

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

North Branch AUGUST 2025

Submitted by: Luis Rodriguez, Bina Williams, and the North Branch staff September 4, 2025

Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 71 Number of visitors: 4555 Number of questions answered: Total 4884 Ref 2097 Directional 2126 Technical 661
Collection Statistics	Collection Size: 10685 Total Added: 939 Withdrawn:
Circulation Statistics	Total Circ: 4649 (40.45% of BPL total) 1546 In-house: Grand total: 6195
Public Internet Usage Total:	Public computer Users for the month: 455 Total Wifi connections n/a
Room Usage by outside groups TOTAL	Room use: 1 Attendance: 22 Study room uses: 36 Attendance: 44

Programming Programs Attendance:	Live Virtual-- 4 Mindfulness: 20 In person off-site 1 Watermark Book Discussion: 12 In person on-site: Regular programs 1 Adult book Discussion: 6 1 Art with Veronica 10 1 Bridgeport Community Historical Soc. 1 Books-In-Between 4 3 DIG Chess 21 4 E Sports: 19 0 Gifted Girls: 1 Lawyers in Libraries 12 2 Learning English: 4 4 Little Bears: 133 0 Little Hands 8 Mah Jongg: 78 3 Playtime 73 4 Yoga Saturdays: 158	SPECIAL In Person Onsite Cat Adoption 50 Mental Health 25 SUMMER PROGRAMS Bring the Hoopla 18 Science Heroes 15 15 BYL Summer Camp 285

Other Services	0 Digital Navigator: 0 3 Notary appts:4 docs; 160 Coloring sheets 0 Info Tables:
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	Passport: NA ILL requests for BPL system patrons: patrons/ items requested 0 Tests proctored: 0
Outreach	Date, Event, Approx. # of people reached N/A
Staff Dev and "outside" meetings	

Paula Carlson ran the weekly (and very popular) Playtime program, organized supplies closet and submit the supply order form for August, promoted summer reading program for all ages, completed stats entry, and kept the pending patrons' records up to date.

Lynn Bergendorff used NorthStar, LinkedIn Learning, and Universal Class to improve computer skills. She got a couple of certificates from LinkedIn Learning.

Bina Williams: August was the wrap up of the summer reading program and of the BYL summer camp. Thanks to the generosity of the Dan Starbuck Pelletier and DIG-USA, our Saturday chess classes will continue indefinitely. We had four classes in August. Two lively programs capped our info-tainment for the summer. Bring the Hoopla had every one from 4 year-olds and seniors hooping in up! Even people who came in just to watch participated! (I even tried for about a minute...not my skill set!) We have been big fans of Science Heroes ever since they burst on the scene as Sciencetellers then Talewise.... The Adventure of the Missing Color was a lively scientifically based tale of different colors. Playtime, Little Bears, and Mah Jongg continue to grow in popularity. And our puzzles, puppets, and other activities are constantly in use. The children's department will miss Miss Debbie who did so much to freshen up our books and bookshelves with labeling, making displays, and assisting with weeding. Thank You! And our two other stars, Joel was promoted to an LA3 for Black Rock, and Larry left to follow his career goals. They both made a huge difference at North. We welcome our new staff members David, Lynn, and Ilesha!

Monika Anton ordered new fiction and nonfiction books and did 3 notary appointments.

Luis Rodriguez helped at Beardsley Branch for 4 days, ordered DVDs, welcomed our new staff, and kept the ship afloat at North.

Ilesha Sewell wrote: From my observation and conversations with patrons, I've seen a noticeable albeit subtle increase of interest in culinary books with a good 3 people or so asking me about them. Even today a book on dairy free cooking (Breaking Up With Dairy: 100 indulgent plant-based recipes for cheese (and butter, milk and cream) lovers everywhere by Bailey Ruskus to be exact) was returned. I also recall two books going out on college/SAT prep, so that's an area students are seeking out books for. I have enjoyed families coming in together to sign up for library cards. Last week, a family with 4 individuals (3 children!) received first/new library cards.

I would shout out everyone for reaffirming on more occasions than one their openness and willingness to help me as I still learn and progress!