

# BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

## Black Rock Branch Monthly Report January 2022

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 18 A:13 J: 3 YA: 2 Number of visitors: 1281	Number of questions answered: R:235, O:589 Total: 824 Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 139/249 Number of online database sessions:
Collection Statistics	Adult: 29344 (total) Teen 2610 (AV & Mags fall under A and J) Children: 20837 (Total) Grand Total: Appr: 50596 New: A:101, J:15, YA: 1 Total: 117	A&V materials: 9709 (A-9709, .33%) (J-931, .044%) Total: 10640, 21% Magazines & Newspapers: 477 (A-.016%) (J: 88, .0042%) Total: 565, .01%
Circulation Statistics	Adult: 933 (Total; 13 in house) Teen: 36 (Total) Children: 391 (Total, 23 in house) Total: 1342; 36 in house	A&V materials: A: 415 approx. 45% J: 23 approx. 6% Total: 438 Magazines & Newspapers: A: 23 (.025%) J: 1 (.002%)
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 1281	
Programming Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Demystifying Medicare (Zoom)-2</li><li>● Aspiring Authors (Zoom) 2</li><li>● Story Telling Jar (0)</li><li>● Tech Sandbox (0)</li><li>● Explorers: Boxes Game (11 teens!)</li><li>● We're starting a teen writer's club!!!</li></ul>	
Staff Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Staff Development Day</li></ul>	

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30 days hath September, April, June, and November; When short February's done, all the rest have 31. Except for January which hath 973. Unknown

## Highlights

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January was a tough open: three staff members sick and one on loan to another branch. For a single harrowing week, just two staff members (with occasional help from other branches) were keeping the lights on. Happily, our patrons are an understanding sort! It was wonderful the second week, when all our staff were restored to health! As of this writing one other person is out, but we hope to see them back soon.

Programs were placed on backburners until staff could return. While the “Paws for Nourishment” pet food swap box has captured the imagination of pet loving patrons, other programs did not fare as well. The once popular Story Telling Jar seems to have run its course and we will look to try something else. Similarly, the book club is a tough sell. Michael had a pop up program for our bored teens and two people attended “Demystifying Medicare.” This last program was done in conjunction with SSNA and we have two more of their programs coming up on ID Theft and Wills in February and March respectively.

We did our best to keep up with both book weeding and book ordering. The change in hours helps limit frustration. Now that we are back to speed, it has been very helpful to have a couple of hours to do paperwork, decoration, meeting and planning.

We are seeing a return of teens and tweens to the library. This group comes in once a day after school and while they get a little rowdy. They are mostly delightful and polite kids. Michael has had success with getting them to join in on various games and some of them have expressed an interest in starting a teen writer's club—which will be on Wednesday afternoons, weekly. We are trying to put more ideas to entice our tween and teen audience. It's never easy.

One ray of sunshine came through in a comment from a patron on our Facebook Page. To cheer up the dark broodings of January, we have been posting cute animal pictures—some with commentary, some without. A patron dropped us a line to tell us how much fun they are and how much they enjoy the cute postings and to please keep it up.

And so, we shall.

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