

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

North Branch December 2022 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>New library cards: 48 (34 A, 5 YA, 9 J) Number of visitors: 3,006 Number of online database sessions: n/a</p>	<p>Questions answered: 4,390 (2,250 Ref, 1,934 Other, 206 Technical Assistance) Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 134/471</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 49,149 (48 added in December) Teen: 4,560 (2 added in December) Children: 37,387 (30 added in December)</p>	<p>A&V materials: 13,828 (7 added in December) Magazines & Newspapers: 1,689 (47 added in December) TOTAL: 106,613 (134 added and 312 withdrawn in December)</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 1,091 plus 92 inhouse use Teen: 67 plus 3 inhouse use Children: 1,160 plus 383 inhouse use Hotspots: 11</p>	<p>A&V materials: 419 plus 2 inhouse use Magazines & Newspapers: 47 plus 6 inhouse use TOTAL 2,795 (42.34% of total BPL circ) plus 486 inhouse use. GRAND TOTAL: 3,281</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 471 WIFI use: 1,105</p>	

<p>Programming Milestones TOTALS: 82 programs Attendance: 831</p> <p>8 Room use: Attendance: 119 GRAND TOTAL: 950</p>	<p>Inhouse programs: 29 Digital Navigator interactions: 58 1 Noon Year's Eve Celeb'n: 15 1 Christmas Concert: 43 4 Vaccination clinics: 82 3 Little Bears Storytime: 68 1 Cumulative Monthly study room use: 77 6 Notary appt's: 15 2 LITT Mixed Chess: 7 1 Holiday Family Craft: 16 3 Team STEAM: 25 3 Forest Bathing: 6</p>	<p>1 AARP Safe Drive: 4 1 Lawyers in Lib's: 10 1 Recovery Network: 2 4 Yoga: 31 1 Forum to Prevent Gun Violence: 60 4 Mahjongg: 22</p>	<p>Virtual programs: 4 Mindfulness: 15 1 Adult Book Discussion: 15</p> <p>Outreach: 1 Watermark Book Discussion: 15 1 Sunday Sports: 40</p> <p>Other: 9 COVID testing (Attendance estimated): 205</p>
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Staff Development, meetings other than the usual, etc.

A couple of staff members chose to attend the Mayor's Holiday Employee Appreciation Luncheon, always delicious!

Bina: Caldecott Committee work

Paula: Winthrop School Governance Council

Highlights

"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never-failing spring in the desert."

— Andrew Carnegie

December's North Branch elves were busy. Projects continued and new ones began. Décor and displays highlighted the array of holidays with fiction options to entice those wanting to cuddle up and read something new or an annual favorite. Nonfiction displays helped patrons get busy prepping for feasts, family and friends.

Programs live, remote, inside and outside continued. While it may be getting a little chilly for weekly Forest Bathing, Monika used that hardiness to successfully volunteer at the exceptionally cold Reindeer Games outreach activity in the park. It was much warmer inside at our holiday programs. The Keegan-Greco family provided Christmas cookies and refreshments for the festive String concert one dark afternoon. Holiday wreath making was very popular, as was Miss Bina's annual Noon Year's Eve celebration, which actually drew a TV news camera crew this year. The serious side of the holidays was addressed with suicide prevention and stress reduction programs. The importance of providing this type of programming, in addition to our regular health and mindfulness offerings, was not diminished by the low attendance. We lost our mid-week volunteer Yoga instructor, but Coach Don from Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse was at the ready with a new instructor for Saturday mornings.

Our regular programs did well. Digital Navigator and Notary Public appointments continued. A few commented that the Digital Navigator services are like a great holiday gift.

A malfunction in the alarm panel one bitterly cold afternoon resulted in some cold staff and patrons waiting outside while the fire department responded and determined there was no danger. The service company responded quickly and got the deafening alarm to silence. PT LAI Larry Ferguson's selfie skills kept hearts warm and spirits high during the "crisis", along with an Uber Eats delivery of hot chocolate for sustenance. We like to take advantage of these impromptu team building opportunities!

Looking forward to an active (but un-alarming) 2023!

