

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Black Rock Branch Monthly Report April 2023

Service Statistics	<p>Number of new library cards: A:24, J:7 YA:1, Total:32 Number of visitors: 1773 WIFI Use: 198 clients, 154.5 GB downloaded, 17.9 GB uploaded, 172.4 GB total</p> <p>Number of questions answered: R:263, Dir:260, Tech:245 Total: 768 Number of interlibrary loans (in/out):205/243 Number of online database sessions: Notary:4 Room Use: 11</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 25753 Teen: 2040 Children: 17296 Total: 45089</p> <p>A&V materials: A:8128, J: 471, YA: 14 Total:8613 Magazines & Newspapers: A: 431, J: 109 Total: 540 Discarded: 29 Added: 89</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 1103 Teen:27 Children: 554 Total: 1684</p> <p>A&V materials: A: 500, J:23 Total: 523 Magazines & Newspapers A: 32, J:6 Total: 38 Hotspots: 19 In House Use: 97</p>
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 304</p>
Programming Milestones	<p>4/1: Cat adoption event w/Bpt Cat Rescue draws 35 people, results in 8 adoptions out of 14 cats 4/1: Easter egg hunt and party brings in 40...and the kids missed twelve eggs!!!</p>
Staff Development	<p>David Morales heads downtown while Shauna Neale is promoted and comes to Black Rock as an LA II. Staff Development Day @ Burroughs, April 28th</p>

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Highlights

“April is a promise that May is bound to keep.” Hal Borland

April rolled in with two big programs on the same “foolish” day. The Bridgeport Cat Rescue drew in 35 hopefuls (and cat fanciers who want to look) and saw 8 of 14 cats adopted. Meanwhile, that afternoon Miss Trina’s Easter Egg Party and Hunt brought in approximately 30 children (and parents) who gathered up over 200 eggs (and missed 12 that we found later) before refreshments, crafts and games.

Sarah G offered a pop-up story hour to a family of 3 boys who “pooped in” on a Saturday looking for something to do. Play n Tell is touch n go. One week Michele had 7 attendees; another day she saw no one. Meanwhile, Jeff “Beer Hiking” program drew 13 enthusiasts and 10 patrons attended “Rosie the Riveter.”

The building itself is seeing improvement with the installation of a panic button AND a coat of new paint in the basement hallway. We’re getting pretty!

Patrons and staff alike were excited to see more new books coming in. And we got some staff changes. David Morales, our popular Digital Navigator is now learning to do Reference and other new duties at Burroughs, while Shauna Neale from Lower East side has become our new Digital Navigator (and got a promotion! Way to go, Shauna!)

We are looking forward not just to May, but to June, Juneteenth and beyond!