

## Black Rock Branch Monthly Report September 2022

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Attendance Statistics	<p>Number of new library cards:59 A: 43; J: 15; YA: 1 Number of visitors: 1850</p>	<p>Number of questions answered: R:222 O:330 Total:552 Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): In; 181/Out:265 Number of online database sessions: N/A Computer 101: 9 sessions</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 27113 Teen: 2316 Children: 17474 Total: 46903</p>	<p>A&amp;V: A:9151, J:525, YA:13 Total: 9689 Magazines &amp; Newspapers: A:169, J:138 Total:307 Hotspots:20 Discarded: 237 Added: 78</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 785 Teen:14 Children: 403 Total: 1202</p>	<p>A&amp;V materials: A: 397 J: 15 Total 412 Magazines &amp; Newspapers A: 24 J: 5 Total: 29 Hotspots: 24 Room use: 2</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 330 WIFI use: 166</p>	
Programming Milestones	<p>Sadly, despite word of mouth, Event Brite, flyers everywhere, not to mention our Facebook page and the Library home page, programs were thinly attended. We know that in some cases this is because of kids going back to school and parents not necessarily being able to leave home.</p>	
Staff Development	<p>Trina Preston has become not only our Notary, but will be working as liaison with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ed to develop STEM and STEAM programs David Morales will be our Digital Navigator David, Ana and Michele attended a meeting on the new library app.</p>	

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## Highlights

**“August was smoking hot, then September walked in as cool as a cucumber, and made her presence felt.”**

**— Charmaine J Forde**

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September was chilly one day, warm the next. Black Rock was busy one day, still the next.

Programs continue to be a hard sell. Despite several local child and parent agencies checking in for story hour times and promising to send their clients to us, Bilingual Storytime, Play n’ Tell and Arts and Crafts are sparsely attended. While we have opened the teen room up for use by teens, the teens we were hoping to bring in have decided to hang out somewhere else. Adult Yoga Basics attendance was spotty with a person here, then no one next week and one person the next. We heard thru the grapevine that some of our seniors are going to North Branch for Yoga as they do not like our parking situation. A program aimed at seniors and adults, which seemed a sure fire thing (who isn’t interested in slashing the high cost of medicines?) did not tackle a single adult. We are trying a different tack for October, having the lecturer simply be available for two hours to talk to people and answer questions. There has been interest in October’s knitting program and the upcoming Halloween festivities. Sarah G. had to cancel her genealogy programs due to illness. She has posted new days and times for October and November. Aspiring Authors saw the return of one member and possibly the addition of another. We remain hopeful.

Requests are coming in for room usage starting in October and we are cleaning the rooms out. We have also liberated chairs from the closet so we can accommodate movie goers next month.

Trina continues to tantalize and amaze patrons with her riddle boards and book displays. Ana continues to come up with fun new displays and Facebook presentations. Sarah and Carmen work on weeding and withdrawal while David learns his new duties as Digital Navigator. EVERYONE has been helping to clean out old books and other trash we didn’t know existed.

Staff Development: See First page. Also, we cannot say enough good about our new security guard, Glenda Jones. She has been a great addition to the staff.

We had some hiccups with patrons. One patron felt disrespected because another patron was sitting in his preferred area and there were some tense moments. Another patron who was essentially abandoned here after being released from prison tried to cause enough vandalism so that he would be arrested and jailed again. Tony was good enough to paint over the black crayon scrawls left by this patron. Another patron expressed frustration with needed repairs to fascia and door jambs, insisting she would pay for someone to do it all. Finally, other patrons gathering downstairs for a program, were vocal about the condition of the floors which need to be sanded, painted and sealed.