

Bridgeport Public Library
Acquisitions Annual Report FY21
July 2, 2021

- Blu-ray will now be purchased for titles not available as DVD.
- Zinio magazines have been replaced by magazines from Overdrive.
- We are unable to contact Historic Map Works and our subscription will not be renewed.
- We explored migrating our Overdrive ebook collection to the Hoopla platform. Deficiencies in the platform made us decide against the move.
- Our source of email licenses has been changed from OM Office to TechWise Group.
- Technical EDI problems, processing problems and billing problems present an ongoing challenge.
- Lease plans are now active at all branches.
- Many orders for the Newfield ODC were placed.
- The New Americans Collection was implemented.

Submitted by:
Jay Aiken
Librarian III

YOUTH AND CUSTOMER SERVICES REPORT

JUNE 2021

Patrons are slowly returning to the library to use the computers and to borrow library items, We continue to have all that enter Burroughs to fill out the contact tracing sheet and the majority of our patrons do not object. Staff continues to wear a mask and are practicing social distancing.

YOUTH SERVICES

In the month of June, four Wednesday evening story time programs with themes such as Summer and Juneteenth and five Tuesday mornings Little Learners story times were held. Plans are being completed on the Seaside Park Storytime program which will be held every Tuesday morning in July and August.

On June 23rd, to celebrate Pride Month, on the library's kids Facebook page, a live streamed program hosted by Summer Orlando, a drag queen was held.

The summer reading program started on June 28. Sign-up sheets, reading logs, prizes, staff instructions, have been set up. Patrons have started registering for the programs; all programs are being advertised on the library's website and social media.

The inventory of the Young Adult collection has been completed; parts of the juvenile collections has been weeded and replacements order.

CUSTOMER SERVICES

The staff continues to receive items for Burroughs and Newfield. Alexis is being trained to receive and process Newfield materials.

The number of items being borrowed by patrons are still low but in time we hope the numbers will increase. The number of deliverIT incoming bins this month was 22 the number of outgoing was 20; Yankee Courier incoming bins were 14 and outgoing was 34.

The number of library card registrations total 81 (6 were Computer Use only cards)

The numbers for Quick Pick Up and online card registration are near zero, patron prefer to come into the library to pick up their library cards and to borrow items.

Danielle attended the following: Bibliomation webinars and the library's programming meeting. I attended a Bibliomation webinar and the library policy and Safety Committee meetings. I attended ALA Annual virtual conference.

Submitted by

Vivian Bordeaux

July 11, 2021

Adult Programming Report – Burroughs Saden Library

June 2021

With the ongoing pandemic situation, programming at the library is currently only of a virtual nature.

Two Adult Programs were held in the month of June.

On June 10th, GraceElaine Osborne presented a program on Sound Baths. A therapist from Brooklyn, NY, Ms. Osborne offered an unusual program with very little introduction to her practice. She told us that once the program began it would be self-explanatory. She suggested that those in attendance turn off their cameras and sit or lay back in a relaxed position. Thus, began nearly 45 minutes of relaxing quiet and various sounds. Vibrations, bells, sound bowls and even a period of flute music put us into a bit of a trancelike state. I could feel myself relaxing and thinking freely as the program continued. Somewhat like a massage, we were able to drift off and free our minds through this interesting presentation. We had 17 participants and a lively discussion once Ms. Osborne was finished. I can see this as an additive to a yoga program or mindfulness series.

On June 24th, Medium Sidney Sherman presented a double program on Auras and another entitled We Are Not Alone. Ms. Sherman invited a number of her friends and avid followers to the program. As somewhat of a testimony, Ms. Sherman shared that even as a young child, she was able to see past dead relatives that no one else could see. They gave her messages and guidance. She said that once people become attuned to the signals, they would be more aware of visitors from beyond the grave.

