



Black Rock Branch

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards:	34	Number of questions answered:	
	number of visitors:	1357	[Reference, Technical, Other]	
			REFERENCE: 234 OTHER: 323 TECH: 117	
			TOTAL: 674	
Collections Statistics	Collection Size:	32950		
	Total Added:	86		
Circulation Statistics	Total Circ:	1290		
	In House:	109		
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month:	249		
	Total Wifi connections:	211		
Room Usage	Room: Bookings, Attendance			
	Bookings:	3		
	Attendance:	17		
Programming	REGULAR PROGRAMMING:			
	3 Weekly Crafts:		16 Patrons	
	7 Story Times:		36 Patrons	
	1 Adult Book Club:		6 Patrons	
	2 STEAM Thursdays		4 Patrons	
	2 Digital Orientation		0 Patrons	
	2 Family Movies		8 Patrons	
	2 Movies for Grownups		4 Patrons	
	2 Lego Club		2 Patrons	
	2 Crafternoon		3 Patrons	
	2 Community Support		0 Patrons	
Other Services	Digital Navigator	10 Sessions	5 Patrons	
	Notary	13 Patrons	11 Documents	
	Passport	N/A		
Outreach	Date, Event, Approx. # of people reached no outreach in November			
Staff Development				

HIGHLIGHTS

COLLECTIONS

-Joel has been working on a DVD weeding project that involves checking high circ items for condition and low circ items for weeding. Titles that are in good condition are being checked in Evergreen to see if it is the only copy in the system or if we can discard or put aside to help build East's collection when they reopen, per Luis' request.
-Some Brodart orders have started to arrive. Mat and Margaret have cross-checked the cancellation lists against submitted orders to re-order, if needed.

PROGRAMS

-Mat worked with community partners as part of a series of presentations/q&a sessions on topics related to community support. Topics included medicare enrollment, life insurance beneficiaries, and access affordable housing. Unfortunately, none of these programs had attendance but the partners we worked with are interested to trying again.
-Children's/Family programs continue to attract interest, especially the crafts and storytimes, which reflects a strong relationship that we have with the families in our neighborhood. Adult program attendance presents an issue that Mat has set out to address in his goals for 2026.

CONCERNS

-No major concerns this month. -The
basement floor sealing project has begun and is going very well (big thanks to Jose!)
-of interest: I wonder if there is a way to change the signage on the bookdrop slots on our building; one is labeled "Audio-Visual" and the other "Books"- and only the book side is really used. Most days it does not matter but if we are closed for a long weekend or holiday, if the slot jams (as it sometimes does) it causes issues.