

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

BLACK ROCK BRANCH

June 2023 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	New library cards: TOTAL # (15 A, 0 YA, 7 J) Number of visitors: 1,759 Number of online database sessions: n/a	Questions answered: 490 (157 Ref, 150 Other, 183 Technical Assistance) Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 164/187
Collection Statistics	Adult: 17,047 (52 added) Teen: 1,911 (6 added) Children: 16,687 (68 added)	A&V materials: 8,765 (66 added) Magazines & Newspapers: 590 (27 added) Hotspots: 30 (0 added) TOTAL: 45, 067 (221 added and 220 withdrawn)
Circulation Statistics	Adult: 532 plus 24 in-house use Teen: 13 plus 151 in-house use Children: 524 plus 127 in-house use	A&V materials: 377 plus 4 in-house use Magazines & Newspapers: 26 plus 3 in-house use Hot spots: 25 Cultural passes: 6 TOTALS 1503 plus 158 in-house use.
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 271 WIFI use: 142	
Staff Development	None this month	

<p>Programming Milestones TOTALS: Programs: 26 Attendance: 183 Room use: 7 Attendance: n/a</p>	<p>In-house programs:</p> <p>Ongoing Programming:</p> <p>0 Digital Navigator interactions: 0 6 Notary app't's: 6 4 Weekly Craft: 45 4 Story Times: 6 0 Genealogy 1:1's: 0 4 Computer 1:1's : 4</p> <p>One-Off Programming:</p> <p>Career Planning 101: 0 Mid-Career Discovery: 3 Avoiding Senior Scams (VIRT): 5 Juneteenth Tales: 3 Juneteenth in Song: 9 Beardsley Zoo Scavenger Hunt: 17 Garden Party: 60</p> <p>Outreach Events and Activities:</p> <p>St. Ann's School Program: 25 Black Rock Day Parade: "larger number" per news 12 (no official count taken or given).</p>	
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Highlights

Adult Services

Collections

- Weeding has been ongoing but slow. Staff would like to weed more effectively moving forward. With the onset of the new FY plans will be laid to expedite the weeding and ordering process. The current collection in Black Rock is larger than our space can comfortably accommodate without additional shelving, which is not realistic currently in our space.

Outreach and Networking

- the Black Rock Branch represented the Library in the Black Rock Parade in June. Current and former staff participated, along with Board member Tom Errichetti.

Concerns:

- low patron usage of spaces, water issues in the building limiting usage of basement rooms. Starting in July we will begin to sort through items in storage to get inventory of what we have and see what we need in terms of programming and other supplies.

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Collections

- Spanish items seem to circulate at Black Rock, and several Spanish speaking patrons (some who speak no/very limited English) have visited. Perhaps we should look at expanding our Spanish language collection if we can make the space needed.

Outreach and Networking

- In June, Black Rock reached out to St. Ann school. We have plans to reach out to all community schools (public, private, and daycare) this fall to begin to rebuild our programming base.

Concerns:

- Very low usage of the library by teens, both as a space and in terms of the collection (though the in-house counts of materials show fairly high numbers for teen materials in the building).