

**BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY
REPORT OF THE CITY LIBRARIAN
For the Month of December 2025**

Priorities for the month of December included planning for the upcoming Esports program that will be held at the North Branch and at Newfield Branch for the first time. Coach Don Wilson introduced us to Alyshia Perrin, is the new leader for the program. Brian is selecting suitable gaming desktops for the Newfield program.

Each branch offered a variety of holiday programming during the month of December. Of note were craft programs where participants created holiday crafts – some edible! North Branch hosted a holiday concert, Thursday Night Café, and their popular Noon Year’s Eve. Santa visited all of our locations as well. Please take time to go through our branch reports to learn of all the wonderful holiday programming for the month of December.

Digital Navigator outreach will partner with MIRA (The Mayor’s Initiative for Reentry Affairs) and other community organizations in 2026 to continue technical help and also distribute refurbished devices to participants demonstrating a need for technology. Devices will be purchase using recently donated funds from Comcast.

Meetings with Bridgeport Public Schools personnel continues. We are developing the schedule of class visits for third graders. Each visit will host three classes. The visits will coincide with a monthlong March reading challenge in the schools. Once we have a schedule we will be able to report to the Friends and get a cost estimate for busses.

We have received permissions to start filling staff vacancies created mostly to retirements and staff that have resigned.

Our new logo necessitates new library cards. I will be presenting a series of new library cards and a limited edition library card promotion for the soon to be demolished candy cane stack. I will work with The Marketing Row (formerly Dinormous) and the Marketing Committee and staff to introduce the promotion in March.

Respectfully submitted,

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