

MONTHLY REPORT

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- The electronic locks to the Circulation Workroom and the The Edge Media Lab are now operational and require staff to enter a code on the numeric keypad in order to gain access. Staff will receive new badges when a new badge printer is received by the Department of Public Works. The new badges will be hybrid badges, that is, they will work with both the old magnetic stripe electronic locks as well as with the new proximity electronic locks.
- Fifty software licenses for the latest version of Microsoft Office have been purchased at a greatly reduced rate through the TechSoup.org technology donation program. The software has been installed on The Edge PCs and iMacs, as well as the 10 circulating laptops for The Edge. The remaining licenses will be applied to upgrading Microsoft Office on the 16 CyberPool computers.
- For some months now, all the other departments of the City of White Plains have been migrated from the use of Novell GroupWise email to email hosted by Google. Michael Coakley, Director of Information Services, requested that I prioritize having Library staff email accounts migrated to Google as well. Based on advice from Westchester Library System (which uses Google email and application services free of charge), we pursued the possibility of receiving free email services from Google; however, we found that public libraries are explicitly ineligible for participation in Google's program providing free services for non-profit organizations. Michael Coakley has been advised of this and will be making arrangements for our email accounts to be migrated to Google under the umbrella of City Hall/Information Services.
- While renewing our domain names, whiteplainslibrary.org and thetrove.org, we also registered a new domain name, wppmail.org. The new domain name is considered temporary and is necessary for migrating Library email accounts to Google.
- We once again have an online public access catalog kiosk system at which patrons may sit. It is located by the column at the entrance to the CyberSpot area. The software installation is unique in that it is free, open source browser kiosk software running under Linux. It is being evaluated for implementation on the other public access catalog systems.