

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Black Rock Branch Monthly Report November 2022

Service Statistics	<p>Number of new library cards:A:15, J:7 Total:22 Number of visitors: 1566</p>	<p>Number of questions answered: R:280, D:301 T: 204 Total:775 Number of interlibrary loans (in/out):163/219 Number of online database sessions: Outside Room Usage: 5 groups.</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: Teen: Children: Total:</p>	<p>A&V materials: Magazines & Newspapers: Discarded: 574 Added: 43 HotSpots:20</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult:1002 Teen:21 Children:585 Total: 1608</p>	<p>A&V materials:517 Magazines & Newspapers:54 Hot Spots: 33</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 276</p>	
Programming Milestones	<p>D. Morales has 15 + digital navigator students We had two excellent programs on Indigenous Peoples: Music of the Indigenous with Craig Harris and Sky Tails by Mystic Paper Beasts—which were attended solely by staff even with lots of advertising. Patrons were glad to see the return of the Knitting Club, if only for a few weeks. Jeff's program, The United States of Cryptids was attended by 20 people on Zoo and over 150 checked out the archived Facebook program.</p>	
Staff Development	<p>Michele was part of Tellabration at Bridgeport with Bina W. and Laconia Therrio. She was supposed to be part of the same program at Greenwich Public Library, but COVID prevented her from attending.</p> <p>Jeff planned 2023 programs with CT Historical Society, familiarized himself with Black Rock materials and Circ procedures and has begun ordering new graphic novels and CDs</p>	

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Highlights

Every time I get to encounter or work with librarians, I'm always impressed by their sheer awesomeness—Neil Gaiman, author

It was a tough month. We lost the talented Ana Felipe to the Children's Department downtown, but we gained the equally talented Jeff Coutts, who has already planned several impressive programs for 2023. Jeff also weeded our biography section, dug into our reference materials to find where we are lacking and has been ordering Movies and graphic novels to brighten up our collection.

David Morales has been working with several Digital Navigator clients who are grateful for this program. Sadly, our Computer 101 attendance has been down a bit as we are currently holding programs to Tuesday and Thursday.

Programming continues to be hit or miss. We advertise and promote programs to patrons, hand out flyers, etc. And patrons are very excited by the programs we offer, but they will not to commit to attending. At all. Two excellent, educational and entertaining programs on Indigenous Peoples were attended solely by staff. One bone of contention, according to patrons, is the lack of parking.

Shout out to the custodial staff for keeping us clean and for all their efforts in the "Keep Black Rock Floors" dry marathon.

We were plagued with illness as COVID and ordinary colds knocked out half the staff at different times.