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Subject: Monthly Report – January 2016

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Administrative

- Attended Mayor's Youth Board meeting.
- Represented the Library at a Harlem Fine Arts Committee meeting. The Harlem Fine Arts Show will be hosted by the Library on Tuesday March 29th.
- Attended a Director's Station training presented by WLS at the Greenburgh Library. This was a refresher on using this tool to generate weeding reports and to analyze circulation statistics.
- Director Kenney, Libby Hollahan and I had a meeting to discuss the handling of various grants [AllState, Shinnyo en] after Libby retires this month.
- Created a Young Adult NonFiction inventory list to help Edge staff decide what parts of the YA NonFiction Collection should be moved before the Phase 2 Renovation.
- Created a 6 month turnover rate report for all adult circulating collections.
- Attended the ALA MidWinter Conference in Boston. I spent a day on the exhibit floor meeting with our vendor partners and learning about other products and services that are on the market.

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 Carroll, Carlson, and Himmelfarb attended ALA Midwinter in Boston.
- Librarian Carroll attended a WLS Battle of the Books meeting. She also hosted the WLA/WLS Mock Printz Awards evening at the Library and attended a Friends Board meeting.
- Media Specialist Olney assisted the Trove Staff with a Minecraft program. He also created a 3D Printing display in the Adult area.
- Librarians Carroll, Perez, and Rothman attended the WLA MidWinter Conference: "Sustainable Thinking".
- Librarian Rothman took part in a Foundation Center focus group to assist in marketing the Foundation Directory Online. She also attended a Westchester Library Association Board meeting.

Customer Service:

- Computer programs offered included: Intro to 3D Printing, Intro to Animation, and the DIY Guild of White Plains. A tinker fair was held in the Edge to give parents and their children a chance to try out the different technology tools in the Media Lab.

- Media Specialist Olney had one 3D Printing request submitted and printed.
- Librarian Himmelfarb answered 14 Local History requests this month.
- Offered MS Excel 2013, Part 3 for the first time so that patrons could learn even more about this application.
- Offered 11 English Conversation Group classes.
- Provided 11 1-1 computer training sessions to patrons.
- Librarian Rothman provided referral assistance to the Adirondack Correctional Facilities; WEDC; and SCORE.
- A new Citizenship class started in January.

Community Outreach:

- Elizabeth Hughes led a book discussion at Gilda's Club of Westchester.
- Librarian Himmelfarb met with Silver Connection Group from the Loft and the YWCA GEMS program to work on the People & Stories Oral History project.
- Librarian Himmelfarb met with WPHS teacher Sue Brumer to see how students could be connected to the White Plains Collection.
- Librarian Carlson went to a meeting of the White Plains High School Book Club.
- Kraft Mobile Food Pantry on the Library plaza.
- Please see the Community Outreach report for more details.

Programs:

- Librarian Himmelfarb and Slammaster Zork hosted a Poetry Slam & Open Mic featuring guest poet Joel Francois.
- Librarian Himmelfarb hosted a WP History Roundtable event "Sense of Place".
- Business programs included: WEDC: Path to Entrepreneurship; Community Capital Program: Improve Your Chances of Getting a Small Business Loan.
- Librarian Rothman hosted the event: Conversation with Tao Porchon-Lynch.
- Latino U held a FAFSA Boot Camp on a Sunday. Very well attended.
- WEDC Entrepreneurship Workshop in Spanish and graduation.
- Please see the Edge Report for Teen Programming.
- The fall short-story discussion series ended on a high note in January with more than 50 participants exploring two intriguing coming-of-age stories. Librarian/ facilitator Barbara Wenglin announced the spring series to run from March through June, using the same collection, *The Scribner Anthology of Contemporary Short Fiction* (2nd edition, Touchstone, 2007). The new flyer was distributed, and many enthusiastic readers have already registered.