

**MONTHLY REPORT
AGENDA ITEM #4**

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Most of my work this past month has been on the Capital Project: working with architects, finalizing plans for presentation to DPW, finalizing furniture decisions, developing interim services, working with library movers, and others. I have also initiated the search process for the new Manager of Youth Services (job ad attached.)

Delivered keynote speech, “We’ve Always Been Makerspaces: Major Trends Impacting Public Libraries,” for Library Association of Rockland County Annual Meeting, June 10, New City.

Keynote Panelist, “Library as Classroom,” San Jose State University’s Worldwide Virtual Conference, July 15.

Met with Ineko Tsuchida, director of the Shinnoy-en Foundation, to review Foundation sponsored programs, especially the Global Ambassadors, July 18.

With Nancy Rubini, library staff, worked on several grants including All State Foundation and Best Buy.

Attended American Library Association Annual Conference, Orland, FL. Service on the ALA Council, the ALA Publishing Committee, and the Notable Books Council. With furniture and ebook vendors as well as many publishers, July 24-28.

With Commissioner Rick Hope, other DPW staff, and the Library’s architects, met to review the capital project, architect’s contract, timeline, scope and finalize plans.

Working timeline: The project will go out for bid the first week of August, 8/28 bids are due, 8/30 bids are opened and by 9/6 the project will be awarded. In September I will work with library movers to relocate services and collection to the second floor and erect the wall around the construction site. Construction to begin soon after.

It was agreed that the project would be in three phases. The first phase requires that all work up to and including the central book stack would be completed by March 1; this means that the Library would have access to the non-fiction collection as of March 1. The second phase would complete the renovation. The third phase would create the new entrance.

I will be working with Nancy Rubini and the Foundation on information for the public as we approach the renovation.

Librarian III Job Ad

The White Plains Public Library has an opening for a Librarian III to serve as manager of youth services. One of the busiest public libraries in New York State, the White Plains Public Library values excellent customer service and innovation in library services. This position, which is available due to retirement, oversees the Trove, our library for children and families, as well as the Edge, our library and digital media lab for teens. As a Librarian III, you will evaluate the effectiveness of the Library's services to youth; recommend and implement new programs; represent the Library to the White Plains community; work with White Plains Public Schools, the White Plains Youth Bureau, and other community organizations; supervise staff while providing opportunities for development and training; oversee library collections; and prepare and manage budgets, in addition to other responsibilities.

Special consideration will be given to candidates who:

- Are excited by the opportunity to create library services for youth and families in a multilingual, multicultural city
- Possess experience in library services to both children and teens
- Have management experience
- Possess a sense of humor, intellectual curiosity, and an eagerness to innovate
- Genuinely like people, look outwards towards the community, can work effectively with colleagues, patrons, and library stakeholders
- Know childrens' and YA collections, as well as emerging trends in publishing
- Are involved in state or national organizations and remain current with trends in youth services.

This position is a member of the Library's management team. The successful candidate must be available to work evening as well as weekend hours and will also be required to pass a civil service examination and be reachable for permanent appointment.

The City of White Plains is located 25 miles north of New York City in Westchester County. Home to 55,000 residents, the City's population expands to 225,000 every workday as thousands of people travel to the City for work or school. The modern downtown has enjoyed a recent revitalization with expanded shopping and dining options. With a Metro North commuter railroad station and a bus transit center, people from all over Westchester County make White Plains a destination for work, leisure, and study.

The White Plains Public Library serves the City through one facility, located in downtown White Plains. With a staff of 44 FTE, in 2015 the Library attracted 560,000 visitors, 27,000 program participants, and circulated over 665,000 items. The Trove, a library for children, opened in 2005 and the Edge, a library and media lab for teens, opened in 2014. The final phase of the Library's capital campaign will create the Hub for adults, including a café and bookstore. The White Plains Library Foundation, an

independent organization, supports the Library's capital program as well as new initiatives. For more information, visit www.whiteplainslibrary.org.

Salary Range: \$75,350-\$101,941

Minimum Qualifications: Master's degree in library and information science from a program that is accredited by the American Library Association or recognized by the New York State Education Department as following accepted education practices, and four (4) years of professional library experience subsequent to receiving the Master's Degree.

Special Requirement: Eligibility for a New York State Public Librarian's Professional Certificate at the time of application; possession of certificate at the time of appointment.

The City of White Plains is an Equal Opportunity Employer

If interested, please email cover letter and resume by July 18 to: Brian Kenney, Library Director, bkenney@whiteplainslibrary.org. Please put "Librarian III" in the subject line.