

# BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

## Black Rock Branch Monthly Report March 2023

Service Statistics	<p>Number of new library cards: A: 18, J:10, Total: 28</p> <p>Number of visitors: 1649</p> <p>Biblioboard use: 15</p> <p>Notary Public: 10</p> <p>Meeting Room Use: 7</p> <p>Number of questions answered: Ref:291 Dir: 289 Tech: 280 Total: 860</p> <p>Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 288/287</p> <p>Number of online database sessions: Wi-Fi Use: 195 users; 189 GB down; 14.3 GB up; 203.3 GB total</p>
Collection Statistics	<p>Adult: 25259</p> <p>Teen: 2334</p> <p>Children: 17155</p> <p>Total: 44748</p> <p>A&amp;V materials: A:8129; T:13; J:471; total:8613</p> <p>Magazines &amp; Newspapers: A:170; J: 109 total279</p> <p>Discarded: 225</p> <p>Added: 78</p> <p>Hotspots:30</p>
Circulation Statistics	<p>Adult: 774</p> <p>Teen: 12</p> <p>Children: 422</p> <p>Total: 1208</p> <p>A&amp;V materials: A:412 +15 Hotspots J:11 total:438</p> <p>Magazines &amp; Newspapers A:24 J: 3 Total: 27</p> <p>Hot Spots: 15</p>
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 381
Programming Milestones	<p>S. Greenberg had 6 people attend her genealogy presentation at North Branch</p> <p>We gave away 2 sets of 4 tickets to Westchester Baseball games and two jars filled with chocolates for St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>City Health department offered blood pressure screenings and other health information</p> <p>Team Steam soldiers on with 2-5 participants and parents.</p>
Staff Development	All staff watched Webinars on new procedures with Evergreen.

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Highlights “**March is the month of expectation, the things we do not know**” — Emily Dickinson.

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March was unexpectedly quiet. All the usual programs were sparsely attended and one was canceled. Two programs were rescheduled for later in the year. As always, patrons told us they wanted to come, but there were other commitments, the weather was bad and, of course, everyone’s favorite: parking is tough. Michele has been researching how other libraries with no parking handle the issue; so far—no solutions. Staff and Patron brainstorming have led to thoughts on collaborating with the Burroughs Community Center, allowing library patrons to park their cars at the Center and walk to the Library. Another suggestion was to use transportation services like LYFT or Uber to ferry patrons from the Center to the Library. The latter seems impossible at the moment and could be a liability.

While children’s program attendance has been down, that hasn’t stopped parents and children from coming in to visit, color and do pick up crafts. Patrons are using our community rooms for impromptu meetings and tutoring. Trina Preston’s display for Women’s History Month included Bulletin Boards featuring strong female role models, “Who Am I?” interactive displays and an entire foyer dedicated to photos of famous women. Parents are especially impressed with these displays and they and their children can be heard discussing

Sarah, Jeff and Michele continue to weed collections where necessary. Although we had a heavy duty weeding over the last few months, we still seem to need room!

One lovely surprise: patron Leyla Bell presented us with several brand-new board games and refused to even take a receipt! We are now putting planning into effect for family game nights and grown up game nights featuring chess and checkers and possibly Clue and Monopoly.

Patron Cindy Avery of our Aspiring Authors was delighted to see her non-fiction book *My Father’s Journey* on our shelf. Cindy autographed and donated the account of her father’s experiences as a POW during WW II. She is currently working on a fictionalized history of her female ancestors.

We look forward to April, Easter Bunny Hijinks, Cat Adoptions and more genealogy!