

**BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**REPORT OF THE CITY LIBRARIAN**  
**For the Month of January 2026**

Projects in January include working on Reporting for the City's budget cycle. Two capital improvement items for the library are included in the Mayor's presentation to City Council: windows replacement and public parking at Burroughs-Saden building.

The Anthem Band performance in January was well attended. Our final free concert for the year will be Ronda Denet on February 6. For upcoming programs, the Library will focus on literary offerings.

Planning for classroom visits for students is progressing. While dates are currently being gathered from school principals, most visits will be scheduled during the months of March and April. As soon as I have a list of all dates, I will inform the Friends and Mr. Medina of the Board of Education, so that arrangements for bussing as needed can be made.

We have received all hiring permissions from HR and have started interviewing to fill the many open positions we currently have. In addition, we have some staffing reassignments that will take place on February 9: Alexis Young will replace Kristin Graf's place at Burroughs-Saden Youth Services Department. (Kristin is now the branch manager at the North Branch). Vivian Bordeaux will serve as branch manager at Newfield Branch and Nykia Eaddy will now serve as Head of Technical Services. Taslima Sultana was promoted from Junior Librarian to Librarian II at Newfield Branch.

The Library was invited to celebrate Muslim Heritage Month at the Islamic Center. It was a joyous evening with food, and fellowship. State and local representatives from Fairfield, Stratford, Bridgeport were in attendance. Librarian II Taslima Sultana curated books for a display. These books are now being cataloged for our collections.

We continue to work with Coach Don Wilson on the Esports program. North Branch will start up in February and we will be purchasing desktops with the aim of starting our Newfield Branch program in March. We will plan a passport acceptance fair for the end of April. Our passport group has learned from our first acceptance fair and hope to take what we have learned to make this next fair more successful.

Respectfully submitted,

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