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#### OUTREACH AND COLLABORATION

- Met with representatives from the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center and Journal News photojournalist Seth Harrison on July 16 in preparation for an exhibit and film screening on the subject of second generation holocaust survivors.
- Met with schools' Homebound Coordinator, Sara Hall, on August 17 in preparation for the new school year. Officially, the program begins September 8 but is likely to start later since referrals to the programs do not typically start until mid to late September.
- Collaborated with the Veterans Writing Workshop to conduct outreach for the writing workshop funded by a grant by Poets & Writers. The workshop begins in September, 2015. Outreach visits were made to the Bronx VA Hospital, White Plains Veterans Center and White Plains VA health clinic.

#### RENOVATION

Completed work and submitted a revised narrative and budget for the construction grant project funded in 2013 to the New York State Library development office. The project is for Phase II of the renovation of the first floor and was scaled down due to decreased City funding.

#### PROGRAMMING

- Worked with the Westchester Review to schedule the annual "Westchester Writers meet Westchester Readers" program on October 3.
- Arranged an Immigration Information session to be presented by the Pace Community Law Practice on December 10.
- Submitted and received a WLS mini-grant for an exhibit and family print-making workshop in partnership with ArtsWestchester.

#### TRAINING AND VOLUNTEERS

- Presented as part of a panel "Inside the Hiring Process" at the New York Metropolitan Library Council on July 30.
- Attended a training session on senior programming at WLS on August 5.
- Conducted two volunteer orientation sessions on August 13. Twelve people attended.

#### STAFF

Prepared and submitted a vacancy request to the City to fill the position left open as a result of the retirement of Gloria Fernau. The request was not approved.