

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

North Branch July 2025

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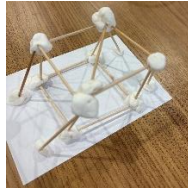
Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 53 Number of visitors: 5271	Number of questions answered: Total 6405 (Reference 2759 Technical 809, Other 2837)
Collection Statistics	Collection Size: 100949 Total Added:571	
Circulation Statistics	Total Circ: 5450 (38.72% of BPL total) In-house: 1296 Grand total: 6,746	
Public Internet Usage Total: 1,099	Public computer Users for the month: 627 Total Wifi connections n/a	
Room Usage by outside groups Total: 76/134	Room use: 4 Bookings, Attendance: 65 Study room uses: 71. Attendance: 85	

Programming 67 Programs Attendance: 1212	Virtual: 5 Mindfulness: 25 In Person Onsite 1 Friends Craft Market: 50 In person on-site: 4 Little Bears: 141 7 Mahjongg: 69 3 Yoga Saturdays: 120 5 Playtime: 97 1 Adult book Discussion: 20 2 Gifted Girls: 30 1 E Sports: 18 1 ST Andrews Class Visit: 37	3 DIG Chess: 24 1 Books In Between: 5 2 Tarot Cards 13 In person off-site 1 Watermark Book Discussion SUMMER PROGRAMS 16 First Serve Tennis: 311 19 BYL Camp 445 BYL Spelling Bee 5 Toppling Towers (CT Science Center) 28 Jay Reidy Magic 19 Manga 9 Energy In Action Truck 40
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Other Services	0 Digital Navigator: 0 8 Notary appts: 10 docs May Coloring sheets: 270 1 Info Tables: 30 Passport: NA ILL requests for BPL system patrons: 2 patrons/ 2 items requested 0 Tests proctored: 0
Outreach	Date, Event, Approx. # of people reached N/A
Staff Dev and "outside" meetings	

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The summer reading program has gotten off to a great start with fun programs to entertain and educate kids of all ages. Our partnerships with First Serve and Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse's summer camp have meant that there are lots of young people in the library. Through the Energize CT program, the Energy in Action Truck came (for free!) one Saturday offering a variety of energy related activities. Beloved magician Jay Reidy entertained all ages with his show. Toppling Towers offered a fun project building "earthquake proof" structures out of marshmallows and toothpicks which were then tested on a shake table! As far as readers go, we have over 150 children signed up at North alone!



Change is inevitable—Joel has been promoted to LA3 at Black Rock Branch—fortunately for us, he is lingering here for much of August. Larry has moved on to another job. Both have been invaluable to us! And soon, Debbie will be heading downtown to help us expand the Passport program. Too much change is not a good thing!!!!

Displays:

- Paula created Adult/Teen display named My Summer is Booked. The book selection consisted of summer romance, chick lit and cozy mysteries. Paula also created two children's books displays: One about Ice Cream & Dessert Books, the other one about Swimming.
- Joel created a DVD display was themed "Summer Blockbusters for summer barbecues"

Staff:

- Dana mended several books, withdrew the ones she couldn't fix and made spine labels for books and DVDs that had none or were too faded to read.
- Dana started training the new pt library assistant (Illesha).
- Paula did her weekly playtime program. She covered Bina's story time during her absence.
- Paula also had a second book club Books-in-Between, geared to 4th – 6th. 5 people attended.
- Paula and Bina completed stats entry.
- Paula Kept the pending patrons' records up to date
- Monika ordered new fiction and nonfiction books. And received a lot of new books!
- Monika and Vivian started deleting Reference materials.
- Congratulations to Joel on being promoted to a Library Assistant III.
- Joel updated some signage in the children's area and fixed up YA graphic novels
- Joel shifted adult Graphic novels over to the section that is parallel to Adult westerns. With that freed up space, he expanded the YA Graphic Novels to make room for our many...many...many new manga. (Bina will miss his input for ordering!)
- Joel oversaw 2 anime club programs.

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Building:

- Sprinklers inspected at North Branch.
- Alarm working now at North
- Mural is done and BEAUTIFUL!!!! Watch for a dedication in September!



-Staff room is now the Paula Keegan Staff Room

