held our 2nd annual Lego Party; complete with bingo, Lego building, crafts, book displays, and treats. It was a big success with our patrons (38 kids, 23 adults)
- Wednesday, August 30th, the youth department had a Back to School Storytime & Craft. (6 kids, 2 adults).

Ongoing Programs:

- Taslima delivered the August Little Learners program on Tuesday mornings. The program continues to be well-attended.
- Monday Crafternoons and Lego Club take place weekly, both programs are well-attended.

Outreach:

- Friday, August 18th, Taslima attended the Back-to-School event at Skane School, along with Paula Keegan and Laura Matthews. They spoke with over 30 families.
- Saturday, August 26th, Kristin attended the Justice Impact Back to School Jam/Backpack Giveaway at Seaside Park, along with Joy Smoak & Sirila Lucero. They spoke with approximately 50 families.

Collection & Displays:

- In August, the Youth Department had book displays for dinosaurs (commemorating the anniversary of dinosaur tracks being discovered in Connecticut); wild animals (tie-in with live animal program); Lego/Ninjago (tie-in with Lego Party); & Back to School (Bridgeport Public Schools began their 23-24 school year on August 28th).

Concerns:

- Burroughs-Saden Children's Department signed up 143 kids for summer reading this year, a 66% increase over our total last year! We were delighted to see so many kids come in to show us the books they read & collect their prizes.
- We welcomed Kate Mozier-Tichy as our new Teen Librarian on Monday, August 28th. We are very excited to have her here so we can begin implementing new and exciting programming for our Bridgeport teens!
- The Teen Room computers are all back in working order - just in time for back to school!

August 2023, Adult Program/Meeting Room Information

DATE	Count	COMMUNITY PROGRAM	LIBRARY PROGRAMS	NOTES
08/02/23	4	Mind Education, 3 rd floor Room		
08/02/23	2		Tanarha SD, Ms. Vivian B	Meeting
08/03/23	3		ESL Group Talk	
08/03/23	20	Sister Girl, 1 st Floor Room		
08/03/23	8	Refugees and Immigrants, 1 st Floor Room		
08/05/23	16	Access CT Health, 1 st floor Room		
08/09/23		Mind Education, 3 rd floor Room		
08/11/23	7	BuildOn, 3 rd floor Room		
	2		Tanarha SD	Meeting
08/16/23	4	Mind Education, 3 rd floor Room		
08/17/23	3	Refugees and Immigrants, 3 rd Floor Room		
08/19/23	7	NAACP, 1 st floor Room		
08/19/23		Entrepreneur Training, 3 rd floor Room		
08/21/23	2	Business Meeting		
08/23/23		Mind Education, 3 rd floor Room		
08/23/23	4		Adult Game Night	
08/24/23	3		Book Club	
08/24/23	6	Refugees and Immigrants, 1 st Floor Room		
08/26/23	3	University of CT, School of Nursing, 3 rd floor Room		
08/30/23	8		Adult Game Night	
08/30/23	4	Careline Behavioral Health, 3 rd floor Room		
08/30/23	5	Mind Education, 3 rd floor Room		

08/31/23	6	Refugees and Immigrants, 1 st Floor Room		
08/31/23	5	Mind Education, 3 rd floor Room		
Total	122			

July 2023, Youth Program Room Information

DATE	Count	COMMUNITY PROGRAM	LIBRARY PROGRAMS	NOTES
08/01/23	35 kids, 23 adults		"Do The Locomotion", Presented by White Memorial Conservation Center.	
08/05/23	20 kids, 12 adults		Jay Reidy performed his Magic of Summer Reading program	
08/24/23	38 kids, 23 adults		2 nd Annual Lego Party	
08/30/23	6 kids, 2 adults		Back to School Storytime & Craft	
Total	99 kids, 60 adults			