

# BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

## North Branch August 2023 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>New library cards: 65 (46 A, 5 YA, 14 J)                  Number of visitors: 4,586                  Number of online database sessions: n/a</p>	<p>Questions answered: 7,460                  (2,810 Ref, 3,925 Other, 725 Technical Assistance)                  Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 350/723</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 49,493 (52 added in August)                  Teen: 4,626 (0 added)                  Children: 37,810 (50 added)                  Hotspots: 30 (0 added)</p>	<p>A&amp;V materials: 13,830 (27 added)                  Magazines &amp; Newspapers: 1550 (57 added)                  TOTAL: 107,339                  (186 added and 271 withdrawn in August)</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 1,760 plus 84 inhouse use                  Teen: 257 plus 51 inhouse use                  Children: 2,459 plus 723 inhouse use                  Hotspots: 26</p>	<p>A&amp;V materials: 679 plus 41 inhouse use                  Magazines &amp; Newspapers: 68 plus 7 inhouse use                  TOTAL 5,249 (38.2% of total BPL circ) plus 906                  inhouse use.                  GRAND TOTAL: 6,155</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 663                  WIFI use: 822</p>	

<p>Programming Milestones                  TOTALS:                  52 programs                  Attendance: 1278</p> <p>10 Room use:                  Attendance:                  146                  GRAND TOTAL                  Attendance: 1424</p>	<p><b>Inhouse programs:</b>                  10 Esport sessions: 202                  1 Esports Tournament: 25                  1 Art of Negotiation 8                  1 Losing Weight 7                  1 Storytelling Laconia Therrio. 12                  1 Ed Pop Magic: 47                  3 Little Bears Storytime: 85                  3 Notary appts: 8                  5 LITT Mixed Chess:32                  1 BCHS Ocean Liners: 25</p>	<p>1 Lawyers in Lib's: 12                  4 Yoga: 82                  5 Mahjongg: 41</p> <p>1 Discarded book art w/ Vanessa: 12</p> <p>2 Camp Storm Refuge: 57</p>	<p><b>Virtual programs:</b>                  5 Mindfulness: 25                  1 Adult Book Group 15</p> <p><b>Other:</b>                  1 Watermark Book Group: 10                  3 Table displays: 47</p> <p><b>Outreach:</b>                  2 school events: 525 attendees</p> <p><b>Study room use:</b>                  63 Uses of study rooms:                  Attendance: 100</p>
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Staff Development, meetings other than the usual, etc.

Bina: 3 sessions Camp Explore Training, Westport (Matica Arts)  
Last meeting of CSKBART executive board. Webinar about National Voter Registration Day

## Highlights

“Summer ends, and Autumn comes, and he who would have it otherwise would have high tide always and a full moon every night.”  
— Hal Borland

Did the sun ever shine? Was it ever cool enough to go outside? The picnic tables around the outside of the library were used quite a bit this summer including the Staff Association’s fun cookout mid-August. Fortunately, the A/C held up for the heat waves we had!

Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse had a very successful E-sports program in the conference room. Their culminating tournament encouraged public interest. They even were on Channel 12 news! The program will be modified to continue in the school year. BYL also had daily sports camps in the Puglio Park fields.

LITT Chess continues weekly. Beloved Coach Tiara is off to college leaving the class in the more than capable hands of Coach Ryan. We had fewer Notary appointments while our notary was in world traveler vacation mode. Her regular Mindfulness program continued online even in her absence. Mah Jongg, Yoga, and Vanessa’s arts and crafts program were well attended.

The children's department was busy with summer reading latecomers trying to catch up on their summer assignments, sports campers coming in from the storms, and families attending programs. Coloring sheets were colored. Bookmarks were chosen. Many books circulated! Little Bears storytime alums Lexi and Sidney S (age 8) returned as Bina's “assistants” this summer. They helped with sign-ins, cushion placements, handed out musical instruments and coloring sheets, and read a few books. They were absolutely charming and their grateful mother was able to do her work at one of our tables.

Ed Pop's magic show was a big hit especially since he had not been here for a few years! We love working with him and he is like family now. Laconia Therrio is the best storyteller and endeared himself to more than one two-year-old as well as the adults and older children around him.

New books were donated by Bina Williams. Many were added to the collection with Deb Stanley’s book cover dexterity a plus. Others were distributed for collections and summer give-aways at all locations. “Back to school” outreach events were a big hit thanks to everyone’s help designing, copying, and bag-stuffing. Having a system-wide outreach approach has been great. Teachers have already been in touch about bringing classes to North!

The need for pages remains evident. There are usually six or more carts of books to be shelved. LAs Joel, Larry, and Deb have valiantly been shelving like mad, but the carts keep coming!

Thanks to Maintainer Antonio who cut dead branches from trees, cleared out debris from the A/C area, and cleared out overgrown brush by the flagpole. Inside maintenance projects have been determined and worked on by Dawn Berreira and Carlis Patrick, making a noticeable difference. One poor patron brought attention to the fact that the lock on the handicapped stall in the restroom was malfunctioning, once she was able to get out, anyway. Parts are on order for that and possibly for the front door lock, which has decided not to work correctly.

Displays included Dog Days of Summer, Back to School, Summer Fun, Beach Reads, and Outdoor Activities.

Even as we collate the statistics from the system-wide summer programs, we are already planning ahead for NEXT summer! Watch for the separate summer reading wrap up.