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#### Outreach, Projects & Visits

- ◆ The one hundred books we received from the Brownstone were put on display on February 14. Two weeks later, only 4 books were left. We are very grateful for the gift of these books because it enables us to replace worn copies of classics and to have extra copies of popular titles.
- ◆ The displays of new books, and books on seasonal and theme topics are very popular with parents. Many have told us they only look for books in our ever-changing displays and they are always pleased with the selections.
- ◆ Terry Rabideau prepared another Storywalk for Black History Month, and she is inviting afterschool groups to come and take the walk. Good Counsel classes have visited.
- ◆ We continue to visit Head Start and PreK classes.
- ◆ The PTA from Post Road School held a science fair clinic, using our books and computers (and librarians) for research. Raquel Cavalcanti prepared a book display for them. They will return in March.

#### Programs

- ◆ Scott Kazan donated a science program on using simple machines. We had to turn people away, it was so popular.
- ◆ The Westchester Music Conservatory held the second concert in the series on introducing the musical families to children. The better students at the Conservatory perform, which children really enjoy.
- ◆ The Parent Child Connection continues to have filled registrations. Deb Gaffey arranges for interesting specialists to circulate among the parents, answering questions on a variety of topics.
- ◆ The Reading Coach also always has filled registrations. We are holding 4 sessions a month of this valuable program. Many of the same children also participate in Who Let The Dogs In, reading to our visiting therapy dogs.
- ◆ The Lego club has grown, and we have received many donations of Legos.
- ◆ Because it was a day of no school, we had to turn people away from a performance of Robert The Guitar Guy Markowitz, a favorite children's performer.
- ◆ Bonnie Grant ran an exciting February Jeopardy game.

#### Staff

- ◆ Attended a program about the Children's Centers at the county courthouses. Our YWCA has just been appointed to be in charge of the Children's Center in New Rochelle.
- ◆ With Terry, participated in a conference call about YSS and NYLA and how they meet our needs.
- ◆ Terry attended a YSS board meeting in Albany.
- ◆ Deb attended a White Plains Reads meeting and a WLS meeting on working with autistic children.
- ◆ Tata attended a storytelling program at the Mamaroneck Public Library.
- ◆ Staff attended training for Bookletters and for Museum Pass registration.
- ◆ Met with staff and Foundation committee to plan the Trumble.
- ◆ Attended a retirement party for Mary Feldhaus at the Eastchester Public Library.