

# BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

## North Branch January 2023 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>New library cards: 87 (62 A, 4 YA, 21 J)          Number of visitors: 3,539          Number of online database sessions: n/a</p>	<p>Questions answered: 4,978          (2,472 Ref, 2,222 Other, 284 Technical Assistance)          Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 179/497</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 49,115 (8 added in January)          Teen: 4,563 (0 added in January)          Children: 37,256 (45 added in January)          Hotspots: 30 (10 added in January)</p>	<p>A&amp;V materials: 13,786 (2 added in January)          Magazines &amp; Newspapers: 1,535 (55 added in January)          TOTAL: 106,285 (120 added and 391 withdrawn in January)</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 1,295 plus 218 inhouse use          Teen: 102 plus 16 inhouse use          Children: 1,339 plus 495 inhouse use          Hotspots: 6</p>	<p>A&amp;V materials: 410 plus 4 inhouse use          Magazines &amp; Newspapers: 66 plus 10 inhouse use          TOTAL 3,218 (43.07% of total BPL circ) plus 743 inhouse use.          GRAND TOTAL: 3,961</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 558          WIFI use: 1,194</p>	

<p>Programming Milestones          TOTALS:          54 programs          Attendance: 485</p> <p>10 Room use:          Attendance:          116          GRAND TOTAL:          601</p>	<p>Inhouse programs:          13 Digital Navigator interactions: 26          1 New Year Resolutions Craft: 10          1 Quilting Class: 9          3 Vaccination clinics: 41          3 Little Bears Storytime: 29          1 Cumulative Monthly study room use: 76          5 Notary app't's: 12          5 LITT Mixed Chess: 108          4 Team STEAM: 19</p>
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<p>1 Vision Board          Creation: 6          1 Lawyers in Lib's: 10          1 Health Dept Table: 16          4 Yoga: 37          1 Harding HS Vocat'l Class Visit: 17          5 Mahjongg: 34</p>	<p>Virtual programs:          4 Mindfulness: 20          1 Adult Book Discussion: 15</p> <p>Outreach:</p> <p>Other:</p>
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Staff Development, meetings other than the usual, etc.

Joel Hinojosa: "Level Up Your Book displays", hosted by Niche Academy  
Bina: Caldecott Committee work, LibLearnX Conference (ALA Midwinter)  
Paula: Winthrop School Governance Council

## Highlights

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

-Martin Luther King Jr

"The library was a doorway to freedom, to free thought. When you're being taught, "you can't, you can't, you can't" ... the library says, "you can, you can, you can." And I did."

-Patricia McKissack

Projects continued and new ones began in January. The Covid testing behind the building ceased, although the Library was not notified. We tracked down the information fairly quickly, pulled our flyers and info, and reminded the City to update their webpage, as several disappointed patrons came into the branch looking for explanations. We still have a few at-home test kits for patrons. The FDA again extended the expiration dates, so our original expiration dates now extend to April. Displays included Martin Luther King Jr Day and Hello Winter (although some might argue they'd prefer a goodbye to the bitterly cold temperatures...).

From Bina: *The month of January found more people coming into the Children's Room and to our programs. Team STEAM had its last 5 sessions led by Central High Senior Iris Rivera. The three boys who came throughout were lively but enjoyed it. Other children came and went during the nine weeks. LITT Chess picked up quite a bit after a fall slump. New coaches include another CHS senior and a Fairfield U. student. We had to recall some of the chess sets purchased with my grant money from the branches due to high turnout the first session of the new year. The highlight of January for me was the culmination of my "Caldecott Year." On two Saturdays and one Sunday, I attended 8 hour zooms to discuss the nominations our committee of 15 had made during the fall. While the 8 hours seemed daunting beforehand, they were a lot of fun and were timed well in terms of breaks. The last weekend of January, I attended LibLearnX (formerly ALA Midwinter) where the committee met in person to decide who would win the Caldecott and honors. The next evening, we called all our artists to give them the good news. After one wrong number, and a call back from Belize where one was vacationing, we just had to wait until the next morning's announcements to spill the news. Hot Dog was our winner with four honor books!*

From Monika: *We started a new monthly program, Quilting. The first workshop went very well. Vision Boards with Veronica Arias and New Year Resolutions with Nicoletta Vogege got a nice number of people. Yoga on Saturday mornings is very popular. Our regular programs like Lawyers in libraries, Mindfulness & Vaccine clinics are going on. I had 14 digital navigator appointments; many patrons are coming back with different questions. We still give out the tablets and Hot-spots. January has been very busy scheduling tax appointments.*

Tax Assistance starts in February. That is always a very busy time for us. We are also looking forward to some great programs for Take Your Child to the Library Day, Valentine's Day and Black History Month.

