

# BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

## Black Rock Branch

## Monthly Report October 2022

Mjacobson, Mgr

Service Statistics	Number of new library cards:46 A:36; J:9; YA:1 Number of visitors: 1852	Number of questions answered: 1022 R 321 D 334 Tech 367 Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 158/249 Number of online database sessions:
Collection Statistics	Adult: 26,733 Teen: 2758 Children: 17358 Total: 46567	A&V materials: A:8347 J:525 YA:273 Magazines & Newspapers: A:432 J:87 Discarded:421 Added: 74 Hotspots:20
Circulation Statistics	Adult:960 Teen:55 Children:592 Total: 1660	A&V materials: A:468, J:9 Magazines & Newspapers A:12 J:44
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 298	
Programming Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-135 trick or treaters (some from as faraway as Waterbury!) and their families attended the Black Rock Halloween Parade and Pizza Party</li><li>-Computer 101 classes continue to be popular</li><li>-David has had at least 8 persons for Digital Navigator help.</li><li>-Room use 5</li></ul>	
Staff Development	First Notary Service!	

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## Highlights

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October is crisp days and cool nights, a time to curl up around the dancing flames and sink into a good book—John Sinar

Sometimes it's a struggle to get people to want to curl up with a good (or even a bad) book. But Trina's Horror book display for Halloween got patrons to stop, study and select. We hope they had some good scary nights with their choices! Ditto, Ms. Ana's display of scary movies located about the lobby light house. Patrons enjoy having all the scares centralized in one place. In addition, the many fake rats, black cats, bats and ghosts (created by Trina) added to the spookiness and festiveness of the season.

"Please can you do this again next week?" Anonymous child.

The Halloween Parade and Pizza Party, while not as heavily attended as in the past, did bring in approximately 135 or more trick or treaters and their families. Volunteers from our public and from our other branches joined in. (Thank you, Mann, Diane, Taja, Mike and Breta). We had simple crafts which parents and children worked on together, a room to sit and talk, music to get scared by and ghost stories to shiver the spine. One tiny Captain America was thrilled to see David M. as our adult Captain America and asked to have his picture taken with his idol! A very good time was had by all!!!

-Ms. Trina performed her First Notary service! The patrons were happy to pose for pictures and Trina did well by them! Comments have been positive about the new service.

Computer 101 programs continue to be popular. David, who runs most of the appointments, is also our new Digital Navigator and has had several appointments to talk with patrons about their electronic requirements.

Other programs aimed at our children have seen low attendance. We continue to work on letting parents know through flyers and through various local organizations who send their clients to us for story time.

We have begun to see a renewed interest in "renting" rooms or having drop ins use the rooms on a spontaneous basis when they have a study group or similar; several bookings have been made into the new year.

Hoping for a warm and busy November.