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OUTREACH AND COLLABORATION

- Met with Elena Falcone of WLS on May 10 to discuss the GED Connect program and the Library's potential for hosting a Senior Benefits Information Center. This program provides trained volunteers to the Library, once a week, for drop-in assistance for seniors on Medicare and other benefit programs.
- Along with Library Assistant Austin Olney, represented the Library at the Loucks Track Meet on May 11. More than 400 teens and their families stopped at our table for information, a string bag and to pledge not to text and drive by putting their thumbprint on our banner. The White Plains Library Foundation's Allstate Grant funded this outreach.
- Represented the Library at a re-entry panel at the Westchester County Jail on May 15. Eleven people attended.

PROGRAMMING

- Coordinated a program with science educator, Rose Sanders, to arrange a family presentation on the Moon, which featured a display of genuine moon rocks and asteroid samples. The program was held on May 7. Twenty-one people attended.
- Wrote and submitted a grant application to fund a computer programming workshop for teens this summer. The funder, HASTAC (pronounced Hay-stack) offers small grants for summer programs under the Project Connect name.

STAFF AND TRAINING

- Together with Library Director, Brian Kenney, created a document listing the essential functions for the open Library Clerk position. Promoted the opening by posting the announcement on several library listservs and online job boards.
- Mandatory Customer Service Training for all full time staff through the Employee Assistance Program was conducted May 2, 6, and 7.
- Attended a training on serving women veterans, sponsored by the United States Department of Labor, at Westchester Community College on May 31. This workshop was required of all exhibitors who plan to table at the upcoming Stand Down at the College on June 7. Mariel Perez will represent the Library at the June 7 event.