

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

North Branch November 2024

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| Service Statistics | Number of new library cards: 43 Number of visitors: 3,894 | Number of questions answered: Total 3,628 (Reference 1,674 Technical 405, Other 1,549) |
| Collection Statistics | Collection Size: 104,093 | Total Added: 283 |
| Circulation Statistics | Total Circ: 4,176 (37.53% of BPL total) | In-house: 1,109 Grand total: 5,285 |
| Public Internet Usage Total: 1,283 | Public computer Users for the month: 380 | Total Wifi connections: 484 |
| Room Usage by outside groups Total: 64/156 | Room use: 7 Bookings, Attendance: 78 Study room uses: 42. Attendance: 61 | |
| Programming 53 Programs Attendance: 669 | Virtual: 4 Mindfulness: 20 | In person on-site continued: 1 Lawyers in Lib: 12 6 Learn English: 21 |
| | In person on-site: 1 Rails to Industry: 20 1 Family Game Time: 38 1 Blessing Basket Collection: 2 1 Stones to Gems: 10 1 Tellebration: 4 1 Crochet: 15 3 Gifted Girls: 39 5 E Sports: 79 1 Medicare Info: 4 | In person off-site: 1 Watermark Book Discussion: 12 4 Little Bears: 91 4 Mahjongg: 29 1 Forest Bathing: 2 2 Mindfulness meditation: 12 4 Playtime: 50 1 Safe Driving: 4 1 GG Community Thanksgiving: 60 1 Sewing: 6 4 Yoga: 107 4 Quilting: 32 |
| Other Services | 6 Digital Navigator: 13 Passport: NA | 6 Notary: 13 November Coloring sheets: 194 0 Info Tables: 0 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 | Bina W: Malka Penn Awards recap, School Readiness Council, Excellence in Early Learning Digital Media (ALSC), ALSC Professional Awards Manual Task Force, Set The Stage (as a speaker). | |

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- "A "house" is not a "home" unless it contains food and fire for the mind as well as the body." — Benjamin Franklin

A Library certainly supplies food and fire for the mind! Having no heat was a tremendous challenge in November at North Branch. The staff and patrons, generously and with no complaint for the most part, withstood temperatures that dipped into the 50's some mornings before rising to the low to mid 60's for the remainder of the day, thanks to the space heaters provided by David O and the maintenance staff. David and team also coordinated with the roofers as our new roof was being installed. The project should be completed soon and then solar panels installed. Our statistics did suffer a bit due to the noise and discomfort, but most patrons were happy we stayed open. In fact, the number of visitors went up this year from last November!

North provided collection boxes for Thanksgiving projects: The Winthrop Project/BYLSA collected coats and canned goods, Gifted Girls collected shelf stable food (as well as hosting their second Community Thanksgiving lunch deliciously one Saturday), and the nonprofit arm of a realty group worked with social workers in 4 local schools to provide Blessing Baskets, clothes baskets full of the provisions for Thanksgiving dinner for needy school families. North Branch staff provided three full baskets and later, with donations from Gifted Girls, the supplies for 2-3 more baskets. Our contact for the collection also provided an inflatable turkey that served as a photo op and conversation piece for the month.

Paula Carlson has had great success with weekly Playtime. Family Game Day on Election Day (public schools closed) was so successful we will continue it on other days and half days off

Our regular and special programs went well as usual (see our list). Keeping our programs running smoothly requires much time, patience, and attention to detail. Digital Navigator and Notary appointments kept Monika quite busy.

Displays included Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and feasting, Fall Reading, Thankfulness, and books that were just as good (many better) as the adaptation.

The work of the Library never ends. Weeding projects, labeling projects and more continue and plans are developing for coming programs well into the new year. Library IQ software is a great help in collection maintenance efforts. Everyone stays busy! A shoutout from Bina: *We are so lucky here at North--our staff is terrific at helping our patrons and, most important of all, helping each other.* Through ALA/YALSA, Bina received 6 free puzzles for our littles from Ravensburger. They will also send enough puzzles for a speed puzzler competition. Look for more details! Larry Ferguson was able to help out at Beardsley Branch one Saturday for a special event they had there.

We look forward to December, and heat, and a roof over our heads!