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#### OUTREACH AND COLLABORATION

- Worked with Barnes and Noble City Center and represented the Library at a Book fair to benefit the White Plains Library Foundation on August 3. The event coincided with an author talk and book signing by James Patterson. The Foundation received \$500 as a result of this collaboration.
- Met with the Directors of the Ossining and Warner (Tarrytown) libraries on August 5 to initiate a partnership for a New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) College Access Grant. Wrote the proposal requesting funds to contract with Latino College Access Inc. for information sessions, financial aid boot camps and financial aid office hours in each of the three library locations during the 2013-14 school year. The proposal was submitted on August 12.
- Met with representatives from PACE University and The College of Westchester on July 28 to explore the possibility of the Library becoming a TIPS site. TIPS is telehealth program that offers seniors with chronic health conditions a chance to socialize and have volunteers (student from the College of Westchester's Allied Health program) check and upload vital signs to offsite nurses for monitoring.

#### PROGRAMMING AND EXHIBITS

- Represented the Library at the Northeast Creative Aging Institute held at the Edith Macy Conference Center in Briarcliff Manor, July 31 through August 1. As a recipient of this Institute for Museum and Library Services grant, White Plains will host a series of creative art programs in the Spring of 2015. We will work with the Westchester Library System, who is the fiscal agent for the funding.
- Arranged for an exhibit in the Winter, 2015 with local painter, Biagio Civile.
- Set up a program on hearing loss for October 2 with Zounds Hearing of Westchester.

#### VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF

- A volunteer orientation was conducted July 24. Five people attended.
- Arranged for after-school tutors in the Edge with Manhattanville College.
- Participated in interviews for Librarian I vacancies.