

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

North Branch December 2023 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>New library cards: 29 (20 A, 2 YA, 7 J)</p> <p>Number of visitors: 3,068</p> <p>Number of online database sessions: n/a</p>	<p>Questions answered: 2,558 (1,056 Ref, 1,237 Other, 265 Technical Assistance)</p> <p>Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 262/557</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 49,566 (44 added in December)</p> <p>Teen: 4,660 (5 added)</p> <p>Children: 37,951 (119 added)</p> <p>Hotspots: 30 (0 added)</p>	<p>A&V materials: 13,519 (0 added)</p> <p>Magazines & Newspapers: 1,577 (39 added)</p> <p>TOTAL: 107,303 (207 added and 29 withdrawn in December)</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 1,343 plus 189 inhouse use</p> <p>Teen: 132 plus 15 inhouse use</p> <p>Children: 1,603 plus 353 inhouse use</p> <p>Hotspots: 6</p>	<p>A&V materials: 556 plus 37 inhouse use</p> <p>Magazines & Newspapers: 44 plus 8 inhouse use</p> <p>TOTAL 3,684 (37.9% of total BPL circ) plus 602 inhouse use.</p> <p>GRAND TOTAL: 4,286</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 373</p> <p>WIFI use: info 1,266</p>	

<p>Programming Milestones:</p> <p>44 programs</p> <p>Attendance: 453</p> <p>5 Room use:</p> <p>Attendance: 156</p> <p>GRAND TOTAL</p> <p>Attendance: 609</p>	<p>Inhouse programs:</p> <p>16 Notary appts: 39</p> <p>3 LITT Mixed Chess: 21</p> <p>1 Thursday Night Cafe: 35</p> <p>1 Do For Others: 30</p> <p>1 How to Use Essential Oils: 8</p> <p>1 Christmas Art w/Veronica: 14</p> <p>1 AARP Safe Drive: 6</p> <p>1 Lawyers in Libraries: 18</p>	<p>4 Mahjongg: 46</p> <p>3 Yoga: 56</p> <p>4 E-Sports: 10</p>	<p>Virtual programs:</p> <p>4 Mindfulness: 20</p> <p>1 Adult Book Group 20</p> <p>Other:</p> <p>1 Watermark Book Group: 15</p> <p>1 Health Dept Info Table: 15</p> <p>Outreach:</p> <p>1 Reindeer Games: 100</p> <p>(Study room use:</p> <p>64 Uses of study rooms:</p> <p>Attendance: 82)</p> <p>(ILL Requests: 3)</p>
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Staff Development, meetings other than the usual, etc.

Joel H and Dana H so far have followed up with the recorded Library Customer Service recording.

“When I discovered libraries, it was like having Christmas every day.”

- Jean Fritz

Ahh, December. We were able to send a couple staff members to the Mayor’s holiday lunch, and to have our own mini celebration to choose the best Christmas sweater (Deb Stanley’s), and applaud PT LAI Larry F’s completion of his associate’s degree. Displays focused on family gatherings, all the upcoming holidays, and warming up for winter with books and movies. LAI Joel H decorated our new book areas with beautiful paper snowflakes. The lobby display continued to highlight artist Veronica Arias.

We were fortunate to have another in our series of Thursday Night Cafes with MFY (Music for Youth) to showcase the abundance of local talent in our community. A local nonprofit is sponsoring a series on depression and mental health called Do for Others. The first session had a large group. Regular programs and our special art and life skills programs for adults and families all went well.

Monika A had a year-end run on notary appointments. She also enjoyed an outreach morning next door with our terrific partner BYL (Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse and Sports Academy) during their annual Reindeer Games. Knowing that Monika does not like being cold makes her dedication even more impressive.

The building continues to have upkeep needs inside and out. The blocked drain in the parking lot was cleared so drivers can get through, as long as they can avoid the growing pot holes, which were not filled. The gaping holes in the overhang ceiling near the automatic doors are still wet, growing and falling. Our automatic doors have started ghosting, which draws in cold air and spooks nervous patrons. Bina’s extended medical leave continues, and she is missed. Staffing needs continue. Burroughs’ Ana Felipe, recently promoted to Junior Librarian, helped out a day in December and will continue into the New Year. Black Rock continues to share their page Joe’s part time hours with North, which is very helpful. The North staff remains amazingly patient and flexible, as do our patrons.

