

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

North Branch December 2024

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 26 Number of visitors: 3,518	Number of questions answered: Total 3,548 (Reference 1,760 Technical 334, Other 1,454)
Collection Statistics	Collection Size: 103,883	Total Added: 145
Circulation Statistics	Total Circ: 4,089 (36.85% of BPL total)	In-house: 843 Grand total: 4,932
Public Internet Usage Total: 1,283	Public computer Users for the month: 402	Total Wifi connections: 455
Room Usage by outside groups Total: 64/156	Room use: 5 Bookings, Attendance: 115 Study room uses: 58. Attendance: 84	
Programming 40 Programs Attendance: 643	Virtual: 5 Mindfulness: 25 In person on-site: 1 Christmas Concert: 80 1 Winthrop Project Holiday: 60 1 Friends Craft Fair: 60 4 Playtime: 37 1 Thursday Night Café: 45 1 Noon Year's Eve: 35 2 Gifted Girls: 19 7 E Sports: 56	In person on-site continued: 1 Lawyers in Lib: 10 2 Learn English: 8 3 Little Bears: 35 5 Mahjongg: 41 4 Yoga: 107 1 Art with Veronica: 22 In person off-site: 1 Watermark Book Discussion: 12
Other Services	1 Digital Navigator: 2 2 Notary: 4 December Coloring sheets: 215 0 Info Tables: 0 Passport: NA ILL requests processed for BPL system patrons: 2 patrons/ 2 items requested	
Outreach	Date, Event, Approx. # of people reached n/a	
Staff Dev and "outside" meetings	All: Staff Development Day Bina W: Take Your Child to the Library Day outreach webinar, Excellence in Early Learning Digital Media (ALSC), ALSC Professional Awards Manual Task Force.	

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"Nothing burns like the cold." — George R. R. Martin

There was great rejoicing in the (northerly) land when the new boiler was turned on the second week of December! There are still several tweaks to work out for the remaining cold spots, but it was a great boost for morale to be warm. Work slowed on the roof and solar panels because of the cold. Kudos to David O and the maintenance staff.

Several Holiday themed celebrations and programs took place and were enjoyed by all. The Friends of BPL had a craft fair, Thursday Night Café performers were back to regale attendees, as were our Suzuki violin students in concert. The Winthrop Project, a new nonprofit formed by college aged former students of Winthrop School who want to give back to their community, hosted a lavish holiday event. Our family art provider, Veronica, led crafters in creating a beautiful painted work.

Regular and special programs went well as usual (see our list). Bina W had quite a crowd celebrating at her annual Noon Year's Eve event. Do you know who celebrated 2025 first in the world, and who celebrated when it was noon here?

There were lots of displays for the holidays. Joel reported that the movie Home Alone circulated multiple times, and several CDs circulated from his display. Once the heat was working, it was safe to adorn our new book and display areas with paper snowflakes without making anyone mad. Joel also wrote another beautiful poem to accompany our puzzle table. We thought we'd leave the completed puzzle for people to admire for a while, but puzzle people apparently do not rest on their laurels and want to move on to a new puzzle right away!

Staff stayed busy and warm with projects. Weeding projects, labeling projects, shifting and more continue and plans are developing for coming programs well into the new year. Building and technology needs grow as the building hits the 30-year mark, but heat and a roof over our heads are a definite good start!

We look forward to 2025!



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