

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

East Side Branch:

- Furniture is scheduled to be delivered starting the final week of August.
- The State Library is preparing the new construction contract.
- Staffing for the East Side Branch: staff that have been working at other branches will return to the East Side to assist with setting up books and supplies. We are currently working with HR to fill the Librarian I position.
- The amount of \$1,704,131.79 needs to be transferred from General Library Surplus to the Construction Services account to pay Invoices from May – July 2026. **This month's minutes need to reflect approval of this transfer.**

It is requested that City of Bridgeport application forms for library board members being re-appointed be completed and returned to the City Library as soon as possible in order to start the re-appointment process. So far, only one application has been brought to the Library Office.

EBook Legislation update: The state of Rhode Island's lawmakers has passed legislation to address unfair EBook and audio licensing practices. They have called upon other states to pass similar legislation. Opposition to Rhode Island legislation was visible and quite aggressive, so the victory is a good sign. The Library community is waiting for other states to act. Articles and a CT state library release has been included in this month's board reports for reference.

The annual state report is due on October 1 this year.

The proposal from The Marketing Row is included in this month's documents for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Librarian
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