



Black Rock Branch

DECEMBER 2025

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards:	46	Number of questions answered:	
	number of visitors:	1445	[Reference, Technical, Other]	
			REFERENCE:	273 OTHER: 459 TECH: 133
			TOTAL: 865	
Collections Statistics	Collection Size:	32668		
	Total Added:	65		
Circulation Statistics	Total Circ:	1275		
	In House:	67		
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month:	265		
	Total Wifi connections:	215		
Room Usage	Room: Bookings, Attendance			
	Bookings:	5		
	Attendance:	38		
Programming	REGULAR PROGRAMMING:			
	5 Weekly Crafts:		18 Patrons	
	10 Story Times:		32 Patrons	
	1 STEAM Thursdays		2 Patrons	
	2 Digital Orientation		0 Patrons	
	2 Family Movies		10 Patrons	
	1 Movies for Grownups		2 Patrons	
	1 Lego Club		2 Patrons	
	2 Crafternoon		7 Patrons	
	SPECIAL PROGRAMMING			
	12/18/2025	Santa Visit	Patrons	78
	12/29/2025	STEAM Holiday Slime!	Patrons	3
Other Services	Digital Navigator	9 Sessions	7 Patrons	
	Notary	7 Patrons	7 Documents	
	Passport	N/A		
Outreach	Date, Event, Approx. # of people reached			
	12/16/2025	Black Rock School PAC fundraiser	4 people	
	12/8/2025	Curiale School Visit	75 people	
Staff Development	No staff trainings this month, but Joel continues to take on additional duties as he becomes accustomed to his role as LA III for Black Rock.			

HIGHLIGHTS

COLLECTIONS

- We spent much time in late November and December updating our YTD book orders; the recent demise of B&T resulted in a flurry of item order cancelations and a fair amount of effort was needed to sort what was and what was *not* going to arrive. All adult purchases have been updated, and children's is underway with completion expected in early January.

PROGRAMS

- As usual, Santa and Mrs. Claus made time in their very busy December schedules to stop by for a visit. A simple evening of stories, games, and hot chocolate and cookies, along with Santa pics that seems greatly appreciated by our patrons!

- We have decided to drop our Monday morning story time; it simply is not gaining traction. We will be starting a Saturday story time in February to see if that garners interest. Wednesday story times continue to thrive with a small but very active audience.

- With no attendance at our Digital Open House, we've decided to drop that program as well. It would be better to focus our energies either on outreach tech programs or other community partnerships. However, it is worth noting that our computer 1:1 visits remain robust with several visits each month and many repeat customers.

OUTREACH AND NETWORKING

- December was a quiet month with one school visit and one community fundraiser. The fundraiser- at least while the Library was there- was very quiet. The fundraiser was specifically to benefit the Black Rock School PAC.

CONCERNS

- there is a need for additional cameras at BR, specifically along the Melrose Ave side of the building.