

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Burroughs/Public Services July 2022 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 116 Number of visitors: Total= 4,736	Number of questions answered: ref 549; other 794 Number of interlibrary loans (in/out):96/692 Number of online database sessions: NA
Collection Statistics	Adult: 228,161 (447 added in July) Teen: 6,227 (85 added in July) Children: 61,972 (377 added in July) Cultural passes 43 (2 added in July) 1040	A&V materials: 25,200 (119 added in July) Magazines & Newspapers: 3,938 (18 added in July) Hot spots 32 (2 added in July)
Circulation Statistics	Adult: 705 (plus 35 in house use in July) Teen: 183 (plus 93 in house use in July) Children: 1,174 (plus 172 in house use in July)	A&V materials: 400 Magazines Teen: 6 (plus 2 in house use in July) Hotspots: 22 Cultural passes 3
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 1,139	
Staff Development	An audit of all R and R staff duties is being compiled. Weekly meetings with the R and R professional staff have been instituted. Monthly all staff meetings with all R and R staff and separately with Circ. will commence in August. All librarians and several support staff R and R, Youth Services, Circ.) attended webinars	

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Highlights

With the retirement of Ron Fontaine, Assistant City Librarian John Soltis, assumed the duties of Acting Head of Burroughs Public Services. Librarian I's Margaret Girgis and Adam Cleri joined the 2nd floor R and R team as well as Library Assistant II Andre O'Connor.

Library Assistant III Ana Tollinchi and Library Assistant I Joyiesha Smoak joined the 1st floor Circulation team.

The R and R team has now:

- Aligned collection development priorities with the BPL Strategic mission and selected Dewey ranges to assess for growth and circulation.
- Compiled BPL collection and circ stats by Dewey number for materials no more than 10 years old. This data will be used to better assess our collection development going forward. Similar data from a least 3 demographical similar CT libraries will also be used to further define and refine collection development priorities.
- Produced "How too" manuals to assist both staff and patrons.
- Codified departmental opening and closing procedures.
- Reassumed bulletin board, signage responsibilities for middle and north 2nd floor rooms.
- Checked and reported on all non BHC library webpages (broken links, outdated information, etc.)

Programming Milestones – Youth Services

- In July, Kristin & Anna resumed the popular summer outdoor storytimes at Seaside Park. It has been very well-attended and we have successfully promoted other children's programs to attendees.
- In July, we held two virtual evening storytime programs for children. Themes were Summertime & Outdoors Both had moderate attendance.
- On July 13th, we held an in-person Eid Aladha storytime with 15 children and 6 adults in attendance.
- On July 20th, we hosted Nappy's Puppets' performance of *Father Goose's Tales*, both virtually and in-person. There were 22 children & 10 adults in attendance in person, and 4 children & 3 adults virtually.
- Lego Club for kids takes place regularly on Thursdays and it is well-attended.
- Children's Department continues to sign up kids for summer reading and has had great participation