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OUTREACH AND COLLABORATION

- Continued discussions on the Harlem Art Show event in collaboration with the Youth Bureau and Delta Sigma Sorority. The meeting was held at the library on December 11.
- Participated in the White Plains re-entry panel at the Westchester County Jail on December 9. Eight inmates participated. Prepared a brochure describing library services for distribution at these monthly events.
- Met with a representative of RefUSA to discuss ideas for promoting patron usage. A networking breakfast and training for local small business people is scheduled for March.

PROGRAMMING

- Participated in a Creative Aging Webinar on December 3 to learn about successful recruiting techniques for program participants and teaching artists.
- Arranged for an author program with Dr. Ari DeLevie to be held on February 29. Dr. DeLevie's debut novel deals with the effects of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder on returning combat veterans.
- Met with Pace program staff of the TIPS program on December 9 to finalize site plans for the Feel Good Cafe program to begin in March.
- Scheduled Citizenship classes for winter in collaboration with BOCES.

STAFF

- Attended two Collection Management meetings in December (17 and 30) to discuss various agenda items including weeding of the DVDs, budgeting issues, and the periodicals list.
- Met with Ben Himmelfarb, Local History Librarian on December 19, to discuss preparation of an American Library Association program grant. Grants have been made available to bring the Library of Congress' Story Corp model to libraries nationwide.
- Met with Edge staff on December 16 to discuss increased incidents. As a result, SSC Security will now assist at busy times. Additional discussions are planned to include Community Policing officers and White Plains Schools staff in an advisory capacity to prevent incidents and maintain a positive environment.