The second part of her program dealt with body energy or auras. The moon's gravitational pull is strongest when the moon is full and this program was held on the evening of a full moon. Actually, it was a rare occurrence known as the Strawberry Moon when the full moon appears on the Summer Solstice. Ms. Sherman talked about different colored auras that appear around people and how they indicated different temperaments and mood styles. This lively discussion involved 24 people, a good attendance for a Thursday evening.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Kwasnik

Adult Programming Librarian

Burroughs Saden Library

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Newfield Branch Report

Submitted by: Nykia Eaddy

July 16, 2021

Status Code Legend

- Completed: finished
- Pending: not finished, scheduled
- High Risk: not scheduled, with a high risk of going off track
- Off Track: will be missed if action not taken

Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 2 Number of visitors: 51 (Post Engagements)	Number of questions answered: 20 Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): n/a Number of online database sessions: n/a
Collection Statistics	Adult: 8,203 Teen: 3,235 Children: 15,318	A&V materials: 7,201 Magazines & Newspapers: 1,115
Circulation Statistics	Adult: 1 Teen: n/a Children: 8	A&V materials: n/a Magazines & Newspapers: n/a
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: N/A	

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Facilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Waiting for projector and screens to be installed by Ashlar ● Waiting on Temp. Certificate of Occupancy ● Newfield Furniture Delivery and Installation Date (On Hold) PSI booked through August 2021
Programming Milestones	Nykia has been meeting with the Family Resource Coordinator at Dunbar with plans to partner for future programming at Newfield and neighboring elementary schools.
Personnel Changes	None
Staff Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alexis Y. attended a Grant Writing Workshop sponsored by the CT State Library ● Alexis Y. attended FCC Emergency Connectivity Fund Overview by FCC ● Alexis Y. attends the Set the Stage workshop which discuss topics focused on creating programs that are inclusive, and recognizing successful methods when working with babies and preschoolers. It meets monthly from Jan 2021-June 2021 and then again from September 2021-December 2021.
Areas/questions for discussion:	Discussion of staffing levels for the opening of Newfield.
Issues forwarded to this month; July	Discussion of Newfield's Grand Opening

Highlights

Newfield is currently waiting on the TCO. PSI, the furniture company is booked through August 2021. Nykia and Alexis continue to focus on developing Newfield's collection. Nykia continues purchasing library supplies for Newfield.

Newfield's Facebook page has seen a hike in views. In the past 30 days Newfield's FB posts reached 662 people and there were 46 engagements. There are 4 new followers that will now see Newfield's page updates. Newfield currently have 201 followers and hope to add to these numbers soon.

Newfield's Instagram page has also seen a bump in views and visits. There are 104 followers.

June 2021 Narrative Monthly Report for North Branch

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time." —John Lubbock

There wasn't any idleness at North Branch in June, but there is an opportunity coming up for patrons to enjoy Forest Bathing outside this summer with Monika Anton. June was spent putting the finishing touches on this and other upcoming summer programs for adults, teens and kids while maintaining the usual favorites such as Mindfulness and Valic Finance, Zoomin' Little Bears, and more. Displays included Juneteenth and other June related materials.

"Cause a little bit of summer is what the whole year is about." —John Mayer

On planning children's programs and reading initiatives for summer, Bina Williams noted: "Prepping for summer reading... keeps us busy in June: Planning programs and displays, copying reading lists from other schools to check ownership, and just psyching ourselves for the influx of young readers. Exciting STEAM programs started this month thanks to the generosity of the Westport Library. We applied for and received a grant from the Mayor's Youth Summer Reading Initiative for people ages 14-24. Our program is We Dig Chess, a continuation of our partnerships with DIGUSA. From early July to late September, two groups divided by age will have chess classes and scrimmages online." Bina also tried to virtually attend ALA's annual meeting, but a busy department and lack of adequate staff made it very difficult. We continue to be dramatically short-staffed 3 full-timers and 2 part-timers. The staff has been stretching to make it all work. As we get busier, we look forward to replacements soon.

Library Assistant II Sarah Greenberg noted that several patrons from our dark days of COVID closures had not picked up cards they signed up for on our website. Summer is a great time to encourage them to visit the library in person, pick up their cards, and see what great things we have to offer. She emailed each one. Several have been in already.

