

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

North Branch September 2023 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>New library cards: 61 (33 A, 10 YA, 18 J) Number of visitors: 3,411 Number of online database sessions: n/a</p>	<p>Questions answered: 5,253 (2,200 Ref, 2,466 Other, 587 Technical Assistance) Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 329/669</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 49,482 (28 added in September) Teen: 4,628 (4 added) Children: 37,802 (54 added) Hotspots: 30 (0 added)</p>	<p>A&V materials: 13,589 (1 added) Magazines & Newspapers: 1,603 (56 added) TOTAL: 107,134 (143 added and 295 withdrawn in September)</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 1,590 plus 168 inhouse use Teen: 176 plus 41 inhouse use Children: 2,412 plus 689 inhouse use Hotspots: 17</p>	<p>A&V materials: 446 plus 17 inhouse use Magazines & Newspapers: 51 plus 9 inhouse use TOTAL 4,692 (39.08% of total BPL circ) plus 919 inhouse use. GRAND TOTAL: 5,611</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 496 WIFI use: 2152</p>	

<p>Programming Milestones: 42 programs Attendance: 641 8 Room use: Attendance: 76 2 Outreach events: Attendance: 70 GRAND TOTAL Attendance: 787</p>	<p>Inhouse programs: 4 Little Bears Storytime: 80 4 Notary appts: 8 4 LITT Mixed Chess: 60 1 BCHS Program: 22 1 AARP Safe Drive: 6 7 1st Serve Tennis: 200 1 Kid Governor Talk: 25 1 Thu Night Café: 45 1 Class visit (Blackham): 11 1 Lawyers in Libraries: 12 1 Nat'l Voter Reg Day: 5</p>
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<p>4 Mahjongg: 27 1 Quilting: 6 4 Yoga: 80</p>	<p>Virtual programs: 4 Mindfulness: 24 1 Adult Book Group 15 Other: 1 Watermark Book Group: 10 1 Table info (Health Dept): 5 Outreach: 2 school events: 70 attendees Study room use: 40 Uses of study rooms: Attendance: 54</p>
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Staff Development, meetings other than the usual, etc.

Bina: School Readiness Council

Highlights "It was September, and there was a crackly feeling to the air." -Carolyn Parkhurst

September displays for Back to School, Library Card Signup Month, National Voter Registration Day and Joel H's Hispanic Heritage Month were very popular. We maintain a voter registration display year-round, but Bina ordered special materials for National Voter Registration Day for the system. The materials were delayed, but Anna K and Beardsley Branch shared some of their materials until the rest of the order arrived at the last minute.

Regular programs went well. We have initiated a musical partnership with Music for Youth. The first in a series of Thursday Night Cafes to highlight our amazing local musical talent went great. The music continued. We gave out 130 tickets to the BPL at the Klein Orqueste Afinke concert and were a local source of tickets to the 34th annual Marine Band concerts at the Klein. The staff continued to pursue and engage in outreach opportunities at schools.

Bina notes a "highlight was the visit to Bridgeport from the Connecticut Kid Governor. Ellie Mendez and her cabinet member Maxence Clementine. Both spoke about their causes-- self-esteem and cyberbullying respectively. This program is a terrific opportunity for fifth graders to learn civics and how government works. I am hoping that we can get the word out about this initiative to our school connections. On the last day of September, part of the Young Adult area became an indoor tennis court! First Serve and News Channel 12 had planned to meet outside for a news segment. Heavy rain brought them inside-- Several CT Junior Tennis Champions 'played tennis' with nerf balls and shorter racquets! Blackham Lighthouse came for a visit and plans to come once a month."

Dana Hernandez has served as BPL's ILL Requestor for our patrons for many years. So far this FY she has had several requests (these are requests for items not owned within our Evergreen consortium).

The staffing needs continue. The building needs continue. The staff perseveres. Looking forward to fall.

