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- Purchased by the White Plains Library Foundation with grant funds from the Shinnyo-en Foundation, we have received 10 laptops and 8 iPads for use by teens in The Edge. The iPads and laptops are currently being configured with the appropriate apps and to ensure privacy and security.
- Adult and Children's Staffs now have full circulation capability in WorkFlows so as to accommodate patron needs for simple circulation functions, such as check out, changing user PINs, renewing items and changing due date notification preferences.
- We have been advised by IS Department Director Michael Coakley that the City will be migrating away from Novell GroupWise to Gmail as the email platform of choice. We are independently pursuing the same migration path in the hope of securing Google Apps and Gmail services without cost as a non-profit public library.
- After extensive collaboration with Novell tech support, problems with our authentication environment were corrected in order to solve two problems: making remote web-based access to our mail server once again available, and to successfully configure a new server to be recognized by our Novell environment. The server will replace our existing main fileserver and will provide much more storage space than our existing server. All data from our existing fileserver have been copied to it and it is currently undergoing testing before being put into production.
- Following the successful and much publicized implementation of a low power single board computer (SBC) for use as a catalog terminal, we purchased two other models to evaluate for the same purpose, as well as the possibility of being made available as express use terminals. One of them, the Raspberry Pi (list price: \$35), was found to be unacceptably slow; however, the APC Rock (list price: \$79.99) shows promise to be used not only as an public access catalog system, but also as an express use computer. We will most likely implement the Rock as our catalog terminals, and may also make them available for express use. The use and configuration of our current low-end APC model that has been in production since November will be featured in a summer program for teens.
- Funded by a portion of the Foundation's DASNY grant, the renovation of the audio/visual environment in the auditorium has been scheduled for early July. A revised quote with updated specifications was provided by Bytec Technology. Once the renovation is complete, we will be much better able to conveniently accommodate programs in which presenters bring their own device (eg., laptop or iPad), and no longer will we need to use a cart with a computer and projector, as the projector will be installed in the projection booth and the computer will be in a rack behind the auditorium stage. The Museum Gallery will also have ceiling speakers installed as part of the overall system. As a very nice plus, all components will be controllable through an iPad or Android app.
- After having reviewed the associated costs, we are investigating the possibility of scaling back on the number of PCs provided by WLS. While the systems are pre-configured, when compared to rolling out completely new PCs, it actually requires more work for the Systems Staff to further configure them for our environment.