

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Black Rock Branch July 2022 Monthly Report

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: A:46 Outside: 1 J: 8 Total: 55 Number of visitors: 1546	Number of questions answered: R:298 O: 316 Total: 614 Number of interlibrary loans (in/out):160/277 Number of online database sessions:
Collection Statistics	Adult: 28801 Teen: 2482 Children: 17,957	A&V materials: A:10,011, J:660 Magazines & Newspapers: A:612 J:125 Hotspots: 20 Discards: 957 Added: 97
Circulation Statistics	Adult: 772 Teen: 28 Children: 404 Total: 1204	A&V materials: A: 366, J:6 Total: 372 Magazines & Newspapers: A:24 J:18 Total: 44 Hotspots: 12
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 309	
Programming Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Robert Rivest, Mime (26 participants)-Play n Tell and Arts and Crafts continue to bring in more kids and carers-Book displays and weekly riddles are popular-Sarah and Ana continue to host virtual programs on FB-Computer 101 continues in popularity	
Staff Development	Michele and Ana learned how to use launchpads	

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“You open your eyes first time in July to fly like a free bird, so fly high and never look down.” – Anonymous

In July, we had a total of 89 patrons participating in our programs, with Mime Robert Rivest and Arts and Crafts making up the largest part of the crowd. Story hour participation continues to rise. We are struggling to bring the teens in, but so far—nothing. We are thinking of dragging them in off the street. In August we will have a tie dye shirt project, so this may bring them in. Staff continues to create new programs aimed at families, adults and teens. Thank you to the Friends for providing the funds for Robert Rivest—who was a big hit!

Weeding has not slowed. We are headed for a scorched earth bottom line so there will be room as we begin purchasing more items. One of the goals of weeding is also to make items on the top shelf accessible to those who are vertically challenged.

We received sad news that one of our long-time regulars, Francisco Rivera passed away at the age of 87. Francisco was a challenging patron who was learning to use his computer almost right up to the end. His impish grin will be missed.

On the other hand, our patron Mary has returned after going through cancer treatments and she looks great! Her continued good cheer in the face of a scary disease is an inspiration.

Ana Felipe and Sarah Greenberg continue to make science videos and data base use videos which are getting likes on our Facebook page. Former employee Renate Ferree has commented favorably on these!

Trina’s “Christmas in July” book display, Ana’s Summer book display and Trina’s riddles have put smiles on many faces.

Michele and Ana learned more about how to use launchpads, which are a great deal of fun—even for adults!

We have our security cameras and monitors back! What we don’t have is security guards. WestTech promises they are looking into a full time replacement. In the interval, our own David Morales is adding “security guard” tasks to his other duties.

David is also responsible for our new “vote” project: Who has the best fries? Wendy’s, McDonald’s or Popeyes? Whichever franchise wins, we will pull names for 6 small gift cards to that restaurant. So far—McDonald’s is winning, but there’s still time between now and August 15th for the tide to turn.

Staff is also discussing and considering their duties and roles and what tasks they would like to add/trade.

Summer reading may be winding down, but we had a lot of happy campers finishing their reading logs. The teepee is a popular place for our younger set to hide out and read.

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