

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

The following meetings took place during the month of May:

- Vendors – Speaker’s Consortium.
- DSSD Annual Meeting– JS attended as a member of the DSSD Board of Directors.
- Met with Dinormous.
- Relayed feedback from Library Board of Directors to True North.
- Review of Logo – selecting and sharing.
- Passport Agents Meeting – Passport Fair to be held on August 2 at Burroughs-Saden Main Library.
- Outreach Meeting.
- Mayor’s Luncheon at Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater.
- CT Mirror – Met Reginald David – New Community Engagement Reporter for Bridgeport.
- Met with Total Communications and IT Director to discuss upcoming technology projects and plans.

The City Librarian collaborated with the Assistant Librarian to select 6 – 10 questions for the strategic Planning survey.

In light of the Bridgeport Public Schools’ laying off of all school librarians as a cost cutting measure, discussions have taken place to discover ways that the Library can step up support for students and educators in the fall. I believe it is very important that the library articulate the measures we will take, and have them as talking points when discussing with BPS officials, parents, the COB, the media and the public. Following is a draft of the measures that I think the library can take on, as they build on what we are doing already, expanding our capacity in other cases. I welcome discussion and feed back on this list so that we can memorialize these measures for clarity and simplicity when discussing our plan and when implementing elements of the plan. The plan immediately follows this monthly report of the city librarian.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Braithwaite
City Librarian
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