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Outreach, Projects & Visits

- ◆ High School honor student Rachel designed a service project to read with children afterschool for the month of March. She has been very successful working with our afterschool crowd and we are sorry to see the end of her project.
- ◆ Terry Rabideau's newest StoryWalk has brought in school classes and afterschool groups as well as individuals and families. 158 children filled out the form that was a scavenger hunt and an entry in a drawing for a copy of Spike Lee's book.
- ◆ We continue to visit the preschools in town, and some classes came to visit us.
- ◆ Raquel Cavalcanti and Deb Gaffey held a charming stuffed animal sleepover for a Girl Scout Troop.
- ◆ The Post Road PTA held another workshop here on science fair preparation.
- ◆ Trained a group of teen volunteers from the Youth Bureau as Seuss Up book buddies.
- ◆ With Mariel Perez, visited the parent group for Good Counsel Elementary school. We told them about our services and distributed informational flyers.

Programs

- ◆ Thanks to the Audubon Society of Central Westchester and Bronx River/Sound Shore, we had an exciting animal program from the New Canaan Nature Center. The families saw a snake, a Tarantula, a bearded dragon, a rabbit and an owl while learning about these creatures.
- ◆ The Music Conservatory of Westchester presented the last of three family concerts. We hope to continue this successful partnership.
- ◆ Bonnie Grant's Stories and Stuff program has attracted new preschoolers for this storytime with a craft.
- ◆ Deb arranged for many visits from our group of therapy dogs this month. There are always children waiting to read to these friendly dogs.
- ◆ Tata Cañuelas worked with an Indian family in town to present a program on the spring holiday of Holi, with colored confetti and glitter, henna tattoos and sweet treats. Tata would like to repeat this program next year.
- ◆ Raquel used the popular character Elmer for her Storybook Art program. The children all decorated their own multicolor elephants.
- ◆ Terry celebrated Dr Seuss with a Sunday family program. The switch to Thursday afterschool for the Lego Club has been successful.
- ◆ Silly Sing Along and Stories has been attracting more families.

Staff

- ◆ With Terry and Deb, attended the YSS conference in Ronkonkoma. We attended many useful workshops. Thanks to the Friends for funding us.
- ◆ Raquel attended the Spanish book fair at the Yonkers Public Library and she won \$100 in a raffle, to be used for library books.
- ◆ Tata attended a WLS workshop on graphic novels.
- ◆ Tata and Bonnie attended that staff training on mental illness.