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MONTHLY REPORT

Outreach, Projects & Visits

- Deb Gaffey hosted four Head Start classes from Rochambeau; who visited The Trove for storytimes and tours.
- Terry Rabideau visited the YWCA for storytimes with 8 classes, and hosted the families from the Parent Child Home Program through Jewish Community Services who visited The Trove for a storytime and a special read-aloud with Dr. Christopher Clouet, Superintendent of White Plains Schools on April 23rd.
- During April, Bonnie Grant made 2 outings to The Church in the Highlands Early Childhood Center where she performed storytimes to a total of 6 classes.

Programs

- The Trumble on, April Fool's Day, was well attended with families enjoying a variety of activities including stories, magic, puppets, a silly hat craft, music and math games, joke open microphone, and face painting.
- We had two successful Book Bunch events during the school vacation. In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, third and fourth graders read and talked about, Unsinkable, by Gordon Korman. Fifth and sixth graders read and shared their reactions to A Long Walk to Water, a portrait of two children in Sudan, by Linda Sue Park. Uno Chicago Grill generously donated pizza parties for our Book Bunch meetings once again. A good time was had by all!
- Tata Cañuelas and Raquel Cavalcanti celebrated El Día de Los Niños/ El Día de Los Libros (Children’s Day/Book Day) with a well-attended program on April 30th. Olivia was read-aloud in English, Spanish and Portuguese, everyone sang in the three languages, and children created Jackson Pollack-inspired artwork.
- Terry Rabideau celebrated Earth Day with a Family Storytime on April 22nd, and Michael Albert presented a Recycling Collage Art Workshop that day as well. The programs were both well attended with many families participating.
- Deb Gaffey coordinated our pet therapy dog visits. Our delightful variety of dogs visited the Trove 7 times in April, and was read to by 37 children.

Staff

- Deb Gaffey and Terry Rabideau attended a webinar about the online summer reading program offered by Evance.
- Tata Cañuelas hosted the Anne Izard Committee meeting at the Galaxy on April 17th. Six professionals – librarians and teachers - from around the County gathered together to discuss the titles to be included for Anne Izard.
- As part of Terry Rabideau’s New York Library Association (NYLA) Youth Services Section (YSS) activities, she attended a committee meeting for the Spring Conference, which will be in Rochester, NY in 2013. The Spring Conference will be in Westchester County in 2014.

