

# BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

## North Branch January 2025

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 50 Number of visitors: 4,058	Number of questions answered: Total 4,367 (Reference 2,005, Technical 423, Other 1,939)	
Collection Statistics	Collection Size: 104,197	Total Added: 265	
Circulation Statistics	Total Circ: 4,047 (39.26% of BPL total)	In-house: 1,057      Grand total: 5,104	
Public Internet Usage Total: 966	Public computer Users for the month: 496	Total Wifi connections: 470	
Room Usage by outside groups Total: 71/180	Room use: 6 Bookings, Attendance: 90 Study room uses: 70. Attendance: 90		
Programming 41 Programs Attendance: 429	Virtual:  In person on-site: 1 Bullet Journals: 8 1 Family Fashion Collage: 12 1 Police Forum: 25 4 Playtime: 47 1 Quilting: 7 1 Lunar New Year: 8 2 Gifted Girls: 26 7 E Sports: 17	In person on-site continued: 1 Lawyers in Lib: 6 1 Selfie Studio: 10 5 Little Bears: 77 4 Mahjongg: 34 2 Reiki: 4 4 Yoga Saturdays: 107 1 Vision Board Art: 10 2 Yoga Wednesdays: 13 1 Adult book Discussion: 6 1 Learn to Tangle: 6 1 Sewing: 6	In person off-site:
Other Services	0 Digital Navigator: 0 Passport: NA	0 Notary: 0      January Coloring sheets: 100      1 Info Tables: 12 ILL requests processed for BPL system patrons: 4 patrons/ 12 items requested	
Outreach	Date, Event, Approx. # of people reached n/a		
Staff Dev and "outside" meetings	Paula K: Winthrop School Governance Council, LibCal Training Bina W: School Readiness Council, LibCal Training		

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North welcomed Part Time LA I Nita Renee Avery to North Branch. She is a welcome addition and enjoying learning the intricacies of the Library, including helping out at Playtime. Part Time Page Bodhan Chiravuri has resigned to concentrate on school and sports. Deb Stanley has been certified as a Passport Acceptance Agent. The staff continues with ongoing projects such as relabeling, weeding, shifting, adding and inventorying. Program planning, promoting and implementing is important work that goes on as well. On a day off, Bina zoomed with other members of the national Excellence in Early Digital Learning Media team when their selections were announced at the Youth Media Awards. Our Page Joe gets another shout out this month. He is always working so hard!

Displays ran the gamut from snow and winter fiction to movies to watch while staying warm (Disney films as usual circulate quite well...). Paula C worked on a staff favorites display. Martin Luther King Jr Day and Lunar New Year were popular displays in the Children's Room. The puzzle table continues to draw patrons in. Joel wrote another poem to post there, and also created some winter bookmarks the patrons enjoy. Dana gave our aloe a healthy trimming and put the cuttings in a large basket on the circulation desk with a book display on houseplants. All the cuttings found new homes by the end of the first day! The aloe vera and many of our plants came with us from the old North on Main Street, so they have been with us over thirty years. Through Dana's careful care we've been able to share many of these plants with our patrons.

January brings about many resolutions! Programs on Bullet Journals, Vision Boards, Learning to Tangle and Fashion Design Collage were popular. So were our Art programs and the rest of our special and regular programs (see our list). The Adult Book Discussion, which went to Zoom when the pandemic hit and stayed there because some attendees were not local, is back inside the Library. The Lunar New Year drop in craft program drew young patrons to Bina's tables of colorful crafts for this year of the snake/dragon. Tax assistance appointments are popular every year and are filling up very fast.

Building and technology needs continue to be a concern.

The Groundhog says there will be six more weeks of winter, but we are already thinking of spring, our garden, and warmer less snowy weather!