

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

BLACK ROCK BRANCH

MAY 2024 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	New library cards: TOTAL 40 (18A, 1 YA, 21 J) Number of visitors: 970 Number of online database sessions: n/a	Questions answered: 436 TOTAL (155 Ref, 137 Other, 144 Technical Assistance) Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 310/362
Collection Statistics	Adult: 8889 (156 added) Teen: 1831 (41 added) Children: 15316 (133 added)	A&V materials: 7246 (2 added) Magazines & Newspapers: 606 (39 added) Hotspots: 30 (1 added) TOTAL: 39828 (366 added and 593 withdrawn)
Circulation Statistics	Adult: 678 plus 24 in-house use Teen: 41 plus 1 in-house use Children: 452 plus 97 in-house use	A&V materials: 410 plus 19 in-house use Magazines & Newspapers: 45 plus 14 in-house use Hot spots: 8 Cultural passes: 5 TOTALS 1639 plus 155 in-house use
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 228 WIFI use: 63	
Staff Development	None this month	

<p>Programming Milestones TOTALS: Programs: 20 Attendance: 30 children/ 42 adults/ 2 Teens Room use: 5 Attendance: 53 (approx.)</p>	<p>In-house programs:</p> <p>Ongoing Programming:</p> <p>11 Notary appt's: 11 adults 2 Weekly Craft: 12 Children/6 Adults/1 Teen 5 Story Times: 7 Child/8 Adults 3 Computer 1:1's: 3 adults 3 Adult Group Computer Class: 5 adults 1 Adult Book club: 3 adults 1 Teen Crafts: 1 Teen 2 Adult ESL Convo groups: 6</p> <p>One-Off Programming:</p> <p>Adult Pilates: 3 (est.) Adult Tai Chi: 3 (est.) Mother's Day Special: 11 Children/5 Adults Black Rock School Visit (outreach): 4 children, 8 adults</p>	
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Highlights

Adult Services

Collections-We've spent most of our money, but Vivian has indicated I can keep ordering through 6/17. We are waiting for a large number of materials that have yet to arrive.

Programs-Attendance seems to be growing. We already have regulars at our new ESL conversation group, Computer 101 has regular attendees, and our book club adds at least one new person a month.

Outreach and Networking- I was not able to attend a city-wide ESL event in late May, but I remain in contact with the BCC and the ESL teachers there. We plan to visit their summer classes to get cards made and demonstrate our databases again- we were quite popular when we went last time.

Concerns- No *major* concerns currently. Interested to see what our summer program lineup brings in! One minor concern I have is a sudden decrease in attendance this month. I'm not overly concerned yet; we went ahead and moved our counter to what seems to be a better location (should catch the elevator and stairs) but it remains to be seen whether this spot is as accurate as would be expected. I will monitor over the next month or two and assess then.

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Collections- We recently received the most up-to-date Summer Reading list books from Bina et. Al, and are now in the midst of 1) making sure we own them all 2) putting them on display, and 3) taking the books no longer on the list and editing their stickers so they no longer show up as a summer book.

Programs- Black Rock has a variety of summer programs planned: 2 animal programs and a science program will visit us, and in house almost all staff members have taken charge of at least one "pop-up" event that will run the gamut from a kid's karaoke dance party to rock painting to t-shirt bleaching and tie-dye. We are all looking forward to a summer of fun here!

Outreach and Networking- In May we were able to attend Black Rock School's Math Literacy Night, where we spoke to at least one adult in almost every family that attended. Most families already had their cards, but not everyone was familiar with our offerings beyond books.

Concerns- Low program turnout overall. I did not want to move programs around much in my first year here, but I noticed at our recent outreach that several parents were super excited that Christine's Critters will be here at 6pm, giving working parents the opportunity to attend with their kids. With this in mind, I plan to move more of our programming to the evening or offer second sessions of daytime programs for the after-work crowd.