



Black Rock Branch

MAY 2026

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: number of visitors:	34 1753	Number of questions answered: [Reference, Technical, Other]	
			REFERENCE: 397 OTHER: 467 TECH: 131 TOTAL: 995	
Collections Statistics	Collection Size: Total Added:	32456 231		
Circulation Statistics	Total Circ: In House:	1252 13		
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: Total Wifi connections:	369 347		
Room Usage	Room: Bookings, Attendance			
	Bookings: Attendance:	0 0	Study Room Requests: Attendance:	10 12
Programming	REGULAR PROGRAMMING:			
	4 Weekly Crafts: 5 Story Times: 1 Adult Book Club: 4 Adult exercise: 1 STEAM Thursdays 1 Family Movies 3 Movies for Grownups 3 Lego Club 1 Crafternoon		16 Patrons 30 Patrons 5 Patrons 33 Patrons 0 Patrons 1 Patrons 3 Patrons 7 Patrons 0 Patrons	YOGA
	SPECIAL PROGRAMMING			
	Web They Wove Farm Fun		10 Patrons 53 Patrons	
Other Services	Digital Navigator Notary Passport	0 Sessions 12 Patrons N/A	0 Patrons 12 Documents	
Outreach	Date, Event, Approx. # of people reached			
Staff Development	Date(s) Attendee(s) Mat B. Mat.B Margaret G.		Title/Topic(s) Sustaining a Seed Library You're Not a Social Worker TIAL: Hands Up!: Live ASL Practice for Library Staff (2 sessions)	

HIGHLIGHTS

COLLECTIONS

- We have spent down all of our book money and a good portion of our movie money. Given how our collection is being used, I think we should take some of our DVD money and redirect it next year- I would suggest either to other digital tools (Wonderbooks, Launchpads) or perhaps STEAM equipment such as Ozobots, Lego robotics, Tonies, etc. • I would like to see additional money allocated to STEAM equipment in general for children and adults. BR is lucky enough to have \$500 from the Friends (plan to spend this summer on STEAM equipment for fall and beyond) but there is a lot all branches could do with a small STEAM fund- perhaps even create a small, circulating collection of equipment or kits catering to STEAM interests. • We have had several patrons come in this year complementing our adult collections. Mat has done an excellent job of taking point on weeding and rebuilding this portion of our collection.

PROGRAMS

- Our Web They Wove program had smaller turnout than we would have hoped but still quite good for a history program held at a branch. Plus at least one patron who attended told us how impressed she was when she returned a week or so later to return materials. • This year's Farm Fun program had great attendance- I think mostly in part to Mat really catching the rhythm of how to reach our BR audiences via his own posting and through communicating with Marketing Rowe.

OUTREACH AND NETWORKING

- No outreach this month...but we have the Black Rock Parade and the Black Rock Farmer's Market lined up already for summer, and a possible appearance at an America 250 program hosted by the BRCC, AND we are working to finalize our appearance at this year's KidFest (part of Porchfest).

CONCERNS

- No new major concerns right now. Building work, especially the facade and brickwork around the flagpole is set to start imminently, and two members of David's team (Jose and Antonio) have been working on a variety of small projects that need attending to. • Old issues needing addressing: The phone system needs to be prioritized; the current, temporary, resolution is NOT working well for staff or patrons. We still need camera along the Melrose side of the building. In late May/Early June there were TWO car accidents involving staff (being sideswiped while parked). One person came in and talked to the car owner, making insurance arrangements, etc. but the other person never showed up in our building. We really need to be able to follow up on what is going on outside the building along that side!