

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

North Branch November 2021 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>Number of new library cards: 31 Number of visitors: 1,200</p>	<p>Number of questions answered: 1,544 Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 182/65 Number of online database sessions: n/a</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 52,977 (83 added in November) Teen: 4,511 (103 added in November) Children: 36,067 (321 added in November)</p>	<p>A&V materials: 14,163 (37 added in Nov.) Magazines & Newspapers: 1,039 (57 added in Nov.) TOTAL: 108,683 (601 added in November)</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 1,302 plus 163 inhouse use Teen: 103 plus 8 inhouse use Children: 1,064 plus 334 inhouse use</p>	<p>A&V materials: 391 plus 0 inhouse use Magazines & Newspapers: 71 plus 2 inhouse use TOTAL 2,931 (40.37% of total BPL circ) plus 507 inhouse use</p>
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 353	

<p>Programming Milestones TOTAL: 64 programs Attendance 2,964</p>	<p>Inhouse programs: 4 Vaccination clinics: 112 3 Live LITT Chess: 97 7 1-1 Computer classes: 7 4 Mahjongg: 24 3 Adult coloring: 11 3 Little Bears: 17</p> <p>Virtual programs:</p>	<p>6 Virtual LITT Chess: 71 4 Mindfulness: 36</p> <p>Outreach:</p> <p>Other: 27 Daily COVID testing (Attendance estimated): 2,575 3 Forest Bathing: 14</p>
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Staff Development

Bina W.: Set the Stage: Using Data to Provide Library Service Assessment
Dana H.: webinar, Reports in the Evergreen Web Client

Highlights



Our lobby display is beautiful thanks to patron Alicia Labrador's collections of postcards and items of Puerto Rico. Her hours of effort paid off as you can see:

Notre Dame High School celebrated World Kindness Day by providing the staff with a large platter of delicious baked goods. Kind indeed!

From Bina:

In the children's area, we are analyzing reports for the big weed. It is amazing how many books we have that are not only older than the intended audience but also older than their parents! And a few older than their grandparents! Depending on the category, this fact varies in

its importance. Technology? OMG! Folk tales, so what?

Starting on November 5, Little Bears came home to hibernate! We have had a growing audience for our beloved Friday morning story hour! (Masks and all...) One mom brought me a rose to celebrate the return of Little Bears! The big success story of the month is our LITT Chess program which has been meeting Tuesday nights online and Thursday evenings in person. The latter has had at least 20 children each week. A scrimmage against South Norwalk's team was a victory in that we have only been "playing" since the fall or early summer. The SoNo team has been playing for several years. We hope to win next time! There have been some successes for our players in tournaments outside our scheduled events.

Other news:

Computer 1-1 classes have been popular. Forest Bathing is chillier now, but still proceeding! Mahjongg, Mindfulness and Adult Coloring continue. Our programs have drawn the attention of a local Adult Day Care, who will be starting scheduled visits in December. Several new patrons get library cards after visiting the testing site or vaccination clinics.

Sad news about a beloved retiree of BPL. We learned that Gail Johnson, who worked many years in many departments, passed away in November. She was a very familiar face to patrons of the branches during the years a single branch team moved from location to location during the week. She helped keep us on track!

Happy story to end the month: Chatting with a family after Thanksgiving, a mom confessed her daughter was only interested in *the* parade (we know which one!) and said to her the library won't have any books about it. I said, "wait a minute, Mom, let's check!" and produced *two*. That little girl's smile (you can tell by the eyes, mask police) and happy noise lit up the room and made my day as well as theirs!