

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

The City Librarian participated in the following meetings and events that took place during the month of June:

- BHC FY 2025-26 Budget Meeting
- Juneteenth Parade & 1,000 Girls Leading - Outreach Committee Participation
- Met Dr. Rodriguez to discuss social worker funding
- True North – Project wrap-up.
- FY 2026 Budget allocations sent to OPM.
- Legislative Committee – SB 1271 - Policy requirements
- Digital Navigator Regional Hub activated for eight additional weeks
- News 12 Spot for Summer Reading Program – arranged by Dinormous
- ACDLP Meeting – Discussions of SB 1271
- Interim Superintendent Dr. Avery Meeting regarding library participation in student registration
- CIRI – World Refugee Day – Seaside Park and other events
- CHRO Meeting with City Attorney re: complaint
- Meet with OPED to plan Mural recognition.
- E-Rate Grant – Cybersecurity

During discussions with Library administration and BPS administration, it has been agreed that students registering for school at the new registration center at Housatonic CT State starting Fall 2025 will also be signed up for library cards.

Several policies have to be reviewed for compliance with new laws: Collection Development and Maintenance Policy, Library Display and Program Policy, and Material Review and Reconsideration policy. These policies must be submitted to the state library for approval by November 1 and Library Board approval by December 1. The policy edits to policies are tied to SB 1271 which implements new statutory requirements for CT public libraries. This bill builds on the SB2 bill that passed in 2023. (<https://libguides.ctstatelibrary.org/policies>). Continued eligibility for certain state grants is tied to the policy revision mandates. Policies for approval will be resented at the next Governance Committee meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
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