

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Newfield Library April 2023 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 19 Number of visitors: 2367 Number of online database sessions: n/a	Number of questions answered: Reference: 77 Other: 150 Tech Asst.: 63 Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 39/174
Collection Statistics Total: 35,300 (245 additions)	Adult: 16,489 (44 added) Teen: 3,335 (2 added) Children: 15, 476 (114 added)	A&V materials: 6,851 (1 added) Magazines & Newspapers: 1,236 (84 added)
Circulation Statistics: 523 In-House: 74 Total: 597	Adult: 229 Teen: 57 Children: 311	A&V materials: 45 Magazines: 1 Newspapers: 60 Hotspots: 14
Public Internet Usage Total: 1118	Users for the month: 1118	WiFi: 742 Public Computers: 376
Programming Milestones Programs: Attendance:	Inhouse Programs: 28 Off Site Programs/Outreach: 1 Cmty/Study Room Usage: 23 Notary Services: 6	Attendance: 205 Attendance: 12 Attendance: 267
Staff Development	Nykia E. – GELS: Understanding and Respecting Pronouns 4/18 Alexis Y – Youth Services Leadership Summit 3/30-4/2	

Highlights

“The Spring is not so beautiful there, -- But lads put out to sea. Who carry beauties in their hearts. And dreams, like me.

— ***Water Front Streets (partial poem) by Langston Hughes***

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Programs

Children's:

Little Readers Storytime: Monday Little Readers Storytime presented holiday stories to children, caregivers and teachers.

Lego Club: Monday Lego Club. Children used their imaginations to create works of art.

Gaming: Thursday Gaming with Nintendo Switch.

Creation Station: Easter Egg Wreath Craft 4/8, Earth Day Collage 4/22

Music Together: In partnership with Dunbar Family resource center, Music Together of FFLD County sponsor weekly music and movement classes at Newfield for children Birth to 5. (Thursdays)

Teens:

Table Top Thursdays: Teens enjoy table top games that include card and board games.

Black out Poetry: Create your own poem from book pages by blacking out all the unwanted words.

Paint Chip Poetry: Fun way to create poems using names of paint colors.

Worst Paint Ever: Image painting competition.

Makerlab: 3D Doodling: Make your own 3D object using a 3D pen.

Origami: Learn the Japanese art of paper folding!

Adults:

Lawyers in Libraries: Patrons meet with an Attorney with the CT Bar Association for a free 20-minute consultation.

One-One-CPU Instruction/Digital Navigator: Digital Navigator/One on One Tech training continues.

Special Programs: Dunbar 3rd Grade Exhibit

"Me, Myself & Eye" – Self Portraits. In collaboration with Silvermine Art Center and Dunbar School (see YS report below)

Circulation/Adult Report:

- Staff completed inventory scanning of all books and DVD's A-I
- Nicholas R. held four computer literacy classes with patrons, including Digital Navigator device tutorial sessions.
- Twana J. was promoted to LAll and is primarily at Burroughs.

Youth Services:

We currently have an exhibition of self-portraits and poems from two 3rd grade classrooms from Dunbar School in the Children's room. The classrooms created the artwork under the guidance of art instructors from New Caanan's Silvermine Arts Center. The self-portraits are beautiful and add a delightful charm to the room. They will be on display until the end of May.

We had a visit from 3rd grade students from Tisdale school. For National Poetry Month, I introduced the students to poetry and the structure of poems by performing a read aloud of Gwendolyn Brook's *We Are Shining* picture book. After the read aloud, children were guided in creating their own poet-trees. They created and wrote their own poems inside of a tree template on cardstock and painted their trees using watercolors. The students left very happy and excited about poems and artwork. Also, all the students with the exception of one, checked out books at the conclusion of their visit.