

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

North Branch June 2024 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>New library cards: 67 (49 A, 4 YA, 14 J) Number of visitors: 4,205 Number of online database sessions: n/a</p>	<p>Questions answered: 5,660 (2,762 Ref, 2,287 Other, 611 Technical Assistance) Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 334/671</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 48,318 (309 added in June) Teen: 4,545 (49 added) Children: 37,882 (273 added) Hotspots: 30 (0 added)</p>	<p>A&V materials: 12,177 (13 added) Magazines & Newspapers: 1,653 (46 added) TOTAL: 104,605 (689 added and 75 withdrawn in June)</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 1,694 plus 122 inhouse use Teen: 213 plus 60 inhouse use Children: 1,857 plus 992 inhouse use Hotspots: 0</p>	<p>A&V materials: 518 plus 10 inhouse use Magazines & Newspapers: 36 plus 140 inhouse use TOTAL 4,318 (39.31% of total BPL circ) plus 1,324 inhouse use. GRAND TOTAL: 5,642</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 527 WIFI use: 501</p>	

<p>Programming Milestones:</p> <p>61 programs Attendance: 1,184</p> <p>4 Room uses: Attendance: 150</p> <p>GRAND TOTAL Attendance: 1,334</p>	<p>Inhouse programs:</p> <p>5 Notary appts: 10 3 Digital Navigator appts: 6 1 Feed the People: 12 2 Do For Others: 38 1 Essential Oils: 1 1 Esports Tournament: 35 1 Lawyers in Libraries: 13 1 Buildwave: 13 12 ESports: 104 4 Mahjongg: 35 3 Little Bears: 66 1 Jay Reidy Magic: 28 1 GG Sneaker Ball: 30 1 Babysitting Training: 25 1 Thursday Night Café: 45 3 First Serve Tennis: 101</p>	<p>1 Violin Recital: 35 1 Zoo Scavenger Hunt: 15 1 Forest Bathing: 2 5 Yoga: 120 4 weeks Coloring sheets: 325 5 LV Learn English: 25 1 Crocheting: 35 1 Class Visit: 47 1 Summer Camp visit: 18</p>	<p>Virtual programs:</p> <p>4 Mindfulness: 20 1 Adult Book Group: 16</p> <p>Other:</p> <p>1 Watermark Book Group: 10</p> <p>Outreach: n/a</p> <p>(Study room use: 55 Uses of study rooms: Attendance: 81)</p> <p>(ILL Requests: 6)</p>
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Staff Development, meetings other than the usual, etc.

Bina W: ALA (San Diego)
Paula K: Library/Q training

Summer Reading theme 2024: READ, RENEW, REPEAT

"Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference."
-Jane Goodall

June was "busting out all over". Programs and displays encouraged patrons to read our books and participate in our activities. Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse and Sports Academy worked on the garden, particularly Coach Don himself. We already have peppers and need to stake the happy tomato plants! The BYLSA summer camp kids (and Monika A) help keep the garden watered. Many materials were on display for summer, Juneteenth and more. The lobby display through August is Paul Baudner's pre-Dunkin era coffee can and coffeepot collection. The fireworks puzzle was completed and will decorate summer book displays through August.

Paula C is adding a Spanish story to Miss Bina's weekly Little Bears program. She is also starting a Wednesday morning playtime program in July. Her Spanish fluency has been a big help with many patrons, especially in the area of tech support. Dana H put it this way: "I would like to give a shout out to our Spanish speakers...Having Spanish speakers...shows patrons that we see you and hear you. You matter. Makes the library more inclusive."

Gifted Girls had a fancy Sneaker Ball that was a big hit. We had another successful Thursday Night Café with Music For Youth highlighting our abundance of local talent. The Violin recital was popular. We officially kicked off Summer 2024 on a full Saturday with Buildwave, a "high energy creative building event that encourages imaginative STEM play and collaboration" in the morning after Yoga, and long favorite magician Jay Reidy later in the afternoon. Throughout that day we encouraged people to participate in the Zoo Scavenger Hunt to find the prizes hidden among our literary gems in the children's room. All of our regular programs continue to be successful. See our very full list of programs for more!

Collection maintenance continues, along with all the rest of the work needed to create the big picture. Bina had some travel issues getting to the annual ALA conference in San Diego, but had a great time while there.

Building needs are being addressed as time allows. Dawn B keeps the building clean and welcoming. Dawn gave a shout out "to all of North's staff for their great teamwork and pleasant work environment." Some technology glitches are still in need of fixing, and we are looking forward to updating our technology used for programming.



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