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OUTREACH AND COLLABORATION

- Met with Julissa from BOCES on March 1 to discuss plans for resumption of ESOL, Citizenship and TASC prep in Spanish for the fall. Program coordinator, Maria Guerrero, will schedule in-person classes whenever we are ready to again host them.
- The Blood Pressure Monitor lending program was launched on March 15. To date, six of the ten monitors have circulated. This program is a partnership with the Heart Association of Westchester, who donated the monitors.
- Spoke with Judith Mezey, Deputy Commissioner of Planning and Community Development on March 18 to discuss the library's eligibility for grants. She invited me to send ideas and participate in the department's future focus groups.

PROGRAMMING

- Initiated contacts with the BID, Recreation and Parks, and Public Safety to discuss potential summer programming on the Library plaza. Both the BID and Recreation and Parks had already scheduled and advertised their summer programs and urged us to contact them in December to plan for the summer of 2022. Public Safety was approached to suggest that the annual National Night Out be held on the plaza. Unfortunately, that event will not be held this year.
- Attended a webinar on March 25 to learn about the ArtsWestchester Arts Alive grant program. The Library will prepare an application to host a series of dance programs on the Library plaza in summer and fall. The program will feature performances by an Indian dance group and Paraguayan dance group. Additional performers are being sought.

INTERNAL

- Attended an OCLC webinar, "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" on March 9. Some important takeaways from this program include recommendations for libraries to develop a racial literacy plan and initiate an accessibility team to build cultural bridges in their communities.
- Drafted a revised Disclaimer Regarding Library Audio/Video Recordings policy to include language related to digitally streamed programs (Zoom).