

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Black Rock Branch Monthly Report: June 2022

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards A:26 J:12 Restricted: 2 Total: 40 Number of visitors: 1923	Number of questions answered: Ref 330 Other 410 Total: 740 Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 158/285 Number of online database sessions: WIFI: 190
Collection Statistics	Adult: 29,520 (59%) Teen: 2558 (5%) Children: 17973 (35.8%) Total: 50076	A&V materials: J:667 A:10019 YA:14 Total:10700 = 21% Magazines & Newspapers: A:500 J:118 Total:618 (1.2%) Discards:537 Added: 182
Circulation Statistics	Adult: 1005 Teen: 24 Children: 508 Total 1537	A&V materials: A: 469 J: 23 Total: 492 Magazines & Newspapers: A28 J:8 Total: 36 Hotspots: 9
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month 305:	
Programming Milestones	Computers 101 taught by A. Felipe and S. Greenberg is a triumph, upwards of 10 – 12 people and more on the way. Turning Point Computers, a disappointment as those who promised to come did not show. Arts and Crafts has become super popular! Bilingual Story time and Play n Tell are seeing a surge of patron participation	
Staff Development	A Felipe is exploring the requirements for getting her MLS M Jacobson is taking the Niche Academy monthly leadership pgm D. Morales is going through all how to vids for Evergreen	

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Highlights

Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June. [Al Bernstein](#)

STAFF: June began with a new LAI. David Morales has shown himself to be an energetic team player who is rapidly becoming a favorite with patrons. Welcome, David!

FRESH EYES: Ana Felipe and Sarah Greenberg have been tweaking our procedures for efficiency and ease. All of us height challenged people love the rearrangement of holds and office supplies. The Ana/Trina team have created an instantly popular arts and crafts class and turned our bulletin boards into campers' oases for Summer Reading. Michele attended webinars on leadership and cataloging practices.

PROGRAMS: The bad news: The same patrons who begged us to bring back Turning Point Computer coaching were also the same ones who did not show up for same. This, despite flyers, advertising on all our social media AND the teacher himself calling students to remind them. Very disappointing. This held true for other programs, including the "Pronouns and Definitions" program for LBGTQ+ and the book discussion of "On Juneteenth" which brought in one person—who thought it was going to be a dramatic reading of the book.

BUT ON THE OTHER HAND: The one on one computer classes have been very popular. We have seen an uptick in all kids' programming. Both story hours and the arts and crafts program are enjoying a renaissance. Trina Preston's Juneteenth displays were very popular with patrons as were the Juneteenth crafts and puzzles.

WE CHANGE LIVES: Ana Felipe's computer instruction and resume skills helped not one, but two patrons find jobs. Stacy and Debbie hadn't gotten a hit on InDeed.com. After Ana spoke with them about streamlining resumes and showed them what to do, Stacey got 26 hits immediately and had 4 job offers, while Debbie got an instant request for an interview—and the job. Best part: Stacey is a motivational speaker and has volunteered to do once a month programs at Black Rock on different topics!

PATRONS PARTICIPATE: We got our first volunteer for our upcoming Halloween Parade and Party! Only a few more months before the lights go out and zombies party!

HOUSEKEEPING: Weeding continues. One of the goals of weeding is to bring some of the books down a shelf so they can be accessed without step stools or begging tall people for help. Large type nonfiction has been integrated with the regular nonfiction. Our entire back office has been transformed and items labeled.