



Bridgeport Public Library/Technical Services & Acquisitions
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Quick Snapshot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managed ongoing materials ordering and vendor coordination for the Bridgeport Public Library system across all six branches. • Addressed delays and fulfillment concerns with current book vendors, particularly regarding ordering backlogs and branch delivery issues. • Explored diversification of book vendors beyond Brodart and researched alternatives comparable to Baker & Taylor.
Book Budget	<p>Monthly Spend: \$ \$25,197.42 Year-to-date Spend: \$84,293.36 % of Annual Budget Used: 51.56%</p>
Cataloging & Processing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shipping delays are continuing to affect library services nationwide. • Libraries are moving to multi-vendor models and supplementing retail vendors for speed gaps
Electronic Resource Highlight	<p>Hoopa – During April 2026, 473 patrons borrowed a total of 2,056 items, averaging 4.35 items per patron.</p> <p>Tutor.com – We saw substantial growth, with activity climbing from 35 to 95 (+171%), indicating strong demand and increased engagement.</p>
Collection Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relabeling Project – Currently relabeling X Biographies in the back stacks of Burroughs • Catalog clean up - Ongoing

Goals for the next month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Training on Government Docs - ongoing • Improve Public Access to Government Docs - ongoing
Statistics At-a-Glance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection Count: 455,629 • 695 Items added vs 2193 items withdrawn system wide. • Circulation Count (physical items): Books: 10,484 Video: 1,421 Audio: 230 Other: 203

During April, the Acquisitions team continued coordinating materials, ordering, and vendor communications for all six library branches. Staff collaborated closely with vendors to check outstanding orders, address shipment delays, and resolve fulfillment issues affecting the timely delivery of library materials.

In response to ongoing ordering backlogs, research was initiated into other materials vendors beyond Brodart to improve turnaround times and strengthen ordering reliability. This included evaluating vendors comparable to Baker & Taylor based on services, support capacity, and their ability to meet the operational needs of a multi-branch library system. The department also began assessing strategies for distributing purchasing activity across multiple vendors to improve efficiency, reduce delays, and lessen dependence on a single supplier.

Additionally, participation continued in the planning, coordination, and communication efforts supporting the Newfield Library community mural project.

Meetings and Webinars attended:

- 4/8 – Vendor Webinar with Brodart/CLC
- 4/9 – Newfield Mural meeting with BPT Art Trail
- 4/28 – PLA Recap – Tools for Real World Library Impact