

# BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

## North Branch July 2022 Monthly Report

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| Service Statistics     | New library cards: 87 (55 A, 5 YA, 27 J)<br>Number of visitors: 4,136  | Questions answered: 5,558 (2497 Ref, 3,061 Other)<br>Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 235/528<br>Number of online database sessions: n/a                              |
| Collection Statistics  | Adult: 49,918 (119 added in July)<br>Teen: 4,641 (24 added in July)<br>Children: 38,078 (109 added in July)                | A&V materials: 13,912 (45 added in July)<br>Magazines & Newspapers: 1,462 (33 added in July)<br>TOTAL: 108,011 (330 added and 134 withdrawn in July)                        |
| Circulation Statistics | Adult: 1,634 plus 152 inhouse use<br>Teen: 192 plus 21 inhouse use<br>Children: 1,910 plus 472 inhouse use<br>Hotspots: 14 | A&V materials: 612 plus 0 inhouse use<br>Magazines & Newspapers: 24 plus 3 inhouse use<br>TOTAL 4,386 (45.5% of total BPL circ) plus 648 inhouse use.<br>GRAND TOTAL: 5,034 |
| Public Internet Usage  | Users for the month: 528<br>WIFI use: 996  |   |

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| <p>Programming Milestones</p> <p>TOTALS:</p> <p>73 programs</p> <p>Attendance: 1,365</p> <p>6 Room use:</p> <p>Attendance: 85</p> <p>GRAND TOTAL: 1450</p> | <p>Inhouse programs:</p> <p>1 Summer Family Craft Night: 10</p> <p>1 Summer Science in Motion: 50</p> <p>1 Summer Not-Too-Scary Stories: 13</p> <p>4 Vaccination clinics: 76</p> <p>4 Little Bears Storytime: 46</p> <p>1 Monthly study room use: 66</p> <p>4 DIG LITT Chess: 25</p> <p>13 First Serve Tennis: 515</p> <p>1 Men's Topics Online production: 3</p> <p>1 Lawyers in Libraries: 7</p> <p>8 BPT Youth Sports Academy: 107</p> | <p>1 Class visits: 10</p> <p>1 Forest Bath's: 2</p> <p>4 Yoga: 45</p> <p>2 Computer 1-1: 6</p> <p>4 Mahjongg: 27</p> | <p>Virtual programs:</p> <p>4 Virtual LITT Chess: 13</p> <p>4 Mindfulness: 24</p> <p>Outreach:</p> <p>Other:</p> <p>8 COVID testing (Attendance estimated): 320</p> |
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Staff Development, meetings other than the usual, etc.

Paula and Bina: Brodart and B&T ordering refreshers  
Bina Williams: School Readiness Council  
Camp Explore training (Westport)

## Highlights

Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

July at North Branch was full of patrons fulfilling this year's summer theme: "Read Beyond the Beaten Path". Patrons were also beating a path to read anyplace cooler than it was outside! Our partners First Serve Tennis and Bridgeport Sports Academy definitely enjoyed the daily academics portion of their programs in our cool meeting spaces.

Library use is going up. Staffing remains a primary concern. North staff does a great job maintaining customer service standards and everyone here deserves an award for champion level juggling and multitasking! Our delicious delivery of ice cream and fixings definitely helped us power through some busy days.

Displays included Beach Reading, Gardening for Mind and Body, Camping and outdoor living, and more.

Dana Hernandez loans out reading glasses, some hers, and some from the ancient lost and found collection. Patrons really appreciate them. We plan to expand this service! She also noted, "A lovely young lady (teen) was so smitten by North's service she gifted a coffee mug filled with chocolates as a thank you gift."

## Programs

Adults and teens enjoyed filling out drawing slips for summer reading prizes. Kids signed up to get tote bags, compasses, flashlights, crayons and art pads. Children's and family programs were well attended. Bina told Not-So-Scary Stories in front of the tent and (fake) campfire, and Family Craft Night required that additional tables be set up for the enthusiastic participants. Little Bears Storytime and Chess continued, but Bina is actively searching for more funding so Chess can continue past July or pick back up in the fall. Science in Motion with Robert Rivest had the audience up and moving. Bina attended two three-part Camp Explore workshops at Westport Library so she can lead the same workshops here in the fall. (Westport's Roz and Bud Siegel financed Camp Explore which included all the materials we will need for the workshops.)

Adult programs such as Mindfulness, Mahjonn, Computer 1-1 and Forest Bathing continue. Our Adult Yoga instructor held one yoga class outside on the lawn and the rest inside because of the extreme heat. Our regular programs, both virtual and live, continue. More outside groups are starting to meet in our spaces. Covid testing and vaccines reduced their schedules but continue as well. Lawyers in Libraries (free legal advice sessions) is popular.

Hoping August brings some respite from the heat and humidity as we gear up for Library Card Signup Month and Fall programs.