

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

North Branch May 2024 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>New library cards: 70 (45 A, 4 YA, 21 J) Number of visitors: 4,133 Number of online database sessions: n/a</p>	<p>Questions answered: 5,494 (2,622 Ref, 2,349 Other, 523 Technical Assistance) Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 317/725</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 47,965 (117 added in May) Teen: 4,476 (3 added) Children: 37,895 (113 added) Hotspots: 30 (0 added)</p>	<p>A&V materials: 12,023 (22 added) Magazines & Newspapers: 1,241 (52 added) TOTAL: 103,630 (307 added and 111 withdrawn in May)</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 1,644 plus 135 inhouse use Teen: 175 plus 39 inhouse use Children: 1,891 plus 787 inhouse use Hotspots: 4</p>	<p>A&V materials: 551 plus 11 inhouse use Magazines & Newspapers: 51 plus 142 inhouse use TOTAL 4,316 (37.59% of total BPL circ) plus 1,114 inhouse use. GRAND TOTAL: 5,430</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 499 WIFI use: N/A**</p>	<p>**Computer network issues prevent accurate reporting</p>

<p>Programming Milestones:</p> <p>74 programs Attendance: 1,364</p> <p>4 Room use: Attendance: 77</p> <p>GRAND TOTAL Attendance: 1,441</p>	<p>Inhouse programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Notary appts: 6 2 LITT Mixed Chess: 6 1 BCHS program: 12 3 Do For Others: 55 1 Essential Oils: 3 1 AARP Safe Drive: 2 1 Lawyers in Libraries: 6 1 Self Care for Mental Health: 15 1 Evocorp on AI: 15 4 Mahjongg: 31 5 Little Bears: 100 1 Art with Veronica: 15 1 Home Buyers seminar: 15 1 Selfie Made Studio: 15 1 Jewelry Making: 9 5 First Serve Tennis: 155
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Rails to Industry: 35 1 Paint with Michele: 10 1 Feed the People: 15 3 Yoga: 78 11 E-Sports: 49 4 weeks Coloring sheets: 530 2 Gifted Girls: 24 7 LV Learn English: 29 3 Quilting: 17 1 Mother's Day Flowers: 20 1 Class Visit: 55 	<p>Virtual programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Mindfulness: 20 1 Adult Book Group: 15 <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Watermark Book Group: 5 1 Test proctoring: 2 <p>Outreach: n/a</p> <p>(Study room use: 56 Uses of study rooms: Attendance: 68)</p> <p>(ILL Requests: 4)</p>
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Staff Development, meetings other than the usual, etc.

Bina W: School Readiness Council, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten.
Paula Carlson: Customer Service Training at EOC.

A human-interest anecdote: "If I had known I was supposed to be off today, this is what I would have missed: Child and his parents taking out a Launchpad to help him read and to help his mother with English. A young girl playing with the puppets and singing as she did so. A father reading to his son and while his daughter takes a book to mommy to read. Ahhh....And it is only 11:30! AND the Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse group is digging up an area for a garden today!!! And Gifted Girls just gifted me with some Cookies and Cream Ice cream!!! (and that father, son, mom, and daughter were helping with the garden!)"
-one of our terrific staff members

Programs and displays encouraged patrons to read and participate in May. Flowers were a highlight: The group Do for Others thanked Monika A for her help with a card and flowers. A local florist donated flowers, time and talent to the Gifted Girls and others as they learned the art of flower arranging. Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse and Sports Academy broke ground for a small garden outside the Library. Patrons nearby joined in, and another later donated sunflower seeds to the project. Materials for Mother's Day, Memorial Day, gardening, and Joel's Countdown to Summer filled the display areas. The lobby display was the work of a local artist Pandora Kerma. We set out a fireworks puzzle for patrons to work on, and it is so nice to see the scene come together through many hands.

Sue DelBianco's railroading programs continue to draw train enthusiasts from near and far. The AI program was a big hit. We've added two sewing machines to help the Quilting program grow. Art with Veronica and Crafts with Vanessa draw in families. Others have donated their time for even more multigenerational arts and craft programs. May was mental health awareness month and included a day of self-care sponsored by Gifted Girls. On a sad note, low regular attendance and the conclusion of our LITT grant led to a hiatus for DIG Chess. We have partnered with them for many years on and off, and look forward to future endeavors together. Other regular programs continued. Paula C has joined Bina at some Little Bears story times to add a bilingual portion to the lineup. We are hoping to add a multicultural pre-k story and play program to our regular programs soon. See our very full list of programs for more!

Collection maintenance continues. Joel keeps track of the search for the items on the missing list, and the end is in sight so another project can begin. Black Rock's page Joe is a huge help. We were able to send the multi-talented Deb S to help out at Beardsley when a need arose. Bina says Debbie is "invaluable to the department—she works hard and initiates a lot of projects in her quiet and resourceful way." Larry F gave a shout out to his coworkers in North and beyond for support in a difficult situation, and to Paula C for encouraging team building with cake. Bina was "invited to be a guest at the READ TO GROW annual gala at the Westport Library. I got to meet Mychal Threets for the second time in a week! ... His dynamic personality is a blessing to our profession!"

Building needs are being addressed as time allows. Some technology glitches are still in need of fixing, and we are looking forward to updating our technology used for programming.

