

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

Meetings, activities that occurred during the month of March Included:

- Digital Navigation Regional Sharing Grant
- Mike Roer, Bridgeport Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Staff Development: Finalizing CLA and ALA Annual Conferences attendance.
- Outreach: The Library participated in the St. Patrick's Parade in Black Rock on March 14.

I attended the CLA Legislative Breakfast in Hartford on March 13. Members from the library community were able to meet with many representatives who attended the breakfast. In preparation for the breakfast, I sent invitations to all Bridgeport state representatives.

Flyers and bookmarks were finalized before being disseminated to announce the Community Input Forums to be held in April. A print run of 500 bookmarks were originally ordered, but due to their popularity, we ordered an additional 3,000 to distribute among library locations.

The Hive: An exploratory initiative designed to encourage communication and collaboration among Fairfield County Arts and Culture organizations called The Hive hosted a presentation. There would be a fee for joining the collective; the benefits would be shared marketing and programming to increase audience understanding of the value of sharing ideas and thoughts about art and culture.

I met with Dr. Rodriguez to discuss funding of the Social Worker position, possibly having the position remain within the DHSS.

The North Branch Manager, Facilities Manager and I met with John Paul Ogrodnick and artist Liz Squillace to discuss the ground and building preparation needed to be completed before the start of the project. Everything is in order and we are waiting for the actual date for the project to begin. Follow-up will also be made to arrange a formal unveiling of the garage mural.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Braithwaite
City Librarian
April 16, 2025