

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Black Rock Branch May 2025

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 26 Number of visitors: 1783	Number of questions answered: (Reference, Technical, Other) REF: 137; TECH: 140; OTHER: 98 TOTAL: 375
Collection Statistics	Collection Size: 33602 Total Added: 258	
Circulation Statistics	Total Circ: 1584 In-house: 37	
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 295 Total Wifi connections: 187	
Room Usage	Room: Bookings, Attendance 9 uses, 47 patrons (est)	
Programming	6 Weekly Craft: 8 patrons 4 Story Times: 36 patrons (est) 1 Adult Book club: 4 patrons 6 Adult Yoga: 36 patrons (est) 9 ESL Conversation Group: 3 1 Nutmeg Book club (grades 4-6): 0 patrons 1 Mother's Day Arts and Crafts: 8 patrons 1 Farm Fun: 29 patrons	
Other Services	Digital Navigator: 5 patrons, 12 appointments Notary: 20 patrons, 23 documents Passport: N/A	

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Outreach	Date, Event, Approx. # of people reached
Staff Development	Staff continued to work with Linked In learning throughout May.

Highlights

May has been a busy month. Summer is shaping up to be incredible this summer: Summer Reading is prepped and excitement to launch is bubbling, and we've gotten our invites to annual local events such as the Parade and Black Rock Farmer's Market. Just a few fun summer events to look forward to that we spent this month arranging and scheduling:

- New Nutmeg Book Club for kids grades 4-6.
- A slew of STEAM Thursday programming: some in-house, some with outside organizations including the Discovery Center, Christine's Critters, and Marvelous Marvin.
- Monthly Open-Houses for new library card holders (or anyone!) to introduce patrons to great digital and other services we offer.
- Saturday afternoon kids programming (crafts and a lego club)
- A continuation of Yoga...but in our garden!

In addition to fun summer planning, our day-to-day activities did not fall behind:

Collections

Weeding continues, almost all money has been spent. A patron recently commented on how many new books we had; they were very excited!

Programs

While our ESL class attendance has dwindled (this is a pattern all over the city right now), we did have great success with our Farm Fun visit from the Stamford Museum and Nature Center. Nearly 30 people came and really loved the hands-on learning that Lisa brings. We visited with a snake, a turtle, a rabbit, a hedgehog, and tiny baby goat!

Outreach and Networking

While we received our invites and have been planning summer outreach, we did not attend any outreach this month.

Concerns

Being short staffed, especially on weekends. However, with the LA III position already posted. this should be resolved quickly.

We really need a sealed/painted basement to increase the overall functionality of the Branch:

1. we are getting more meeting room requests
2. for events like the Party in the Garden, the basement, too, is on display and it looks bad to the community
3. ants are creeping up through the cement. Sealing the floor can take care that
4. holding our events upstairs is great, but it is disruptive for those seeking quiet spaces

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Already addressed but we need to work on the facade/entry to the branch