

# BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

## North Branch May 2022 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	New library cards: 76 (40 A, 2 YA, 34 J) Number of visitors: 1,784	Questions answered: 4,968 (2312 Ref, 2,656 Other) Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 180/446 Number of online database sessions: n/a
Collection Statistics	Adult: 49,607 (15 added in May) Teen: 4,599 (42 added in May) Children: 37,508 (13 added in May)	A&V materials: 13,825 (20 added in May) Magazines & Newspapers: 1,429 (36 added in May) TOTAL: 106,968 (126 added and 125 withdrawn in May)
Circulation Statistics	Adult: 1,189 plus 52 inhouse use Teen: 79 plus 8 inhouse use Children: 978 plus 625 inhouse use Hotspots: 8	A&V materials: 559 plus 2 inhouse use Magazines & Newspapers: 37 plus 16 inhouse use TOTAL 2,850 (40.90% of total BPL circ) plus 703 inhouse use
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 522 WiFi use: 522	

<p>Programming Milestones</p> <p>TOTALS:</p> <p>74 programs</p> <p>Attendance: 1,398</p> <p>2 Room use:</p> <p>Attendance: 42</p>	<p>Inhouse programs:</p> <p>3 Vaccination clinics: 50</p> <p>1 AARP Safe Drive: 3</p> <p>1 Retirement Strategies:2</p> <p>2 Notary Public interactions: 12</p> <p>4 Little Bears Storytime: 30</p> <p>5 Mahjongg: 23</p> <p>1 Monthly study room use: 19</p> <p>5 DIG LITT Chess: 37</p> <p>8 First Serve Tennis: 209</p>	<p>9 Class visits: 229</p> <p>1 Computer 1-1: 2</p> <p>1 Lawyers in Libraries: 10</p> <p>4 Forest Bath': 12</p> <p>1 Coloring: 4</p> <p>1 Yoga: 2</p> <p>1 Bpt N Trust: 20</p>	<p>Virtual programs:</p> <p>4 Virtual LITT Chess: 14</p> <p>4 Mindfulness: 27</p> <p>1 Adult Book Discussion: 13</p> <p>Outreach:</p> <p>Other:</p> <p>17 COVID testing (Attendance estimated): 680</p>
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Staff Development,  
meetings other than  
the usual, etc.

## Highlights

May was a busy month in many ways. More inhouse programs began, card registrations went up significantly. Partnerships continued or revived as Covid concerns diminished. Patrons thank us for the free Covid testing kits we continue to offer. The Amnesty program is making patrons happy.

Staffing remains a primary concern. While new Library Assistant I Joel Hinojosa started, veteran Library Assistant II Sarah Greenberg was promoted to LAIII but transferred to Black Rock, so we remain incredibly short-staffed. The staff remaining is doing a great job trying to maintain our excellent customer service but the continued depletion of staff is wearing and some find it overwhelming.

Displays included Mother's Day, Mental Health Month, Gardening for Mind and Spirit, and more. In addition to the info table set up at every vaccine clinic, the Recovery Network of programs sponsored an info table during the month.

Monthly Safe Drive programs started up again in May. Lawyers in Libraries continues to bring free legal advice inside the library. Nancy Stone's virtual adult book discussion was postponed to June by illness, but our new relationship with Watermark's book discussion group is moving forward. Family Yoga aimed at young families did not reach our target group, so we are altering it for adults and already have several patrons signed up and at the ready with their mats and water bottles. Our regular programs continue.

Unfortunately, the funding for our local vaccine clinic coordinator expired at the end of the month, so we will no longer have her information table. The funding for the vaccine clinics expires in June, but it is hoped that funding will be renewed.

From Bina:

During Children's Book Week we celebrated May 6<sup>th</sup> Floyd Cooper Day May 6th (the late African American children's book illustrator) by reading a few of his books at Little Bears. We displayed Children's Book Week posters by Raul The Third around the department.

St. Andrew's School Grades Pre-K-5 come to the library on a bi-weekly basis to choose books with their (sometimes new) library cards. What has been really heartwarming is how many children have come back with their parents to "show them my library."

LITT Chess continues although, with spring sports and weather, our numbers have dipped. On the bright side, one of our players, Sebastian, is now helping to coach on Thursdays and went to Chicago over Memorial Day Weekend to play in the 31<sup>st</sup> annual U.S. Chess Junior Grand Prix.

Meanwhile, back in the children's department, Gail has been valiantly trying to keep up with shelving returns. Without any pages (we usually have two), this is taking a toll on all of us.

In fact, we are so understaffed that book ordering and program planning are way behind schedule.