



Black Rock Branch

JUNE 2026

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 33		Number of questions answered: [Reference, Technical, Other]	
	number of visitors: 2147			
			REFERENCE: 355	OTHER: 407 TECH: 118 TOTAL: 880
Collections Statistics	Collection Size: 31931			
	Total Added: 395			
Circulation Statistics	Total Circ: 1354			
	In House: 29			
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 583			
	Total Wifi connections: 331			
Room Usage	Room: Bookings, Attendance		* Party in the Garden event brought a large crowd this month	
	Bookings: 5	Study Room Requests: 33		
	Attendance: 94 *	Attendance: 36		
Programming	REGULAR PROGRAMMING:			
	5 Weekly Crafts:	30 Patrons		
	4 Story Times:	40 Patrons		
	1 Adult Book Club:	4 Patrons		
	4 Adult exercrise:	45 Patrons	YOGA	
	2 STEAM Thursdays	0 Patrons		
	2 Family Movies	2 Patrons		
	2 Movies for Grownups	1 Patrons		
	2 Lego Club	3 Patrons		
	2 Crafternoon	0 Patrons		
	SPECIAL PROGRAMMING			
	6/11/26 What's up with plants?	4 Patrons		
	6/27/26 Baba Kazi (African Drumming)	4 Patrons		
	TOTAL # SPECIAL PROGRAMS 2	8	TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED	
Other Services	Digital Navigator 2 Sessions	2 Patrons		
	Notary 26 Patrons	21 Documents		
	Passport N/A			
Outreach	Date, Event, Approx. # of people reached			
	6/14/2026 Black Rock Day Parade	650 people		
	TOTAL # OUTREACH EVENTS 1	650	TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED	
Staff Development	Date(s)	Attendee(s)	Title/Topic(s)	

HIGHLIGHTS

COLLECTIONS

- continuing to aggressively weed children's nonfiction.
- waiting on arrival of new, updated juvenile nonfiction
- patrons continue to praise the adult collection both in content and in our updated arrangement of materials
- shelf space is a concern in the children's section so we are planning a major weed of picture book materials to make room for new items.

PROGRAMS

- Program attendance was down at our bigger events this month but remains steady overall. With the onset of the new FY, Mat and I are planning some new series and hope to expand some of our already-established themes.
- This summer we are trying a new format for SRP programs: rather than fighting the Lighthouse camps in our area for attendance, the bulk of our SRP events will occur in August, after camps let out. This is based on prior year's experiences, where programs hosted while camps were in session just did not draw people. Hopefully but scheduling when camp is out and parents are looking for things for kids to do, we can boost those numbers.
- one adult patron has already told us how excited they were for the genre-challenge portion of Adult Summer Reading; hopefully the sentiment is wide-spread!

OUTREACH AND NETWORKING

- The Black Rock Day Parade seemed less well- attended than in prior years. Not sure if it was the weather (quite hot) or it was because we were almost last in the lineup this year and people had already left the parade route. On the plus side, the crowd did seem to love the signs we chose to march with ("Let Freedom Read")
- while not listed on our outreach stats here; I do want to note that our staff were VERY active this month in outreach systemwide: Trina and Latara both marched in the Juneteenth Parade, and Trina also participated in #100 Girls Leading.

CONCERNS

- increasing numbers of patrons are seeking study space at BR, which we do not technically have. In addition to my recommendation to dismantle our second kitchen (the appliances no longer work consistently) into a small meeting room, I also recommend exploring ways to better convert Program Room 1 into multiple study areas OR investing in self-contained study pods. These pods are enclosed and soundproofed and can be placed throughout open spaces to create semi-private spaces for patrons in need of quiet space or a space to use phones/attend meetings, etc.