

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

North Branch April 2023 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>New library cards: 52 (42 A, 3 YA, 7 J) Number of visitors: 3,790 Number of online database sessions: n/a</p>	<p>Questions answered: 4,502 (1,921 Ref, 2,075 Other, 506 Technical Assistance) Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 232/484</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 49,131 (38 added in April) Teen: 4,559 (0 added in April) Children: 37,347 (21 added in April) Hotspots: 30 (0 added in April)</p>	<p>A&V materials: 13,825 (19 added in April) Magazines & Newspapers: 1,508 (55 added in April) TOTAL: 106,400 (133 added and 219 withdrawn in April)</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 1,368 plus 165 inhouse use Teen: 148 plus 41 inhouse use Children: 2,186 plus 979 inhouse use Hotspots: 1</p>	<p>A&V materials: 560 plus 28 inhouse use Magazines & Newspapers: 41 plus 8 inhouse use TOTAL 4,304 (36.3% of total BPL circ) plus 1,221 inhouse use. GRAND TOTAL: 5,525</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 519 WIFI use: 1,348</p>	

<p>Programming Milestones TOTALS: 68 programs Attendance: 974</p> <p>9 Room use: Attendance: 87 GRAND TOTAL Attendance: 1,061</p>	<p>Inhouse programs: 12 Digital Navigator interactions: 24 1 BCHS Event: 40 1 Health Dept Table: 20 1 Easter/sports event: 80 3 Vaccination clinics: 27 2 Little Bears Storytime: 30 1 Cumulative Monthly study room use: 84 8 Notary appt's: 28 4 LITT Mixed Chess: 49 1 Cut-out Bunnies: 12</p>
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<p>1 Lawyers in Lib's: 8 2 Quilting Class: 20 5 Yoga: 74 4 Mahjongg: 29 5 Chess Camp: 109 2 AARP Tax Assist: 70 1 Art with Veronica: 15 1 Self Help: 5 2 St A Class visits: 50 3 First S Tennis: 109 1 Family Craft: 15</p>	<p>Inhouse programs continued: 1 WCP Pout Pout Fish: 13</p> <p>Virtual programs: 2 Mindfulness: 10 1 Adult Book Discussion: 15 2 VITA Tax Assistance: 28</p> <p>Outreach:</p> <p>Other: 1 Watermark Book Discussion: 10</p>
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Staff Development, meetings other than the usual, etc.

All: Staff development day, including staff wellness with our partner, Community Mindfulness Project.

Highlights

Spring sprang in April. We had flowery displays for poetry month, put together by our resident poet, LAI Joel Hinojosa. Paul Baudner of the BCHS installed a great display of spring and summer memories in Bridgeport. Pleasure Beach, anyone? The Spring-Cleaning display saw more action than we expected.

Bina notes how much we appreciate our partners. Four* to highlight this month:

Don Wilson of Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse (Sports Academy) is always thinking of ways to collaborate. For our Easter family indoor/outdoor event, Don's teams collected donations of candy, and stuffed bags for giveaways. Large groups of families were drawn into the library.

DIG USA sponsored a five-day Spring Break Chess Camp for teens and tweens. Chess lessons alternated with outdoor sports time. The weather was perfect all week. This program was worth about \$6500 and cost us nothing. Snacks were provided through LITT funding since some of the kids were in the LITT age bracket. Our regular Chess programs continued.

The Westport Country Playhouse sent "Jenny" to read *Pout Pout Fish* and make a Pout Pout Fish using big googly eyes. Participants received coupons for \$5.00 tickets to see the production in May. This was a big hit!

Programs like these would not happen without the generosity and love of our children and teens, as well as all our patrons, shown by our many partners. First Serve Tennis has started their spring program.

From Monika's notes: Tax Assistance finished up. A new regular multigenerational craft program series began with birdhouse building. Yoga, Quilting and other regular programs continue to work out well. The monthly art program, Lawyers in Libraries, and the self-help Public Speaking program were well received. Vaccine clinic attendance remains low. Digital navigator and Notary appointments continue.

The staff continues to work hard at all things Library.
There is so much to do!
We are mindfully planning a busy spring and summer...

*There are actually 10 of our many partnerships mentioned in this report. We honor them all.

