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OUTREACH AND COLLABORATION

- Met with staff from the Bristol Assisted Living Community, Pat Braja from WLS and the two artists on January 8th to discuss the Creative Aging project for Spring/Summer. Some sessions will be at the Library; others at the Bristol. A kick off media event will take place at the Bristol on February 26th, at 5:30pm.
- Discussed future collaborative projects with Alissa Kosowsky of New York Presbyterian Westchester Division. She is forming a community advisory group and plans to include a Library staff person in this group.
- Attended the Public Library Assistant Director's Association Meeting on January 30th at the Scarsdale Public Library.

PROGRAMMING

- Monitored the New Year, New You program series on January 9th (Smoking Cessation), January 18th (Have a good mental health day), January 22nd (Weight Management) and January 30th (Get out of credit card debt). Local community partners; Visiting Nurse Service, ShopRite, New York Presbyterian, and GreenPath, Inc. conducted the presentations.
- Met with Jennifer Friedman, Esq., from the Pace Community Law Practice to set up an Immigration Workshop at the Library. The session has been scheduled for Saturday, March 9th.
- Received notification of a grant awarded to the Library from the American Library Association and National Endowment for the Humanities. The Bridging Cultures Bookshelf – Muslim Journeys project provides a small book and DVD collection plus a subscription to the Oxford Islamic Studies Online database.

TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

- Attended the New York Metropolitan Library Council's First Annual Conference, which was held at Baruch College on January 15th. This full day event included many useful project briefings. Of special interest was the session on the New York City Tri-library collaboration with the Department of Education in which teachers and students may order materials from the public library and have them delivered directly to the school. Another highlight was the presentation by Brooklyn Public Library on their new learning commons.
- Attended a two-part webinar (January 24th and 31st) hosted by WLS on Creating Digital Media Spaces for Teens.

STAFF

- Met with SSC Security's field supervisor to discuss fire drill procedures, and customer service expectations. Two interviews have been conducted to find a replacement for one of the guards whose last day was January 25th.