



# Black Rock Branch

## APRIL 2026

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: number of visitors:	35 1958	Number of questions answered: [Reference, Technical, Other]	
			REFERENCE: 296 OTHER: 352 TECH: 79 TOTAL: 727	
Collections Statistics	Collection Size: Total Added:	32711 162		
Circulation Statistics	Total Circ: In House:	1533 56		
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: Total Wifi connections:	445 313		
Room Usage	Room: Bookings, Attendance			
	Bookings: Attendance:	3 51 est	Study Room Requests: Attendance:	14 17
Programming	<b>REGULAR PROGRAMMING:</b>			
	4 Weekly Crafts:		25 Patrons	
	7 Story Times:		46 Patrons	
	1 Adult Book Club:		4 Patrons	
	2 STEAM Thursdays		0 Patrons	
	2 Family Movies		4 Patrons	
	2 Movies for Grownups		3 Patrons	
	2 Lego Club		3 Patrons	
	2 Crafternoon		5 Patrons	
	<b>SPECIAL PROGRAMMING</b>			
	1 Significance of Seeds		3 Patrons	
	TOTAL # SPECIAL PROGRAMS	1	3 TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED	
Other Services	Digital Navigator Notary Passport	3 Sessions 14 Patrons N/A	2 Patrons 14 Documents	
Outreach	Date, Event, Approx. # of people reached			
	4/16/2026 Black Rock School Literacy Night		40 people	
	TOTAL # OUTREACH EVENTS	1	40 TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED	
Staff Development	Date(s) 4/27/2026	Attendee(s) Margaret	Title/Topic(s) CLA-Annual Conference-various topics	

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Our biggest highlight this month is the launch of the Black Rock seed exchange, in partnership with the Black Rock Garden Club. It has proven immensely successful and after being out only a week we already have more than 20 patrons participating! There are plans to parlay this interest into a series of gardening programs year-round to support our gardening communities as well.

## COLLECTIONS

- We continue to weed diligently: Juvenile nonfiction has been re-weeded and will actually be weeded again soon. So many materials are very old on our shelves. A bonus of the shift to Brodart has been a better ability to find and acquire nonfiction materials for kids; so massive amounts of new nonfiction have been ordered. •We shifted materials in the juvenile collections; nonfiction was moved to the shelves in the children's area and j fiction went to where the nonfiction was formerly housed. We will need to run comparison stats in a few weeks to verify but anecdotally at least we see more nonfiction being taken out now. •During our class visits in March, we had noticed an increase in the number of Spanish language children's books being sought out. We had already been working to improve our adult Spanish language collections and now juvenile titles are also being sought out. I expect fair numbers of Spanish materials to be ordered in May.

## PROGRAMS

- Programs this month remained steady in attendance. STEAM has decreased in the past few weeks; we will be running as planned through June but I want to redesign it somewhat for a relaunch later in the summer. •Our Significance of Seeds Program did not receive high attendance but I attribute this to conflicting programming; unfortunately Black Rock School had their Literacy Night the same night which we did not know until we had already worked out a date with our presenter. The same crowd that goes to Literacy Night tends to be our crowd for library programs.

## OUTREACH AND NETWORKING

- Outreach season is well underway. We attended the Black Rock School Literacy Night, and we have plans already in place for the Black Rock Parade and possibly a July 4th event here in Black Rock (hosted by the BRCC) as well.

## CONCERNS

- various issues noted in prior reports are still outstanding but are being worked on with David and his team.
- NEW ITEM: development of back green area of the library ( between building and condos). I would like to see this area simply landscaped for use by the library for additional outdoor seating and programming space. Specific issues: costs, insect management (insect management for entire outdoor area is a concern: mosquitos thrive around us, and ticks are a real concern, especially when we have children's activities).