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Subject: Monthly Report – September 2015

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Administrative

- Attended Mayor's Youth Board meeting at the Youth Bureau.
- Attended Library Retreat to discuss new strategic plan for the Library.
- Assisted Librarian Carroll with collection of teen summer program statistics for NY State Summer Reading Survey.
- Was point person for "Meet the Leaders" filming at the Library.

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.

- Librarian Perez attended a "Westchester Working With Immigrants" summit.
- Librarians Rothman and Himmelfarb along with Digital Media Specialist Olney are on a HUB Working group that will discuss the future of Adult Services and will prepare a Service Plan.
- Media Specialist Olney assisted with the first 3D Printing class in the Trove. They brought the 3D printer up to the CyberPool and made buttons that the kids designed.
- Media Specialist Olney met with the Program Director of the Teen Lounge Center in Scarsdale to go over possible program collaboration. He also taught 3D Printing to art students from Manhattanville College; demonstrated 3D Printing to a Trove class visit; met with a teacher from Yonkers public schools to discuss a collaborative coding program.
- Librarian Himmelfarb worked with Caroline Catchpole of METRO to scan photos from the White Plains Collection to be added to the dcmny.org website.
- Librarian Carroll attended a webinar SLJ Book Buzz. She also attended a WLS Youth Mental Health First Aid workshop; attended the 2015 Maker Faire in Queens; and met with librarians from Greenwich to discuss setting up a Makerspace.
- Librarian Carroll will take over the role of staff liaison to the Friends when Librarian Gaffey retires in October.

- Librarian Duffy attended an Excel class at the Will Library to improve the Excel classes that are taught at WP.

Customer Service:

- The Fall Spanish Conversation classes started this month.
- The Fall Citizenship classes had registration and began their weekly meetings with 19 students.
- SCORE met with future Small Business Owners at the Library.
- Computer classes offered this month for adults included 3D Printing & Design and Coding 101.
- 11 Local History queries were answered.
- Librarian Carroll worked with the WPHS National Honor Society to have NHS tutors in the Edge.
- Staff provided 13 1-1 computer sessions and 6 classroom style computer classes.

Community Outreach:

- Librarians Himmelfarb and Perez interviewed Shirley Acevedo of Latino U for the Oral History Project. Himmelfarb also interviewed Kevin Doherty for this project.
- Please see Librarian Perez's Community Outreach report for more details.
- Librarian Rothman did a demo of ReferenceUSA at the SCORE office.

Programs:

- Robert M. Mills Memorial Concert with Glenda Davenport Jazz Trio was very well received on a Sunday afternoon in September.
- Women's Enterprise Development Center [WEDC] offered 4 training sessions for Entrepreneurs in Spanish and offered one workshop "Road to Entrepreneurship" in Spanish.
- Business programs included: WEDC Path to Entrepreneurship; Family Services of Westchester: Veteran's Benefits; Author Visit Online Education Fraud with Robert MacArthur; Job Club started their Fall Series; SBA Starting a Business at 50+.
- Librarian Himmelfarb hosted Poetry Slam & Open Mic featuring Guest Poet Ken Cormier. Also hosted JazzFest with Duende Project as part of the White Plains JazzFest.
- Author visit Edythe Ann Quinn "Freedom Journey".
- Please see the Edge report for a listing of Teen Programs in September.