



Black Rock Branch

JULY 2026

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards:	54	Number of questions answered:	
	number of visitors:	1808	[Reference, Technical, Other]	
			REFERENCE: 333 OTHER: 388 TECH: 136	
			TOTAL: 857	
Collections Statistics	Collection Size:	31417		
	Total Added:	161		
Circulation Statistics	Total Circ:	1266		
	In House:	37		
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month:	356		
	Total Wifi connections:	286		
Room Usage	Room: Bookings, Attendance			
	Bookings:	1	Study Room Requests:	19
	Attendance:	6	Attendance:	19
Programming	REGULAR PROGRAMMING:			
	3 Weekly Crafts:		18 Patrons	
	4 Story Times:		33 Patrons	
	1 Adult Book Club:		4 Patrons	
	1 STEAM Thu		0 Patrons	
	1 Family Movies		0 Patrons	
	2 Movies for Grownups		4 Patrons	
	2 Lego Club		3 Patrons	
	1 Crafternoon		0 Patrons	
	SPECIAL PROGRAMMING			
	7/2/2026	Happy Birthday USA	10 Patrons	
Other Services	Digital Navigator	2 Sessions	2 Patrons	
	Notary	17 Patrons	17 Documents	
	Passport	N/A		
Outreach	Date, Event, Approx. # of people reached			
	7/18/2026	BR Farmer's Market	15 people	
	7/23/2026	BR NRZ meeting	14 people	
	TOTAL # OUTREACH EVENTS	2	29 TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED	
Staff Development				

HIGHLIGHTS

July was an exciting month here in Black Rock; we started out on a high note early in the month with the repair of our facade (delayed someone to accommodate the young birds in the eaves). But our building took a major hit in the latter end of the month when a major rainstorm came through. Unfortunately we flooded so badly we were forced to close early during the storm and remain closed to the public for a day of cleanup and repair.

COLLECTIONS

- New materials continue to be received.
- This year, we are excited to be able to order multiple copies of books; in the past we've just been too congested on our shelves to accommodate multiple copies but now we have the room to do so.
- A few months ago we completed a swap of the juvenile fiction and nonfiction locations; this move does, so far seem to have assisted in an overall increase in nonfiction circulation.

PROGRAMS

- With the popularity of various Lighthouse and other summer Camp Programs, the BR team opted to keep programming light in July. In previous years we had focused heavily on summer programming with little turnout. This year, we decided to shift our main thrust of programming to August, after camps are over. Hopefully this shift encourages more families to participate in library programming.
- Our story times are growing again; this time with babies. Our big kids are great examples for these newbies, and have exhibited so much growth!
- We focused much of this past year on pre-school style activities; parents and kids enjoyed them, and parents indicated they liked crafts for their older kids, so I think this fall we will tweak yet again to accommodate an even wider variety of activities.

OUTREACH AND NETWORKING

- This month we started our Br Farmer's Market booth up again. As we did last year, we opted to attend less frequently to accommodate both staffing and Farmer's Market needs. We have found that going less frequently actually generates a lot more interest, and this year seems to be shaping up similarly. At our July booth, we made 10 new library cards!

CONCERNS

The re-emergence of our flooding issues is deeply concerning; in addition to the immediate issues of having to close and risk to materials in storage, there are longer term concerns with programming, with mold and building damages, and with the overall usability of our basement. A large amount of the progress Jose made in terms of painting the floors, for example, was destroyed by the flooding. In addition, a wooden bookshelf was destroyed, and a number of our outreach supplies were damaged and had to be thrown away. David and his team are aware and are working on both causes and solutions.