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Dept. Adult Services

Subject: Monthly Report – March 2021

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### Administrative

- Attended the Mayor's Youth Board monthly meeting.
- Interview two White Plains couples for the Strategic Plan.
- Corrected errors with the Library statistics spreadsheets so that the data is now accurate.
- Trained Trove Librarian Lichtenthal on creating inventory lists in Evergreen.
- Worked with Director Kenney on completing the Strategic Plan survey and having it posted to the Library website.

**Staff Activities** - *Thanks to librarians Sharon Rothman, Mariel Perez, Kristen Thornton-De Stafeno, Kristy Bauman and Austin Duffy who contributed to this report.*

- Librarian Rothman attended the following webinars: Morning Book Buzz; Covid-19 One Year Later; Healthy Human Connections [NYPL]; Introduction to Finding Grants [CANDID]; Service Animals [Homeless Institute]; Senior Law Day "Financial Fitness"; Microsoft Teams training; Booklist Spring Authors; Quarterly FIN meeting [CANDID]; Adult Mental Health; Weathering the Storms of Change; Libraries and Workforce Development [PLA].
- Librarian De Stafeno created two April Virtual Calendars. She uploaded content created by Youth Services staff to the Library's YouTube channel. Blogs she created: Battle of White Plains; Libby training; James McBride; March Library Reads; Poetry Month; Transgender Day of Visibility. She worked with IT Jackson on the Strategic Planning survey. She completed the WLS Adult Mental Health First Aid training & coursework. She attended two METRO meetings: "Supporting & Sustaining Anti-racist work"; "What We Talk About When We Talk About Equity". She also attended a Project READY staff meeting.
- Adult Services Department participated in a monthly programming meeting to plan spring programs on Zoom.
- Librarian Bauman led the monthly program meeting, attended a JazzFest Committee meeting, attended a One Book, One White Plains planning meeting, and had two programming follow up meetings with Director Kenney and Head of Adult Services Baird.
- Librarian Perez met with Aaron Paige of ArtsWestchester to discuss programming for Hispanic Heritage Month.

- Librarian Duffy attended the following webinars: “Difficult Conversations: Discussing Stress, Trauma, and Death During the Pandemic”; “Preserve Your Memories, Manage Your Personal Archives”.

#### **Customer Service:**

- Librarian Rothman provided 1-1 help to patron wanting to use Foundation Directory Online.
- Librarian Duffy provided three trainings for Libby and Overdrive.
- Librarian Duffy responded to 10 Local History inquiries via phone, email and text.
- Librarian Carlson completed 7 3D Printing requests and patrons were able to pick them up via our Grab & Go service.

#### **Community Outreach:**

- Please see the Community Outreach report for more details.
- Librarian De Stafeno reported that followers on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram all increased this month.

#### **Programs:**

- Digital Media Specialist Olney taught the following classes: 3D Design Help; Digital Library Resources; Library Social Media; Virtual Tech Help.
- For Women’s History Month, Barbara led a discussion of a powerful coming-of-age short story by West Indian author, Jamaica Kincaid. More than 30 participants contributed to the lively exchange of insights and interpretations.
- Librarian De Stafeno worked with Slam Master Zork to create Poem of the Day videos that were posted to our website. She worked with the LOFT LGBTQ+ Center on the program “Contribution Throughout History by Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Women”.
- Librarian Bauman continued her weekly “New Yorker” discussion group.
- Spanish Programs included: Spanish Writing Workshop, WEDC Business program, Angela Cruz motivational speaker.
- Ongoing programs included Curt’s ESL Pharmacy, English Conversation Group, Spanish for Beginners, Common Ground [discussed Feminism in 2021].
- Librarian Duffy hosted a genealogy program “Remember the Ladies”.
- Book Discussion groups included Future is Female, Slow Reading, and Book’em Mystery Group.
- Wellness programs included Lunchtime Meditation, Covid and Immune Health,
- Librarian Rothman hosted Introduction to Finding Grants.
- A Conversation With Mara Gay, member of the NY Times Editorial Board and MSNBC political analyst.