

MONTHLY REPORT

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- One of our internet gateway proxy servers has been crashing on an almost weekly basis now. It handles CyberSpot internet access as well as access to some of our subscription databases. Access has been re-routed through another gateway server while the proxy server is rebuilt using another system.
- Problems with the wireless network were still reported on a sporadic basis even after they had been reconfigured to use available open channels in this locale of wifi saturation. It was discovered that there was a bug in the access point's scheduler such that the reboot task was running on a regular basis. The scheduler has been disabled on all four access points (for both public and private wifi). At the same time, additional settings were modified so as to conform to the manufacturer's best practices.
- In an effort to duplicate the White Plains City School District's video recording studio equipment, I have been researching available equipment, prices and vendors. The current equipment is on loan to us until August of 2016, and the aim is to have the equipment identically duplicated as much as possible so that the Global Ambassadors can easily transition between the School District's recording studio and ours. Funding for the equipment purchase is through donations to the Foundation primarily from Shinnyo-en and also Allstate.
- I have been investigating the implementation of a public access accessibility and document scanning workstation. The system as envisioned would provide text-to-speech, speech-to-text, document scanning and magnification, optical character recognition and video conferencing. It is expected to be useful to: the visually impaired; those who find it difficult to use a keyboard; professionals who need to scan documents and convert them to text; and to those who need to videoconference for the purpose of job interviews or simply to keep in touch with family and friends. Because such a system would necessarily have sound enabled, it would have to be located in an area where noise would not be an issue. A study room would be an ideal location, and in looking ahead at our phase II and III renovation, we are planning to have some form of noise dampening accoutrements installed in the two larger study rooms.
- We are continuing to upgrade staff workstations from Windows XP to Windows 7. Approximately one third of them remain to be completed.