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Administrative

- Provided Collection Statistics to the Finance Department for a report that they needed to run.
- Attended two construction meetings as the library renovations are now in progress.
- Created a list of what is currently checked out in our NonFiction Collection to prepare for their return during the renovation process.
- Held two interviews for the Library Assistant position in The Edge.
- Created a number of inventory reports for the Trove staff as they are undertaken a major weeding project.
- Created a Children's DVD report for the Head of Collection Management.

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 met with Foundation Director Rubini, Director Kenney, and Shirley Acevedo from LatinoU about the upcoming series of workshops sponsored by the Allstate Foundation.
- Digital Specialist Olney attended a Youth Services Advisory Group meeting.
- Librarian Himmelfarb representing the Library at a new YWCA Committee, Alliance for Change. He also met with the new folklorist at Arts Westchester who is interested in doing storytelling programs.
- Librarian Carroll attended a Friends Board Meeting, attended the Library Foundation Gala as a representative of the Friends', met with the YWCA GEMS group, went to WP High School for two Maker Mondays and for the Volunteer Fair.
- Edge staff met with Argus and Maker Ed to discuss a collaboration with the Library.
- Librarian Carlson attended World Maker Faire NYC and also NY Comic Con.

Customer Service:

- Citizenship class through partnership with BOCES has 20 students registered for the fall session.
- New Spanish Literacy class has 7 students meeting once a week.

- Spanish for Beginners class is back for the fall session.
- 14 Local History queries were answered via email, phone, and walk-in.
- Librarian Himmelfarb has started doing weekly Local History blogs to keep the buzz about the White Plains Collection going during the renovation.

Community Outreach:

- Digital Specialist Olney taught a class from Manhattanville about 3D Printing & Design.
- 3 new Oral Histories were recorded this month and will be posted shortly.
- Librarian Carroll worked with one of the WP High School Librarians to get library cards for some of their students.
- Please see the Community Outreach report for more details on Outreach.

Programs:

- Poetry Slam & Open Mic held offsite at Grace Community Church featuring Guest Poet Taylor Steele.
- Nearly 50 spirited readers joined facilitator/librarian Barbara Wenglin at the two opening sessions of our fall Short-Story Discussion Series, "Love Stories," meeting in Galaxy Hall during library renovation. Participants enjoyed exploring stories by F. Scott Fitzgerald, D. H. Lawrence, and Nobel laureate, Yasunari Kawabata.
- Please see the Edge Report for Teen Programming.