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Administrative

- Attended the final Mayor's Youth Board meeting of the school year.
- Attended Friends of the WP Youth Bureau launch at Cambria Suites.
- Attended training on Discrimination, Harassment, and Violence in the workplace.
- Met with new Edge Library Assistant Jennifer Lisman on her first day in mid-May.
- Created blog post for new Museum Pass with Stone Barns Center for Food & Agriculture.
- Created weeding list for Assistant Director Degyansky.
- Along with many on the staff, assisted with the four Eastview visits in May.

*Staff Activities - Thanks to librarians Sharon Rothman, Mariel Perez, Nancy Kunz, Erik Carlson ,
Kathlyn Carroll, Ben Himmelfarb and Austin Duffy who contributed to this report as well as Digital Media
Specialist Austin Olney.*

- Staff attended a workshop at WLS on Reader's Advisory and using NoveList.
- Staff assisted with the Eastview 6th grade visits to the Library. It was a very successful Outreach effort.
- Librarian Himmelfarb is part of the team creating the Library exhibit: Hidden in Plain Sight.
- Librarian Himmelfarb has been working with ArtWestchester and Zork to bring a performance to the Library during JazzFest next September.
- Librarians Rothman and Perez attended the United Way Not-For-Profit Leadership Summit.
- Several staff attended the WCC Global Talent Bridge workshop to learn how to help skilled immigrants. The Library hosted the workshop.
- Librarians Rothman, Carlson, and Carroll attend Book Expo America in NYC.
- Librarian Duffy completed a WLS sponsored Adult Mental Health first aid workshop. He received a certificate for completing the 8 hour course.
- Librarian Carlson attended a Workplace Harassment, Discrimination, and Violence workshop at City Hall.

- Librarian Carroll attended an SLJ webinar on Diverse Book for Teens.

Customer Service:

- Librarian Himmelfarb has been working with a patron on an extended research project dealing with street names in White Plains.
- 1-1 trainings in using ReferenceUSA, Business Research, ebooks, and Mouse Basics.
- SCORE had several appointments at the Library for prospective small business owners.
- Staff conducted Library tours for ESL students.
- Computer classes were offered on using iPads, MS Excel, MS Word, and 3D Printing.

Community Outreach:

- Media Specialist Olney attended the Louck's Track Meet at WPHS with Foundation Director Hollahan.
- Media Specialist Olney taught a Visual Reasoning Enrichment [VRE] class at Eastview.
- Librarian Himmelfarb conducted 3 Oral History interviews.
- Librarian Carlson attended a Global Ambassadors event at WPHS.
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Programs:

- Short Story discussion series continued in May led by Librarian Wenglin.
- Poetry Slam & Open Mic featured Guest Poet Saroya Marsh.
- Librarian Himmelfarb hosted the Poetry Slam finals. A team of 6 was selected but due to the cost of traveling to the National Finals, the team will not attend.
- Librarian Himmelfarb collaborated with city archivist Elaine Massena to present at the Friends of the Library annual meeting. Their program was titled "Out of the Swamps".
- Business Programs: Job Club, Identity Theft, Home Based Business.
- 7 English Conversation groups were led by staff for ESL learners.
- Please see the Edge Report for the listing of Teen programs this month.