

March 2021 Report

Black Rock Library

The struggle is real! Black Rock took a deep, collective breath and dived into reopening with enthusiasm and trepidation. Part of our trouble was trying to fit in sick days, vacation time and various meetings as the staff came back together as a single body.

Weeding has become a project. With all the new books coming in we need the space! Page Joe Domschine heroically works at keeping the shelves stocked, the books quarantined and sanitized, sticking with a strict schedule. Henrietta processes incoming materials with Ana. Michael is formulating some teen programs to try over the course of April, May and June. Michele has a new story program "The Story Telling Jar" a 45 minute evening program for kids and their families. It's starting slowly, but in three sessions she has gone from one child and one parent to four kids and three parents. As word gets round, we hope to see an uptick soon.

Patrons are SO excited to us open again. We have been getting many enthusiastic greets and responses from our patrons (some of them teary-eyed) who cannot wait to get back to full time browsing and using computers in the library.

Thus far, there have been no Covid related incidents and all seems to be well.

Our biggest claim t fame however, is Dr. Joan Miller, a member of our Aspiring Authors Club, submitted her romance novel to BiblioBoard's Indie Authors Project and was accepted! The rest of us are hoping to emulate her success!

We are all looking forward to a bright April.

Respectfully submitted,

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