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Outreach, Projects & Visits

- ◆ The six Kindergarten classes from Post Road School walked over for a storytime and tour, and then received library cards.
- ◆ Tata organized a wonderful Divali program, complete with Indian dancing, crafts, and food generously donated by Royal Palace Restaurant. Thanks to the Kumar Family for all their help organizing this event.
- ◆ Terry Rabideau performed three storytimes at The Westchester's Kidgit Halloween event, and Mariel Perez joined her to give out Library information.
- ◆ The Pearson Foundation staff came in to present a storytime as part of the nationwide Read For The Record program. They donated English and Spanish copies of this year's title, *Otis* by Loren Long.
- ◆ Rosemary Rasmussen read books at the George Washington School family read aloud night. Tata spoke at the Church Street School PTA meeting.

Programs

- ◆ Austin Olney ran two successful workshops on Alice, a 3D animation. These workshops are very popular, and for the older children.
- ◆ For three weeks, a dozen families constructed altars for the Mexican holiday of Day of the Dead under the direction of Raquel Cavalcanti and Tata Canuelas. The beautiful altars celebrating the ancestors of the families will be on display in The Trove for November. Then Raquel presented a special family storytime about Dia de los Muertos.
- ◆ Who Let The Dogs In continues to be a popular program. Deb Gaffey arranges for 8 different dogs to come to be read to by children. We average one or two visits a week.
- ◆ Deb also orchestrated another Act It Out, also a program to trick kids into reading.

Staff

- ◆ Bonnie attended Bookfest sponsored by New York Public Library., and also went to the WLS meeting on the Common Core.
- ◆ Tata attended a Spanish book fair in New York City. She audited the Latino U program on entering college held here.
- ◆ Terry held her YSS conference planning meetings, and Tata attended Anne Iazard and WLA committee meetings.
- ◆ Tata and Rosemary attended a program at the Manhattanville College Library on Caldecott winners. Ed Young was the feature speaker.
- ◆ All the Trove full time staff went to the staff training at City Hall.