

# BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

## North Branch February 2024 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>New library cards: 58 (33 A, 4 YA, 21 J)                  Number of visitors: 3,756*                  Number of online database sessions: n/a</p>	<p>Questions answered: 4,974                  (2,160 Ref, 2,293 Other, 521 Technical Assistance)                  Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 318/689                  *Computer network issues, some visitors were missed</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 49,657 (151 added in February)                  Teen: 4,669 (36 added)                  Children: 38,014 (151 added)                  Hotspots: 30 (0 added)</p>	<p>A&amp;V materials: 13,544 (1 added)                  Magazines &amp; Newspapers: 1,678 (49 added)                  TOTAL: 107,592                  (388 added and 75 withdrawn in February)</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 1,590 plus 115 inhouse use                  Teen: 145 plus 35 inhouse use                  Children: 1,913 plus 616 inhouse use                  Hotspots: 4</p>	<p>A&amp;V materials: 500 plus 15 inhouse use                  Magazines &amp; Newspapers: 68 plus 2 inhouse use                  TOTAL 4,220 (38% of total BPL circ) plus 783 inhouse use.                  GRAND TOTAL: 5,003</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 491                  WIFI use: N/A**</p>	<p>**Computer network issues prevent reporting</p>

<p><b>Programming Milestones:</b></p> <p><b>75 programs</b>  <b>Attendance: 1,160</b></p> <p><b>9 Room use:</b>  <b>Attendance: 204</b></p> <p><b>GRAND TOTAL</b>  <b>Attendance: 1,364</b></p>	<p><b>Inhouse programs:</b></p> <p>6 Notary appts: 12                  3 LITT Mixed Chess: 15                  1 BHM Djeli Griots: 35                  3 Do For Others: 60                  2 How to Use Essential Oils: 7                  1 AARP Safe Drive: 9                  1 Lawyers in Libraries: 10                  3 Chess Camp: 28                  1 Crocheting: 16                  1 Cyber Security: 12                  1 Forest Bathing: 3                  3 Little Bears: 52                  1 Valentine Art: 22</p>
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<p>3 Mahjongg: 24                  4 Yoga: 80                  6 E-Sports: 26                  4 weeks Coloring sheets: 279                  3 Gifted Girls: 25                  3 LV Learn English: 17                  1 Digital Navigator: 12                  3 Quilting: 23                  1 BHM Take and Make Anansi: 10                  1 TYCLibraryDay: 60                  5 Tax AARP: 175</p>	<p><b>Virtual programs:</b></p> <p>4 Mindfulness: 20                  1 Adult Book Group 15                  4 Tax VITA: 56</p> <p><b>Other:</b></p> <p>1 Watermark Book Group: 10                  1 Health Dept Info Table: 20                  1 Medical Training Table: 15                  2 Recovery Network Tables: 12</p> <p><b>Outreach:</b> n/a  <b>(Study room use:</b>                  65 Uses of study rooms:                  Attendance: 95)  <b>(ILL Requests:</b> 0)</p>
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Staff Development, meetings other than the usual, etc.

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“Somewhere along the way, we must learn that there is nothing greater than to do something for others.”  
- Martin Luther King Jr., quoted in *The Paris Review*

February was a busy month. Displays featured Black History Month, Valentine’s Day, and President’s Day among other topics. The lobby display continued to warmly welcome patrons with Vera Fernandes’ beautiful display of quilts.

We had many programs planned for Black History Month, Valentine’s Day and more. One snowy Saturday derailed some of them (a Valentine’s Lunch and a BHM Skit), but most were well attended as patrons looked for fun things to do inside. There was a Drop In or Take Home Craft for Take Your Child to the Library Day, and another Drop In Day for a Make or Take Black History Month craft. The Djeli Griots Puppets and Drumming program sponsored by Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse was excellent. Essential Oils, Cyber Security, Learn to Crochet and Art Workshop: Valentines Edition all went well. Tax Assistance sessions start every year in February. They are always full.

Regular programs went well (see the very full list!). Miss Bina is back and so is Little Bears Storytime. She was missed! The beginner and intermediate level groups of Literacy Volunteers’ Learn English series are both going well. There was much interest in the four information tables set up in the lobby by local nonprofits.

Staffing needs eased a bit. Bina was welcomed back early in the month. We expect a new Library Assistant I to start toward the end of March. We continue to benefit from sharing Black Rock’s excellent page Joe. Despite the staffing crunch, the entire North staff is dedicated to providing the best customer service possible for all our patrons.

Building needs are being addressed as time allows. We have had a lot of bucket-filling leaks and look forward to the new roof. The nesting season in the damaged overhang is in full swing. Some technology glitches need fixing. The work of the library goes on.

