

# BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

## Black Rock Branch Monthly Report May 2023

Service Statistics	Number of new library cards:A:17 J:3 <b>Total: 20</b> Number of visitors: 1794 WIFI: 183 users 177.1 GB download 25.6 GB up 202.7 GB total	Number of questions answered: R:177, D:223, T:215 total: 615 Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 275/236 Number of online database sessions: Notary:15 Outside Room Use: 5
Collection Statistics	Adult: 26184 Teen: 1999 Children: 17416 Total: 45599	A&V materials: 8696 Magazines & Newspapers :533 Discarded: 180 Added: 351 Hotspots: 25
Circulation Statistics	Adult:1059 Teen:18 Children: 540 Total: 1617 (65 in house)	A&V materials: 338 Magazines & Newspapers43 Hotspot: 25
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 309	
Programming Milestones	Cat Adoption Event: approx. 40 attendees, approx.. 5 cats rescued Trina's Mother-Daughter Tea brought in 30 people: the younger set were having so much fun they didn't want to leave!	

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Staff Development

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## Highlights

"May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive." —Fennel Hudson

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We have new movies and books to circulate! Michele and Jeff charged ahead trying to fill carts before Vivian sounded the warning bell. Patrons have been cheerfully perusing the new arrivals.

As always, getting people to sign up or attend programs is a hard sell. Our partnership with the Bridgeport Cat Rescue brought in approximately 40 people, but this time most were there just to look. However, 5 cats did find forever homes or fostering environments. Trina's Mother-Daughter Tea was well attended and the children had SO much fun they didn't want to leave! Stories with Sarah sees 1 – 2 children. Jeff's zoom programs bring in several interested parties, but the in-person programs are another hard sell. Jeff also had another bird watching program.

Sarah's weeding has paid off in our ability to lower all the books by one shelf so they are much easier to reach. The staff has rearranged the children's area to create a YA area as well. However, teens, when they visit, are also encouraged to hangout in the teen center downstairs.

Our downstairs walls are painted and our panic buttons are all in place!

Michele attended Family Literacy Night at Black Rock School in order to handout flyers and library card applications.

Plans are afoot for 2 Juneteenth programs with storyteller Laconia Therrio and local personality Pearlye Sams Allen. Trina is working on Juneteenth crafts for our crafting Tuesdays. We are putting together bags to handout at the Black Rock Day parade. June is looking like a lot of fun.