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### Outreach, Projects & Visits

- ◆ There were visits by Bethel and the YMCA camps this summer. Dr Smith's children's literature class from Queens College came again this year.
- ◆ The summer reading displays made it easy for parents and children to find the books on their reading lists from the White Plains Public Schools. We kept a binder with the lists from other schools.
- ◆ The summer reading passports brought many children in to The Trove. This cooperative program with the school district was once again a great success.
- ◆ Summer volunteers and our Youth Bureau interns kept the summer reading club on course, with over 700 children joining. 106 kids registered for the online club, many of them receiving invitations for pizza parties at Uno Chicago Grill, thanks to Deb Gaffey's organizational magic.
- ◆ Planning began for the Multicultural Book Fair with Max Rodriguez of the Harlem Book Fair. It will be held on Saturday, October 13.

### Programs

- ◆ Keeping with the summer theme of Dream Big, we hosted Patricia Shih for a great family concert, plus had a magic show to kick off the summer.
- ◆ The closing for the summer program was a concert by the Bierkos and a puppet show by Spring Valley Puppets. Thanks to the Library Foundation for supporting all these programs.
- ◆ The Atlanta Puppetry Center led a spider puppet making workshop via the internet for older kids. We learned a lot about insects and spiders along the way.
- ◆ Rosemary performed her Little Red Hen puppet show for our family night series.
- ◆ In addition to our core programs of Mother Goose Toddler Fun, Time for Twos & Threes, Stories & Stuff and K2 Club, all the Trove staff planned new programs for the summer. These included many activities for older children, like making ice cream, art programs, beading, math and science.
- ◆ Terry prepared another wonderful Story Walk for the summer: Long Shot: Never Too Small to Dream Big written by Chris Paul.
- ◆ We used our summer squad of volunteers and our summer workers as Book Buddies, reading with beginning readers. They were almost as popular as reading to the Dog, which also continued during the summer.
- ◆ Susan Stassa returned as our Reading Coach during August.

### Staff

- ◆ Bonnie attended the free children's librarians "camp" again this year in Connecticut, bringing back some new ideas.
- ◆ Four summer workers through the Youth Bureau joined us: Michelle, Sam, DiAnna and Angelica.