

## **Trove Monthly Report**

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### **Programs**

In addition to The Trove's regular programming...

Mariachi Juvenil Los Tigres, The White Plains High School's mariachi band, gave an outstanding performance at Raquel's Bilingual Day of the Dead Family Storytime during the evening of Nov. 2nd. There was a large crowd of sixty-eight people in the Galaxy Hall. People attending even sang along with the performers when the songs were familiar! Everyone had a good time listening to the stories and music and the children enjoyed decorating calavera (skull) masks for themselves.

On November 9, Bonnie held an afterschool Leaf Art program for 4th thru 6th grade students. Participants had a chance to try a variety of projects including rubbings, stamping, making designs & pictures with an assortment of pressed leaves, and decorating bookmarks. Everyone enjoyed the arts & crafts with autumn leaves! Pictures were sent to our facebook page and are also featured on the Trove tree trail photo loop.

Tanya and Kathlyn taught their second series of Sewing in the Edge on the 10th and 17th. Tweens learned to use sewing machines and made pillowcases to donate to the Children's Hospital. They went on to create intricate, fully lined drawstring backpacks to take home.

Matt Mazur of Turtle Dance Music performed a free music show in The Trove on the 13th. The show was designed to be inclusive for all children, including children on the Autism Spectrum, and a great time for parents and caregivers. It was wonderful to see how Mr. Matt engaged both children and adults very early in the program! Everyone participated and had a great time. There was lots of interaction and audience participation!

The Cool Kids Coders program was held again on November 16. Those who attended had a chance to try out some easy and fun coding apps on the the library's iPads. Several 6th graders indicated that they wanted to have this program offered again.

Bonnie hosted an evening celebration party for our super Battle of the Books team on the 17th. The kids were as enthusiastic eating pizza and playing games as they were on the book battlefield! A good time was had by all!

Tanya taught a Saturday afternoon "Art in the Castle" class to 3rd-5th graders. The children were introduced to the work of Van Gogh and went on to draw and paint a still life of sunflowers. She plans to continue this art program once a month on Saturday afternoons in the Castle.

### **Staff Professional Development**

Tata, Tanya, and Terry attended the NYLA Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY. Tanya went to workshops on makerspaces, computer science education, the future of libraries, sustainable libraries and getting the most out of Google, among others. Terry presented a talk on The Trove's Lego Special

programs at the NYLA Youth Services Section Table Talks on Saturday, Nov. 5th. In addition, Terry became the chair of the Empire State Award Committee for the upcoming award year.

Bonnie & Tanya attended the WLS sponsored "Performer's Showcase" held at Ossining Library. This program provides librarians with a mini introduction to a variety of outside programmers who are there to audition for possible library gigs. This is a great opportunity for us to get ideas from others and to see who we might want to hire for a TROVE event.

### **Outreach, Projects, and Visits**

The beautiful Day of the Dead altars created by the Library's families at the Day Of the Dead Altar-Making workshop in October were arranged in a display at the beginning of November and patrons have enjoyed viewing them this month. Photos of the display were sent to Maya Leggat to be posted on Facebook.

The Junior League of Central Westchester brought children from the Bethel and Slater Headstart programs to The Trove for stories and tour on Monday, November 7th.

In mid-November all of the 1st grade classes from Post Road Elementary School visited The Trove for stories, tour and library cards. Many of the children already had cards since they had visited the Trove during their kindergarten year.

Terry set up a table with library information on it at the Church Street School Community Fair on the 19th. Children who stopped by the table also had a chance to make Origami people and paper airplanes.

Eastview School Team Y 6th grade students and their parents visited The Trove on the evening of November 22nd and learned about Library resources.. Eastview teachers conducted workshops in 3 of The Trove's program rooms.

On the 28th, Terry visited classes at the Little Disciples Learning Center at St. Bernard's Church in White Plains, and conducted storytimes for 8 classes. In addition, she delivered December calendars and Noticias for all the children in these classes to take home.

Trove staff delivered December calendars and Noticias to all 5 of the public elementary schools in White Plains.

### **Collection Management**

Terry provided an update on The Trove weeding project:

Intensive weeding projects were launched in The Trove during the late Summer and Fall of 2016. Assistance has been provided by staff from the Adult, Collections Management and Circulation Departments, greatly facilitating the process.

Bonnie reports that the weeding criteria are not hard and fast -- books pulled are reviewed for relevancy, condition, and need in the collection, etc. Some topics do not have up-to-date publications. She also

notes that one thing these weeding projects will do for us is get many lost/never returned/"phantom" titles out of the catalog which will make things much cleaner and user friendly for staff and patrons alike.

The projects are proceeding well. Trove staff are appreciative to the staff in the Adult, Collections Management and Circulation departments for their assistance in the weeding effort!

Josh plans on having each individual collection area reexamined following this initial project, along with looking at the J Fiction collection, for unused items and items in poor condition, in order to create a more user-friendly and browseable collection that provides space for shelving and collection growth using  $\frac{3}{4}$  guidelines, as well as more marketing of materials through display.