

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

North Branch OCTOBER 2025

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2025

Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 49 Number of visitors: 4959	Number of questions answered: Total 4350 Reference 1713 Directional 1975 Technical 662
Collection Statistics	Collection Size: Total 100839 Added: 1049 Withdrawn:	
Circulation Statistics	Total Circ: 4617 (38% of BPL total) In-house: 703 Grand total: 5615 Passes: 8	
Public Internet Usage	Public computer Users for the month: 679 Total Wifi connections n/a	
Room Usage by outside groups TOTAL	Room uses 4 Attendance 65 Table 1 Attendance 30 Study room uses: 71 Attendance: 101	

Programming Programs Attendance:	Virtual: 4 Mindfulness: 20 In person off-site 1 Watermark Book Discussion 20 In person on-site: Regular programs 1 AARP Safe Drive 10 1 Adult book Discussion: 13 1 Art with Veronica 33 1 Bport Community Historical Soc. 20 1 Books-In-Between 3 5 Computer classes 64 4 DIG Chess 16 0 E Sports: 0 4 First Serve 126 4 Gifted Girls: 57 1 Lawyers in Libraries 10 5 Little Bears: 118 4 Little Hands 44 8 Mah Jongg: 63 4 Playtime 44 3 Quilting 18 3 Sewing 29	4 Yoga Saturdays: 155 SPECIAL PROGRAMS In Person Onsite 1 Mural Dedication 35 1 Halloween Hullabaloo 590 1 Basic Bachatta 3 2 Medicare info 12 1 Blood Pressure Screening 30 1 Police Forum 30 2 Everyday Tarot 10 1 Scavenger Hunt 50
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Other Services	2 Digital Navigator: 3 Notary appts: 14 docs Coloring sheets: 430
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	Passport: NA ILL requests for BPL system patrons: patrons/ items requested 0 Tests proctored: 0
Outreach	Date, Event, Approx. # of people reached N/A
Staff Dev and "outside" meetings	BW-Local Governance (formerly School Readiness Council), Excellence in Early Learning Digital Media

October is a symphony of permanence and change. — Bonaro W. Overstreet

Permanence:

North Branch has many things that are permanent—our devoted staff, our regular patrons, our regular patrons, and the pleasant ambiance of the library and its surrounding parks.

Projects that happen every month are weeding, repairing books, reordering and ordering books, making book/media displays, ordering supplies, keeping stats on patron questions and all our programs, cleaning up the records in the catalog of both materials and patrons, and planning programs for various ages.

Displays: Adult—Horror, Halloween and Horror movies, Creepy novels. Children's—Halloween books, leaves, autumn.

Programs: Adult—the usuals—Yoga, Mah Jongg, Safe Driving, two book groups, lawyers in libraries, sewing and quilting, and many more. New: Computer Classes.

Children's—Playtime, Little Hands (back from being mothballed during COVID), and Little Bears. Chess

Special Programs: Luis taught a Bachata dance class,

Dana and Paula were our cruise directors for Halloween starting with a scavenger hunt for bats carefully placed around the library—families really got into looking together! We all dressed up as characters from Alice in Wonderland for our annual HALLOWEEN HULLABALLOO. Monika was a terrific Alice! Speaking of which, we partnered with Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse, Friends of the Bridgeport Public Library, Gifted Girls, Bridgeport Prospers, and more! 590 people came to the library for treats, facepainting by three artists, stickers, corny jokes about spiders.(See below.)

Staff: Our new library assistants are fitting in beautifully. David has hit the ground running with his computer classes. Notary appointments exploded this month. Lynn and Iyesha continue to get their sea legs as floaters within the library—mostly in Circ and the children's room. Pages Joe and Miracle are keeping the shelves into shape!

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Changes:

After 4 plus months of his gentle and genial stewardship of North, Luis left us for downtown—job swapping with Kristin Munley who will join us November 3, 2025 as Branch Manager. Thanks to Luis who was a delight to work with. Thanks, Luis, we will miss you.

Corny Spider Joke compliments of Bina

How many kinds of spiders can jump higher than a building?

All of them, silly. Buildings can't jump!