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Black Rock Library Monthly Report: October

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Service Statistics	Number of new library cards: 30 Number of visitors: 1564	Number of questions answered: R 347 O 991 Number of interlibrary loans (in/out): 160/46 Number of online database sessions: n/a
Collection Statistics	Adult: 325 Teen: 28 Children: 83	A&V materials: 46 Magazines & Newspapers: 57 Other: 1 (zoo pass) TOTAL: 50821 (540 added in October)
Circulation Statistics	Adult: 838 Teen: 19 Children: 447	A&V materials: 475 Magazines & Newspapers: 40 TOTAL: 1819 (36 non resident patrons)
Public Internet Usage	Users for the month: 210	
Programming Milestones	1 Book Club-0 1 CT Cryptids 4 1 Story Telling Jar 0 1 Virtual Campfire – 0 1 Richard Sattanni "Meet the Author" -3 1 Aspiring Authors : 2	Passive Programs : Sox v. Yankees: 15 Candy Apples v. Caramel Apples: 38 The Best Monster: 30 TOTAL: 9 programs/92 Participants
Staff Development	In addition to his Connecticut Cryptid program for Black Rock, Michael Bielawa gave a presentation on Connecticut Snake Legends and Lore for the Northeast Popular Culture Association and was featured on WPKN discussing Witch Lore of Connecticut.	

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Highlights

Black Rock programming was a bear. 4 people attended Michael B's Connecticut Cryptids program, but patrons tired of Zoom eschewed the Scary Book Club and Ghost Stories. The core audience for the Story Jar were felled by sniffles and colds. Rich Sattanni entertained staff and passerby with stories of how he came to be a self-published author but did not sell one of his books.

Our first "passive" programs have been a big hit (see Programming Milestones).

Although no parade or pizza party was planned, Trina went all out decorating for Halloween (we may be the only library in Connecticut with a haunted model light house) as well as spear heading the Halloween goodie bags, creating coloring and booklets as well as donating candy! The little ones delighted in their windfall of goodies!

At long last we have a scanner! Sara Santos sent us a flat desk top scanner for which we are trying to find a spot. Michele and Mike have been learning to do screen share on zoom and really love the portable camera/microphone! We are also excited about learning to use our camera equipment for virtual programs.

We are about to be down by two people as part timer Carmen Ramos is battling major health issues and full timer Michael Bielawa has been relocated to Lower East Side to replace Kristin Graf. Unvaccinated staff are having no troubles with weekly COVID tests. Griffin Medical has signed up to do at least one and possibly two more Vaccine Clinics in November and December.

Patrons are requesting live programming and we are in the process of talking with the leads of our most popular programs: Lisa Lupa, Jonathan Davis and Turning Point Computer Inc. in the hope of signing them up for limited program sessions in 2022. Fingers crossed!