



# This Month on Martine

News from the White Plains Public Library

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Thank you, Libby!

This week marks the retirement of Libby Hollahan as the Foundation's executive director--a position that she has held for six years.



*Libby with Mayor Tom Roach at groundbreaking ceremony for The Edge*

Under Libby's direction, the Foundation has supported enormous changes at the Library, most notably the completion of the first phase of the renovation, including the construction of The Edge, our library for teens. She leaves us in great shape to finish the renovation, with completed plans and a capital campaign well under way.

We will all miss Libby's warm demeanor, tremendous professionalism, and dedication to the Library, and wish her the very best in the future.

Brian Kenney  
Library Director

## What's the Buzz? Foundation's 2nd Annual Teen & Adult Spelling Bee March 11



Mark your calendars now for the Foundation's **Second Annual Teen and Adult Spelling Bee**, Friday, March 11 (March 18 snow date), 7:30 p.m. at Highlands Middle School. [Click here](#) for more info and a team sign-up form. Can't spell? Come watch the fun! General admission will be \$5 per person. Proceeds

will support The Hub.

**Who Lived in Your House?**

## Research Your Home or Business

Join Librarian Ben Himmelfarb and student of White Plains history Cliff Blau to learn how to research the history of address, building, business, house, or spot in White Plains. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m.



Maps, directories, photographs, and online resources from the White Plains Collection will be available for everyone to use. Come prepared with a favorite place you want to learn about! There will be plenty of time for storytelling and sharing the history we are bound to uncover.

The White Plains History Roundtable is an educational, participatory, and social event where attendees hear a presentation on a historical topic, examine primary source documents from the White Plains Collection, and engage in discussion with each other.

## Snakes in the Auditorium! Visit from the Greenburgh Nature Center

Yes, it's winter. But that doesn't mean that everyone is hibernating!



Malene Thyssen, <http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/User:Malene>

Join us on Wednesday, January 20th, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for a visit from the Greenburgh Nature Center. This popular event, which will feature a range of animals and birds, including some rescue animals, is sponsored by The Central Westchester Audubon Society and the Bronx River Sound Shore Audubon Society. For students in grades 1-6.

## Introducing the Foundation's New Executive Director

We are delighted to welcome Nancy Rubini as our new Executive Director. A seasoned development professional, Nancy joins us from the Jacob Burns Film Center, where she was Manager of Institutional Giving for the past nine years. Previously, she held development positions at Building with Books, a Stamford non-profit, and the Pro Bono Partnership. She is excited to get involved with the Foundation's Campaign for The Hub, our new adult library. Nancy succeeds Libby Hollahan, who has served as Executive Director for the past six years and is retiring.



Nancy Rubini

## Foundation Receives \$35,000 Grant from The Allstate Foundation



*Student athletes at Library outreach table at Loucks Meet May 2015*

The Library Foundation has been awarded a \$35,000 grant for 2016 from The Allstate Foundation to support educational programs, titled the "Allstate Readiness Series," on two

critical issues facing communities today: **teen safe driving** and **economic empowerment**. This grant-supported partnership, which began in 2011, enables the Library to provide teen workshops such as safe driving programs and Smart Money for Teens, as well as adult workshops, including our weekly Job Club and career development programs. The grant also supports community outreach events, like our safe driving initiative at the annual Loucks Games track meet at White Plains High School.

## Transforming Lives, Every Day

Support the White Plains Library Foundation by making a [secure online donation now](#), and help us provide library resources for all ages that promote literacy, education, career development, personal enrichment, and more.

Thank you!



Have a question or comment? Drop us a line.

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