

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

North Branch October 2023 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>New library cards: 78 (43 A, 8 YA, 27 J) Number of visitors: 4168 Number of online database sessions: n/a</p>	<p>Questions answered: 5,908 (2,475 Ref, 2,961 Other, 472 Technical Assistance) Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 305/660</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 49,464 (8 added in October) Teen: 4,678 (62 added) Children: 37,821 (122 added) Hotspots: 30 (0 added)</p>	<p>A&V materials: 13,502 (0 added) Magazines & Newspapers: 1,655 (45 added) TOTAL: 107,120 (237 added and 230 withdrawn in October)</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 1,527 plus 107 inhouse use Teen: 150 plus 22 inhouse use Children: 2,398 plus 618 inhouse use Hotspots: 7</p>	<p>A&V materials: 464 plus 3 inhouse use Magazines & Newspapers: 93 plus 14 inhouse use TOTAL 4,639 (36.85% of total BPL circ) plus 764 inhouse use. GRAND TOTAL: 5,403</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 484 WIFI use: info N/A</p>	

<p>Programming Milestones: 68 programs Attendance: 1551</p> <p>7 Room use: Attendance: 115</p> <p>1 Outreach events: Attendance: 60</p> <p>GRAND TOTAL Attendance: 1726</p>	<p>Inhouse programs: 3 Little Bears Storytime: 55 5 Notary appts: 16 7 LITT Mixed Chess: 71 1 BCHS Program: 25 1 Health Dept Storytime: 15 9 1st Serve Tennis: 229 1 Halloween Hullabaloo: 700 1 Halloween Stories/Films: 12 1 Class visit (Blackham): 35 1 Lawyers in Libraries: 15 1 Matica Circus: 44 1 Matica Workshop: 30</p>	<p>5 Mahjongg: 35 2 Quilting: 13 4 Yoga: 89 12 ESports: 49 1 Mandala Art: 15 1 Medicaid: 12 1 Crochet: 22 1 Class Visit (Magnet): 7 1 Strange Happenings: 7</p>	<p>Virtual programs: 5 Mindfulness: 25 1 Adult Book Group 15</p> <p>Other: 1 Watermark Book Group: 15 1 Exam proctoring: 2</p> <p>Outreach: 1 school events: 60 attendees</p> <p>Study room use: 62 Uses of study rooms: Attendance: 86</p>
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Staff Development, meetings other than the usual, etc.

Bina: Spoke to a CLA (statewide) Set the Stage class re Caldecott
Spoke to BPL Board re partnerships
Paula: Winthrop School SGC

Highlights Warm comments from the suggestion/comments box for cool fall weather:
"The peoples work in library the best peoples...thank you for good job."
"I really like the community in this library. Keep up the good work!"
"Thanks very much Monika you are very nice, you are always helpful to customers."

What a full and active month. We helped the local Italian cultural organization distribute free tickets for the 34th annual Marine Band concerts at the Klein. One Saturday was a real circus- with Matica Circus performing their comic program of unicycling, juggling, and hula hooping followed by a workshop for kids. Who knew there were so many things to juggle! Just like running a library! Thanks to Westport Library and Bud and Roz Siegal for funding this.

While on vacation, Bina continued her service to Bridgeport's children, storytelling at both Burroughs' and Black Rock's Halloween parties. Our own Halloween Hullabaloo with partner Don Wilson and Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse and Peace in the Streets (PITS) was a huge hit with over 700 people during the daylong event inside and outside (see pics below). Several people signed up for library cards. Dana H successfully used google translate to help her communicate with someone who came in and only spoke Turkish. On another day, we had to do a slightly different form of communication. After a short reference interview AKA library detective interrogation (good cop style of course), we explained to the phone caller, who insisted we were an early voting location and "right down the street from me", that we are North Branch Library in Bridgeport CONNECTICUT, and not Bridgeport New JERSEY where he lives...

We had a full roster of regular and special programs. Patrons have asked for more art, and "arts" programs. Hopefully money can be found to comply with these requests. LAI Joel H along with Paula K attended Literacy Night at Discovery Magnet School, and our library card frame picture made it onto the school's FB page (see pic below). There were lots of library card signups! The staff continues to pursue and engage in outreach opportunities to share what the library has to offer. Unfortunately, the staffing needs continue. The North staff is amazingly patient and flexible.

The building needs continue. Much inside spruce up has been done by Custodian Dawn B. The community room needs updated programming technology and a sound system that works. Some outside work has been done, but the solar project has been pushed back until the roof can (finally) be fixed. The front door lock needed fixing. It's always something!

