

# **Director's Report to the Board of Agents**

## **Silas Bronson Library**

**August 15, 2023**

**Raechel Guest, Director**

### **Staffing Levels**

A new Librarian 2, Myria Tolentino, started last week. We still have one Librarian 2 vacancy, as well as a Librarian 4 vacancy and an Admin 1 vacancy.

Lisa Bartkus was promoted from Admin 3 to Executive Administrative Associate. The new title better reflects the work that she does for the library and the Board.

We now have only three Pages. Zaidre "Zee" Petruskevicius retired after 26 years at the library. In addition to her work as a Page, Zee decorated the library for every holiday.

### **Summer Interns**

Our summer interns and job shadow students were an excellent addition to the library. The interns were all extremely motivated and helpful. They were open to learning any task and always went to their supervisor, Christine Rinaldi, as soon as a job was finished or if they were confused about something. They were friendly and seemed happy to be here, and we were happy to have them here.

### **Fountain**

The front plaza fountain was finally repaired. It required ordering a specialty part from the manufacturer in Florida. Public Works was very helpful in making this happen.

### **Mobile Library**

We attended outreach events at Hopeville Church Food Pantry, Crosby High Day Program, North End Recreation Center Day Program at Wilby High, the Hispanic Coalition's Block Party, Hooked on Phonics Day Camp, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bombazo and Barrio Arts Festival.

The Mobile Librarian visited Waterbury Arts Magnet School to give presentations on our Libby ebook app and Summer Reading Program to three mixed groups of sixth and ninth graders. Twenty-five students signed up for the Summer Reading Program at this event.

We began offering computer classes for Spanish speakers at New Opportunities in August. This will be a monthly program. New Opportunities provided a translator for the class. Monthly visits are also made to the CHD Hospitality Center.

During our outreach events, we issued 5 new library cards, distributed information about the library's services and programs, and gave away hundreds of gently used books to children.

### **Home Deliveries (July 13 – August 13)**

Number of Deliveries: 11

Number of Items Delivered: 60

Patrons Subscribed to Home Delivery: 42

## **Circulation Division**

### **July Statistical Reports: Main Library**

Total Collection Size: 272,720

Total Items Added to Collection: 542

Total Physical Items Circulated: 9,008

Total Circulation In-House: 781

Total Circulated at Other Libraries: 1,773

Total Circulated from Other Libraries: 389

Total Active Patrons: 21,399

Total Expired Patrons: 24,259

Total Patrons Added: 170

### **July Statistical Reports: Bunker Hill**

Total Collection Size: 11,242

Total Items Added to Collection: 22

Total Physical Items Circulated: 756

Total Circulation In-House: 21

Total Circulated at Other Libraries: 116

Total Circulated from Other Libraries: 279

Total Active Patrons: 747

Total Expired Patrons: 771

Total Patrons Added: 4

**OverDrive Circulation: July**

Magazines: 130

Adult: 946

Audiobooks: 550

Teen/YA: 113

Ebooks: 652

Children: 143

Total Checkouts: 1,332

**Museum Pass Use – July**

<b>Pass</b>	<b>Pass Type</b>	<b>Number Reserved</b>	<b>Checked Out</b>	<b>No Shows</b>
American Clock & Watch Museum	Print from Home	1	1	0
Barker Character Comic & Cartoon Mus.	Print from Home	1	1	0
Beardsley Zoo	Pick Up/Return at Library	3	1	2
Connecticut State Parks	Pick Up/Return at Library	2	1	1
Connecticut's Old State House	Print from Home	1	1	0
Mattatuck Museum	Print from Home	10	10	0
New Britain Museum of American Art	Print from Home	2	2	0
New England Air Museum	Print from Home	1	1	0
Wadsworth Atheneum	Print from Home	1	1	0

## Online Presence: July

Facebook Reach July 1 – July 31: 10,267

Facebook Followers as of 8/15/2023: 3,018

Instagram Reach July 1 – July 31: 356

Instagram Followers as of 8/15/2023: 1,097

Twitter Impressions July 1 – July 31: 573

Twitter Followers as of 8/15/2023: 499

[Note: Twitter Analytics is being updated and is missing some metrics]

Wowbrary Active Subscriptions as of 8/15/2023: 93

Wowbrary Webpages Viewed July 1 – July 31: 360

Wowbrary Clickthroughs to Catalog July 1 – July 31: 59

Website Visitors: Due to an update to Google Analytics, website data is currently unavailable.