

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

North Branch October 2021 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>Number of new library cards: 58 Number of visitors: 2,079</p>	<p>Number of questions answered: 2,202 Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): n/a Number of online database sessions: n/a</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 49,985 (379 added in October) Teen: 4,667 (41 added in October) Children: 38,393 (40 added in October)</p>	<p>A&V materials: 14,167 (63 added in Oct.) Magazines & Newspapers: 1,471 (92 added in Oct.) TOTAL: 108,683 (615 added in October)</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 1,388 plus 94 inhouse use Teen: 111 plus 34 inhouse use Children: 1,170 plus 393 inhouse use</p>	<p>A&V materials: 447 plus 17 inhouse use Magazines & Newspapers: 56 plus 7 inhouse use TOTAL 3,146 (42.13% of total BPL circ) plus 545 inhouse use</p>
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 401	

<p>Programming Milestones TOTAL: 61 programs 4,449 attendance</p>	<p>Inhouse programs: 3 Vaccination clinics: 54 2 Live LITT Chess: 90 Lacrosse Holiday Bash: 100 3 Winthrop 7th Gr class visits: 78 4 Mahjongg: 24 2 Adult coloring: 2</p> <p>Virtual programs: 2 Virtual LITT Chess: 40</p>	<p>4 Mindfulness: 33 6 Valic Financial:12</p> <p>Outreach: Winthrop School Trunk or Treat: 385</p> <p>Other: 29 Daily COVID testing (Attendance estimated): 3,607 4 Forest Bathing: 24</p>
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Staff Development

Highlights

Snippets from 7th grader thank you notes after their class visits:

“...thanks for the kindness and respect.” -A

“...wonderful experience at the library...helpful and beneficial...I had a great time...” -C

“Thank you for welcoming us...with open arms...I got a cool book...I enjoy it a ton.” -E

“I thank you for dealing with us.” -J (It was truly our pleasure, J! -pk)

Thanks to Tom Errichetti for his donation of many replacement signs for the building. Our signs were definitely showing signs of age and wear.

Monika's Spider Craft was a big hit with Trunk or Treaters and the Lacrosse Holiday Bash attendees, who were welcomed into the library when expected bad weather put the kibosh on their outside extravaganza. We rounded it out with a list of books about spiders and facts about spiders. Did you know spiders' blood is blue? More spiders were shared with those going to the Resource Fair for Differently Abled Persons. The Lacrosse event also led to potential partnership opportunities for the Library and PITS (Peace In The Streets) as well as Bridgeport Strong.

Building issues continue. First it was too cold, now it is too hot. We like our porridge just right, too...

David O is working on this very temperamental HVAC system to make it so!

The COVID Testing provides a very necessary community service but does create some problems for the library. Long lines can block our handicapped parking, for example, and much of our parking is unavailable while they are stationed here. We will all be glad when COVID abates and testing at this present magnitude is no longer necessary.

A final snippet from the thank you notes should make all of us involved in any aspect of the Library feel great!

N- writes:

“All of what you guys do help a lot. From the giving library cards and books, to showing us around the library and introducing us to the wonders of the library! We really appreciate what you do for the people of Bridgeport, Connecticut. Have an amazing morning, afternoon, evening and night!!”