

Memo to: White Plains Public Library Board of Trustees
From: Libby Hollahan
Date: Jan. 7, 2016
Re: Library Foundation Report

My official last day before retirement is set for Jan. 15. Many thanks to all of the people who work so hard to make the White Plains Public Library a strong and vibrant organization. It's been my pleasure to work with our wonderful staff, Library Board, Foundation Board, Friends Board, city officials, and our donors who are committed to the WPPL. I'm looking forward to staying involved with the Library as a volunteer on a few upcoming events and helping on the Hub Campaign.

The Foundation's Executive Committee has hired Nancy Rubini to be the new Executive Director. She has extensive development experience with Jacob Burns Film Center and the Pro Bono Partnership, and is very excited to join the Library Foundation. I've had several transition sessions with her, and think she will be a great addition to our organization. Nancy starts Jan. 19. I will be back in on Jan. 20 to meet with her and our bookkeeper on his scheduled monthly visit.

Just a couple of updates:

- The Hub Campaign is well underway with \$230,550 raised to date toward our \$250,000 goal. Starting next week you will see a digital donor recognition video displayed on monitors in the lobby. It will be updated periodically as new donations are received.
- The Foundation's Annual Campaign is winding down and is on par with prior years.
- Will be submitting the Shinnyo-en grant renewal application next week. This is the "Collaborative Grant Year 3" and includes funding for this spring's Eastview 6th grade visits; the Summer TV Camp; the Global Ambassadors Club at the Library; and equipment for a small TV studio for use by teens in the TV Camp, Global Ambassadors and other programs. The School District is helping support this collaborative program with a commitment of \$5,000 to the 6th grade visits.
- Met recently with Denise Serra, the Library Board's representative on the Foundation Board. She is chairing the Foundation's corporate development committee. We have been working on a corporate prospect list for the Hub Campaign.
- Due to the expected Hub construction, the Foundation's fall gala will be held at Congregation Kol Ami's social hall this fall. We will announce the date shortly.
- The Woman's Club of White Plains is naming the White Plains Library Foundation as one of the beneficiaries of their Winter Tea, Feb. 7, 2-4 p.m. I will be sending all of you an invitation.
- Hosting a performance of "Chamber Music of William Eckfeld" on Sunday, Feb. 21, 2 p.m. in the Auditorium. Bill Eckfeld retired as WPHS orchestra teacher several years ago and is an outstanding composer and musician.
- Working with the Spelling Bee committee and will continue to do so as a volunteer. The event is at Highlands Middle School on March 11.

Signing off now. I'll miss you all.

Libby Hollahan