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Administrative

- Attended ALA Mid-Winter Conference in Philadelphia to visit vendors. I met with eVanced, Mango Languages, Learning Express, CapiraTechnologies, Brodart, and Overdrive. I also attended 3 sessions on the biggest spring releases in the publishing industry.
- Created a 6 month snapshot of library circulation based on Home Location of materials for Christiane and the Collection Management Team.
- Arranged for a tour of the Edge with Kurt Hadelor, director of the Mahwah Library [NJ] and former Head of IT here at WP.
- Attended a meeting with the instructors for our computer classes to discuss how to increase attendance, better publicize, and think of new and interesting computer class topics.

Staff Activities - *Thanks to librarians 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 Perez, Varian, and Rothman attended the WLA Mid-Winter Conference at the Gateway Center of Westchester Community College.
- Librarian Carlson attended 3 days of the ALA Mid-Winter Conference. He focused on attending programs run by the Young Adult Library Services Association.
- Librarians Hughes, Rothman, De Luca, and Wenglin met to plan literary programs for the spring and summer.
- Librarian Hughes attended a Friends of the Library Board Meeting and helped organize the Friends Annual Staff Luncheon.
- Librarian Perez attended a meeting at WLS: Westchester Librarians Serving Latinos.

Customer Service:

- Librarian Varian answered 21 Local History queries, 17 of which were via email or telephone.
- 4 1-1 ebook trainings.
- Staff provided tours for all of the new WCC ESL classes.
- Drop-in Computer Help with Digital Specialist Olney was offered every Wednesday morning.
- 7 computer classes were offered to the public.

Community Outreach:

- Librarian Hughes led a book discussion group at Gilda's Club of Westchester.
- Librarian Rothman did a class visit/tour with the Women's Enterprise Development Center.

Programs:

- Poetry Slam with guest poet Adam Falkner.
- Librarian Rothman hosted 2 SCORE programs "45 Seconds to Describe Your Business".
- Librarian Perez hosted an author event with Spanish author Sigal Ratner-Arias.
- Edge programs included: Learn to Crochet, Design with Google Sketchup, Kerbal Space program, 3D Animation with Alice, Video Editing, Origami, Computer Hacking 101, Paper Beads, Digital Comics, Design with Blender, Teen Book Review Club, Photo Editing, and Nutrition for Teens..a very busy month.