

# BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

## North Branch July 2023 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>New library cards: 82 (49 A, 6 YA, 27 J)                  Number of visitors: 4,516                  Number of online database sessions: n/a</p>	<p>Questions answered: 4,671                  (2,590 Ref, 1,517 Other, 564 Technical Assistance)                  Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 344/620</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 49,646 (299 added in July)                  Teen: 4,626 (5 added)                  Children: 37,760 (190 added)                  Hotspots: 30 (0 added)</p>	<p>A&amp;V materials: 13,842 (36 added)                  Magazines &amp; Newspapers: 1,562 (41 added)                  TOTAL: 107,466                  (571 added and 190 withdrawn in July)</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 1,890 plus 144 inhouse use                  Teen: 235 plus 49 inhouse use                  Children: 2,346 plus 1,122 inhouse use                  Hotspots: 28</p>	<p>A&amp;V materials: 526 plus 10 inhouse use                  Magazines &amp; Newspapers: 54 plus 10 inhouse use                  TOTAL 5079 (38.1% of total BPL circ) plus 1,335                  inhouse use.                  GRAND TOTAL: 6,414</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 575                  WIFI use: 1,589</p>	

<p>Programming                  Milestones                  TOTALS:                  60 programs                  Attendance: 1,349</p> <p>4 Room use:                  Attendance:                  85                  GRAND TOTAL                  Attendance:                  1,434</p>	<p>Inhouse programs:                  2 Dig'l Navig'r interactions: 7                  19 Esport sessions: 428                  1 Health Dept Table: 50                  1 Limitless Horizon Table: 10                  2 Summer Violin Concerts: 71                  1 Jay Reidy Magic: 25                  4 Little Bears Storytime: 110                  1 Cumulative Monthly study                  room use: 117                  6 Notary appt's: 16                  2 LITT Mixed Chess: 41</p>
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<p>1 Lawyers in Lib's: 10                  5 Yoga: 108                  3 Mahjongg: 26</p> <p>2 Big Dream Camp                  visits: 34                  1 Craft with Veronica:                  32</p> <p>1 St A Class visit: 30                  3 First S Tennis: 58                  2 Camp Storm                  Refuge: 160</p>	<p>Virtual programs:                  3 Mindfulness: 16</p> <p>Outreach:</p> <p>Other:</p>
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Staff Development, meetings other than the usual, etc.

Paula: met with Laura Matthews and Misty Beyer of Music For Youth to explore a programming partnership  
Bina: Camp Explore Training, Westport

## Highlights

In addition to Paul Baudner's continuing lobby display of summer memories in Bridgeport, Summer Reading, Summer Blockbuster Movies and this year's summer programming slogan of Find Your Voice made nicely varied displays on the common summer theme. Dana H., Joel H., Debbie S., and Larry F. continued to keep the library looking good with displays and collection management projects, while responding to the needs of patrons. We are lucky to have them. Their flexibility keeps the branch rolling smoothly. I like to say some days are roller skate days, when our small staff is hard pressed to keep up with the patron and building needs of the day. I am so proud of this staff that "rolls" together as a good team should.

North has well over 100 children registered for summer reading. Teen and adult participation is slow to grow however. Participation in programs was very good considering July weather was either too hot to venture out or involved severe rain and wind. The attendance at Bina's Little Bears Storytime on Friday mornings remained high. The weather held so the St Andrew's summer kids in K/1 could visit. Some even remembered Miss Bina's "tish-tosh wally woo-woo" song from their visits during the past school year.

Our regular programs and room use were busy. While Bina was out Monika even got to fill in at Storytime and assist Magician Jay Reidy. Violin concerts with Andrea Comez and the kids from her Suzuki Music School brought in a big audience, although the second was a good-bye concert because Andrea is leaving CT. Working with Don Wilson and his Summer Sports Camp brings many kids to the library every day. The Esports computer program is very popular. The conference room looks like a gaming lair. Extreme weather brought all of the camp into the library all day twice. We provided them with different activities (including reading!) to keep them busy and engaged. One patron gave all of us nice bouquets of flowers, and another patron was very happy about the variety of programs what we are providing. Digital navigator is officially over but patrons still come to get help with their devices or have different problems to be resolved. We had a program with Limitless Horizon who are providing a low-cost internet option. We are planning another one.

The branch had a few rainy roof leaks, and the duck pond in the parking lot showed up when it rained. The alternating high heat and severe wet weather stalled some outside work. The front overhang still needs to be addressed, and the grounds are being pruned to improve the outside look of the building. The sign at the end of the driveway can be seen again and the area around the flagpole will be much improved. Work on the solar project looked like it was moving forward, but slowly.

The staff is looking forward to a busy August and Fall.