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Black Rock Branch Monthly Report December

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 23 11 A, 11 J, 1 YA Number of visitors: 1692	Number of questions answered: 1199 Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 121/229 Number of online database sessions:
Collection Statistics	Adult: 93 Teen: 6 Children: 44	A&V materials: 5 Magazines & Newspapers:36 Approx. 22% is AV and Magazines
Circulation Statistics	Adult: 882 Teen: 29 Children: 459	A&V materials: 553 approximately 40% Magazines & Newspapers: 18 approximately .01 %
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 289	
Programming Milestones	-Access Health Visit -Vote for Your Favorite Christmas Special: 42 participants; Frosty won (19 votes) -We had two people for our Zoom Retirement program -Having trouble tempting people to programs: no one showed for most zoom programs. -2 people for our 2 live story programs before we had to cancel	
Staff Development	Joe Domschine continues to get familiar with the computer Ana Tollinchi recommending books on various topics in Spanish for children	

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Highlights **You are the glue that holds this team together. Without you, we'd be stuck!-teambuilding.com**

While our decorations kept us in the spirit (and merry and bright), it was a bit of a slog through December 2021. With staff out sick, on vacation, helping at other branches, we were soon down to three people. Once again, North Branch helped out where they could and Ana Tollinchi agreed to work every Saturday so we could have three people on the weekends.

The decorations came courtesy of Trina Preston who turned the library into a Winter Wonderland of glitter and joy. Henrietta Jefferys and Ana Tollinchi added their own talents to keeping us in good working order.

We received from Harriet Bliss of Stratford a copy of Winslow Homer's Snap the Whip. The painting will go on the shelves of the Children's Room.



We had a two day visit from Access Health, as well as a ZOOM visit with Maria Xavier from Edward Jones Inc. Sarah Santos arranged for us to get a brand new desk scanner and Peter Lanese setup all our new computers. Our number has been reduced but they work and they are certainly sufficient for our patrons. And we now have elevator access back! Thank you, Dave and Company!

Mrs. Santa Claus' visit was curtailed thanks to illness and people have been battenning the hatches on leaving home, so we only had two people at our story time. Our other Zoom programs, though given likes and promises of attendance, did not fare well. Patrons do seem to enjoy our Black Rock polls where they get to vote on a topic. As noted, Frosty won out over Rudolph AND Charlie Brown in the "Favorite Childhood Christmas Special" poll. In January, the first poll will be: What's Your Resolution? We hope for a busy and enthusiastic January!

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