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OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY

- Served as the Library's representative for the following meetings: Youth Board Excel planning meeting (May 2), United Way Campaign Meeting at City Hall (May 15), Public Library Directors' Association Meeting (May 17). Berkeley College Work Study Employers lunch (May 17) and Institute of Museum and Library Services workshop for grant seekers (May 23).
- Met with White Plains Police Officer Maracalo to discuss Library outreach to the prison on May 30th. Will share this outreach work with Adult Services librarians beginning in June.

EDGE LEARNING LAB

Met with members of the Shinnyo-en Foundation to discuss the Edge and potential partnership with Eastview School's Global Ambassadors. Met with Marc Hess, Chair of the Digital Media Program at College of Westchester to discuss technology and potential internships for the Edge. Met with Emily Keating and Nancy Rubini at the Jacob Burns Film Center and Digital Media Lab to discuss a possible formal partnership for Edge programming and staff development.

GRANTS AND PROGRAMMING

- The Allstate-sponsored Teen Video Production program participants completed their work and will debut the finished product at a graduation event on June 2. The video may be seen on YouTube at: <http://youtu.be/sop3L5PfwelJ>
- Worked with Kiwanis International to co-sponsor a program, "Asthma and Your Child", a workshop for parents. The program was conducted on May 14th. Fourteen people attended.
- Participated on a conference call with members of the Department of Labor on May 14th to discuss planning for the June 7th Job Fair. Conducted two walk-throughs with Department of Labor Staff for logistics planning.
- The Creative Aging in Place grant proposal was not selected for funding. The review panel suggested that we re-submit for the second round in the fall with a more modest fee for the artist and survey results from seniors to support our choice of art form.

TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

- Two sessions of non-harassment training were offered for staff. A code word contest was announced to select a phrase that can be used to alert other staff of a potentially dangerous situation. The department heads will consider entries and choose a winner at their June 7th meeting.
- Attended an archived webinar on "Libraries as Learning Communities", a keynote address given by Lee Rainie of the Pew American Life Project at the Internet Librarians Conference in October 2011.