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### **Administrative**

- Attended the Westchester Library Association Annual Conference in Tarrytown. Workshops included results of a Pew Study on library usage, Common Core and how it affects libraries, and the Washington Irving Book Awards.
- Formed a Committee to determine what basic computer skills all librarians and support staff who work a service desk should have. Librarians Varian and Gaffey [Trove] will help create a survey to determine what training will be needed so that all staff will have these skills.
- Met with the vendor from World Book to discuss renewal of the popular online resource.
- Worked with Director Kenney on the weed of unbound magazines on the third tier.
- Attended a Mayor's Youth Board meeting as the library representative.
- Attended the Long Island Library Conference in Melville. Was particularly interested in the presentation about mobile services to patrons created by the company Capira Technologies.

**Staff Activities** - *Thanks to librarians Karyn De Luca, Elizabeth Hughes, Miriam Varian, Sharon Rothman, Mariel Perez, Nancy Kunz, Erik Carlson and Austin Duffy who contributed to this report as well as Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney.*

- Librarians Rothman and Carlson attended a meeting with representatives from Allstate as they do the programming that is funded by Allstate through the Foundation.
- Librarian Carlson and Media Specialist Olney attended a WLS Youth Services meeting.
- Librarians De Luca and Hughes attended Library Journal's Day of Dialog.
- Librarian Rothman attended the Book Expo America Librarian's Dinner at the Yale Club.
- Librarians De Luca, Hughes, Carlson, and Rothman attended Book Expo America in NYC.
- All staff attended a 3 hour Customer Service Training.
- Librarian Duffy attended an online webinar over two days entitled "What Do I Do Now?".
- Media Specialist Olney attended a WLS Workshop "Social Media".
- Librarians Rothman and Varian attended the Westchester Library Association annual conference.
- Librarian Varian attended the White Plains Historical Society Annual Meeting and Dinner.

### **Customer Service:**

- 7 Library tours for the new ESL classes.
- Offered 6 1-1 e-reader trainings.
- Were able to get 28 books from libraries outside of Westchester for patrons.
- 8 English Conversation groups were held.
- Librarian answered 24 Local History queries.

### **Community Outreach:**

- Librarian Carlson spoke at the High School PTA meeting and highlighted the upcoming Allstate programs.
- Librarian Carlson completed work on the Allstate Public Service Announcement and Video Game about Distracted Driving and distributed them.
- Media Specialist Olney and Librarian Perez did an Outreach event at the Galleria Mall.
- Media Specialist Olney assisted Assistant Director Degyansky in doing Outreach at the Loucks Meet at White Plains High School.

**Programs:**

- Teen Programs: Teen Advisory Group, Introduction to Babysitting, Peer-to-Peer Education seminar, Distracted Driving Panel [Allstate Program 70 teens attended].
- Incomparable Ethel Waters program. 36 attended.
- Our spring book series ended on a high note with facilitator Barbara Wenglin leading about 50 participants in a spirited discussion of two intriguing short stories from the series anthology, "Wonderful Town: New York Stories from the New Yorker." Patrons appreciated the support of the Friends of the Library for helping to make this program possible and for their hospitality and refreshments.
- Statistics: More than 90 patrons were registered for the series, with 35-50 attending each session
- Business programs led/hosted by Librarian Rothman included: Promoting Your Personal Brand, Second Act Careers Workshop, Art of Networking Career Fairs, e-Resumes.
- Librarians De Luca and Rothman hosted live stream of Dan Brown from Lincoln Center.
- Monthly Poetry Slam and Open Mic with Guest Poet Anthony McPherson.
- Hosted the Westchester Poetry Slam Finals.