

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

BLACK ROCK BRANCH

AUGUST 2023 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	<p>New library cards: TOTAL 31 (25 A, 1 YA, 5 J) Questions answered: 513 (181 Ref, 161 Other, 171 Technical Assistance)</p> <p>Number of visitors: 1784</p> <p>Number of online database sessions: n/a Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 260/399</p>	
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 17176 (201 added) A&V materials: 8290 (2 added)</p> <p>Teen: 1985 (72 added) Magazines & Newspapers: 570 (44 added)</p> <p>Children: 16292 (34 added) Hotspots: 30 (0 added)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL: 44,380 (353 added and 468 withdrawn)</p>	
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 609 plus 6 in-house use A&V materials: 479 plus 0 in-house use</p> <p>Teen: 31 plus 6 in-house use Magazines & Newspapers: 46 plus 2 in-house use</p> <p>Children: 645 plus 57 in-house use Hot spots: 17</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cultural passes: 8</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TOTALS 1835 plus 71 in-house use.</p>	
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 262</p> <p>WIFI use: 149</p>	
Staff Development	<p>Mat went to Burroughs for training and to experience all that is offered there Margaret attended the CLC leadership Academy</p>	
<p>Programming Milestones TOTALS: Programs: Attendance: 1 Room use: 2A Attendance:</p>	<p>In-house programs:</p> <p>Ongoing Programming:</p> <p>0 Digital Navigator interactions: 7 Notary appt's: 7 A 5 Weekly Craft: 6A/11C 9 Story Times: 4A/ 5C 0 Genealogy 1:1's: 0 6 Computer 1:1's : 4A</p> <p>0 One-Off Programming:</p>	

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Highlights

Adult Services

Collections

- Heavy weeding continues as we re-distribute duplicates, find damaged books, etc. Shifting continues as weeding allows.
- Mat and Margaret are preparing to order new items as we now know our budget.
- Given exceptionally low circ, we sent our current urban fic collection to Burroughs, where patrons regularly request it) and are considering whether or not to rebuild it or not.
- Using the Fayerweather Island Light model as a backdrop, Mat created a wonderful display of our "New American" materials at the front of the building. (see attached photos)

Building and Spaces

- Our basement flooded badly in mid-August; water levels reached at least 0.5" in some areas. The entire basement was affected with the exception of our staff and public restrooms and the smaller kitchen near the elevator. David came to water-vac the bulk of the flooding ASAP but this type of situation does present ongoing challenges to the building, our collections, and our staff.
 - We can't position staff downstairs easily due to air quality concerns (we regularly find mold)
 - We can't store materials downstairs meaning processing-leaving the circ desk messy sometimes
 - I am reluctant to allow patrons downstairs; it is a poor representation of Black Rock individually and the Bridgeport Public Library as a whole (and I have found notes in Michele's files noting patron complaints about the space). In addition, this heavily restricts our programming space
- David and his crew DID spot treat several moldy walls that were found in August.
- Brian came and we began shifting our PC's and printing equipment. Printing and scanning will be offered near the PC's rather than all the way in the Children's entry area. We also created a small, but used, space for people to sit and plug in their own computers to use. He also set up our Square register and we began using it immediately. Patrons are responding to it very well.

Outreach and Networking

- August remained quiet but Margaret and Shauna worked with the Library Card Signup subcommittee to create signage and otherwise prep for Library card Signup month. Black Rock plans to table right outside where we have an active bus stop and offer refreshments from local businesses if possible, signing people up for cards, inviting them to programs, etc.
- Margaret is in contact with 2 schools (Bryant, Black Rock) to collaborate to get cards in kids hands and planning for class visits in the fall. Hopefully September and October prove busy on the outreach front.

Concerns

- See above, Building and Spaces

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Collections

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- Heavy weeding continues. To make room in the Children's area, *duplicate* materials in our "summer" collections will be removed from the shelves and stored except during June, July and August.

Building and Spaces

- No major changes.

Outreach and Networking

- None this month

Concerns:

- None so far.