Library life in a park is usually as idyllic as it sounds, but we did have to remind the lacrosse players that library walls are not backboards for drilling in skills practice. We turned a potential patron away when a joyfully AWOL Alaskan Huskie came in, visited with patrons, and finally followed Paula out the automatic doors, which we turned off briefly so he could not return until his weary and apologetic owners could convince him they were not playing a game. Other building issues included the irregular start of security services, a fire marshal inspection, and the horror of AC issues. Thanks to David O for putting up with a cranky building and staff.

Library use, circulation and visitors increased but some patrons question the city's visitor sign in and mask requirements (especially on hot days). Most understand and cooperate.

We lost loyal patron Barbara M. recently. Her daughter brought in the bookmarks Barbara loved to craft, so they could be shared with patrons. We were honored to share her gift.

Paula Keegan

**June 2021
Monthly Report
East Side Branch**

-Display on African American music appreciation. Some titles "Glow", "History of Hip Hop", "Supreme Glamour".

-Display on Pride Month some titles "Gay and Lesbian Weddings", "Trans/portraits", "Out in time".

-Display of National Great outdoors some titles "Kids Outdoor Adventures", "Outdoor Games and Adventures", "Art of Getting Lost".

-Display of PTSD Awareness Month some titles "the Unspeakable Mind", "Critical trauma studies", "Life After the Military".

-Fire Inspector came to East Side Branch to do an inspection.

-East Side had a Bachata Zoom dance class. It reached 14 people and had 3 engagements. East Side also had a Salsa class on zoom which had reached 13 people and 1 engagement. Both classes led by Luis Rodriguez

-Kristin Graf also did her Storytime 5 times this month. June 3, 2021 her Storytime reached 27 people and had 13 engagements. June 10, 2021 her Storytime reached 37 people and had 17 engagements. June 17, 2021 her Storytime reached 26 people and had 18 engagements. June 24, 2021 her Storytime reached 143 people and had 26 engagements. Finally on June 29, 2021 her Storytime reached 44 people and had 1 engagement.

-East Side staff is decorating the branch with Summer Reading posters and flyers.

Submitted by

Luis Rodriguez
Branch Manager

Black Rock Library

Monthly Report

June 2021

"One benefit of summer was that each day we had more light to read by." – Jeannette Wall

June brought more light, more ideas, more trials, more temptations. Some experiments worked, some didn't and new ideas were born.

Although the response to May's Scary book club seemed promising, June's equally Scary Book Club discussion of *The Sun Down Motel* did not catch a single fly. Michele DID see several of her regulars for *The Story Telling Jar*. Michael's efforts to drum up interest in the Explorer's Club fell on the deaf ears of teens who just wanted to wander in the warm weather. We will be taking a page out of Adam's book and offering in house treats as the kids start coming back. And we are offering "Stories in the Garden" starting July 7th at 11 a.m.

While Mike was Mr. Baseball for the Bridgeport 200 celebration kick off, Michele represented the library at the first of the "Second Saturdays" in Black Rock. We handed out info on Summer Reading, beating the heat along with plastic llamas, hedgehogs, giraffe key rings and puzzle books.

Patrons really do appreciate the extended hours and are genuinely happy to have the library back in almost full swing. We are excited to be back in touch with partners like invest counselor Sabina Johns and new friend Marie Xavier, who will be discussing retirement planning and how to help loved ones with Alzheimer's manage money come Fall. We are also planning for a weekly "Tech Sandbox" to help patrons figure out the mysteries of Facebook, email, cell phones and tablets. We look forward to getting back patron access to the public catalogs.

Summer reading posters, banners and lawn signs went up and we started snagging our first participants the same week.

As always, because of emergencies cropping up along with sicknesses at the same time as vacations, we struggle with staff shortages. However, some vacations are more exciting than others: Mike spent a week in Mystic at an archeological dig!

We continue to weed to make room for new books, take patron suggestions for new materials and look forward to a time when we will have in person programs inside.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mgr, Black Rock