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OUTREACH AND COLLABORATION

- Brian Kenney and I met with John Callahan and staff from the Youth Bureau, Planning Department, and Parks and Recreation on April 8 to discuss plans for the Winbrook Training Center.
- Represented the Library at the Safer Communities Forum, sponsored by Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino, on April 9.
- Together with Librarian Mariel Perez, made a presentation at the Westchester County Probation Department on April 10. Twenty-four people attended.
- Represented the Library at the Youth Bureau Open House on April 13. More than 300 people attended. Created a decorated library truck for the event.
- Along with Library Assistant Austin Olney, represented the Library at the Sustain White Plains street festival on April 27. 264 people stopped at our table for information. Three people registered for library cards.
- Completed work on the “Then and Now” virtual exhibit of historic photos in celebration of the American Library Association preservation week, April 21-27.

PROGRAMMING

- The first of two Creative Aging programs were conducted in April. The program, “Share, Shine, Celebrate!” is a creative writing program being taught by artist/writer/director Frank Ingrassiotta. This program is presented in partnership with The Bristol Assisted Living, WLS, and Lifetime Arts of New Rochelle.
- Worked with the Mayor’s Office and the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center (HHREC) to show a film they produced, “Testimony of the Human Spirit” on April 28 in observance of Holocaust Remembrance Month.

STAFF AND TRAINING

- Attended the 1st Annual Urban Libraries Conference in Brooklyn on April 5.
- Chaired a committee to work out the logistics of issuing library cards offsite at community events. A paper form was created and a laptop will be upgraded for use in locations with wifi.
- Arranged for mandatory Customer Service Training for all full time staff through the Employee Assistance Program. The sessions will be May 2, 6, and 7.
- Full Time Circulation Clerk, Carol Nobile, submitted her resignation on April 23. Her last day will be Saturday, May 4. The announcement was posted on April 26.