

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

North Branch March 2023 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>New library cards: 63 (50 A, 2 YA, 11 J) Number of visitors: 3,992 Number of online database sessions: n/a</p>	<p>Questions answered: 5,100 (2,287 Ref, 2,180 Other, 633 Technical Assistance) Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 241/607</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 49,045 (2 added in March) Teen: 4,579 (3 added in March) Children: 37,387 (132 added in March) Hotspots: 30 (0 added in March)</p>	<p>A&V materials: 13,808 (1 added in March) Magazines & Newspapers: 1,644 (70 added in March) TOTAL: 106,493 (208 added and 15 withdrawn in March)</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 1,523 plus 133 inhouse use Teen: 156 plus 10 inhouse use Children: 2,244 plus 882 inhouse use Hotspots: 1</p>	<p>A&V materials: 556 plus 7 inhouse use Magazines & Newspapers: 79 plus 8 inhouse use TOTAL 4,559 (40.16% of total BPL circ) plus 1,040 inhouse use. GRAND TOTAL: 5,599</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 621 WIFI use: 1,303</p>	

<p>Programming Milestones TOTALS: 52 programs Attendance: 666</p> <p>7 Room use: Attendance: 111 GRAND TOTAL Attendance: 777</p>	<p>Inhouse programs: 9 Digital Navigator interactions: 26 1 BCHS Author Event: 27 1 Health Dept Table: 22 2 Vaccination clinics: 17 5 Little Bears Storytime: 98 1 Cumulative Monthly study room use: 50 3 Notary appt's: 7 4 LITT Mixed Chess: 50</p>
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<p>1 Lawyers in Lib's: 12 2 Quilting Class: 15 3 Yoga: 46 4 Mahjongg: 25 1 Basic Genealogy: 8 4 AARP Tax Assist: 138 1 Art with Veronica: 24 1 Interview for Success: 3</p>	<p>Virtual programs: 4 Mindfulness: 26 1 Adult Book Discussion: 15 3 VITA Tax Assistance: 42</p> <p>Outreach:</p> <p>Other: 1 Watermark Book Discussion: 15</p>
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Staff Development, meetings other than the usual, etc.

Monika Anton: Canva workshop, Digital Navigator online workshop

Highlights

"I really think a champion is defined not by their wins but by how they can recover when they fall."

-Serena Williams

For the month of March, the Circulation Desk's display took on Women's History Month theme. PT LA I Larry F had a primary display with books and films both by and about women. A smaller, secondary display had favorite stories of North's female staff. In the lobby display case, patron and Bridgeport Community Historical Society member Paul Baudner continued to share his collection of albums for Women's History Month in a Tribute to Great Female Voices of the 50's and 60's.

When long-time patron Barbara Milo passed away, her family donated all of her beautiful handmade bookmarks. Dana H reports that patrons are very pleased to choose one.

From Bina's notes: *March flew by... Chess mated, Mah Jongged, and Little Bears enjoyed stories and songs. Debbie, Larry, Joel, and Bina continue to try to whip the department back into shape. Planning for the summer has been on our minds as well. Bina has been giving kids stickers when they come in which has been a fun way to connect with them and their parents. The puppet theater we got from Cheshire Library has been very busy. We have a tub of puppets at the desk which they can ask for.*

From Monika's notes: Tax Assistance appointments are full. Saturday morning Yoga has grown to the point we now need both sides of the Community Room to have space for all the mats. Meeting twice monthly for Quilting class is working out well. Veronica Arias' art programs increase in popularity. Digital navigator and Notary appointments continue.

Attendees at Sarah Greenberg's Genealogy workshop had several positive, grateful and excited comments. The Health Department Table highlighted Nutrition Month. Our other regular programs continue, but attendance at vaccine clinics continues to drop.

The staff continues to work hard at all things Library. So much to do! A new PT Page has been added to our midst, Robert Knuckles.

April is starting to show around the edges, and we are happily planning our months ahead.