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 2nd 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  
Audiobooks: 550  
Ebooks: 652  
Total Checkouts: 1,332

Museum Pass Use – July

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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.