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#### OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY

- Represented the Library at the Sustain White Plains Earth Day Street Fair on April 21. Spoke personally with 262 attendees about Library programs and services.
- Served as the Library's representative for the following meetings: Youth Board (April 5), Public Library Assistant Directors' Association Meeting (April 11), Public Library Directors' Association Meeting (April 19).
- Represented the Library at the YWCA's annual Stand Against Racism event on April 27.

#### WEBSITE TASK FORCE

The first round of staff training in content management is complete. The Foundation website is currently in development and will launch in May. Quarterly meetings of the Task Force will continue to discuss updated content.

#### GRANTS AND PROGRAMMING

- Eleven participants signed up for the Allstate PSA program, which began on April 28<sup>th</sup>. This program is a 10-week video production class for high school aged teens. The finished product will be a public service announcement to discourage texting and driving.
- A conservator from the Metropolitan New York Library Council conducted an assessment of the local history collection, focusing on the photo collection, on April 16. Their written report is forthcoming but a preliminary phone call suggests that our preservation efforts should begin with digitization of our photo and postcard collections along with the scrapbooks of local photographer John Rösch.
- Submitted a grant application for Creative Aging in Place, a program offered by the Westchester Library System for fine arts programming for older adults. We requested \$3,500 for an 8-week drawing course to be conducted by teaching artist Miguel Cossio. If funded, this program will be scheduled for fall, 2012.
- Coordinated the World Book Night distribution of books on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

- Attended the City of White Plains non-harassment training on April 10. Requested and received the PowerPoint slides for use in conducting the training in house for the other Library staff. I will conduct two sessions in May.
- Arranged for a staff demo of Brainfuse, an online tutoring service comparable to our current Tutor.com service. The current service contract expires June 30. The two are more similar than different. We already have a price from Tutor.com and are waiting for a price from Brainfuse. The Foundation currently pays for Tutor.com with some support from the Youth Bureau.