

## **Children's Monthly Report**

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### **Programs:**

Bonnie and Deb led the Trove's "Raging Pages" team in 7 battles against 18 WLS libraries at the annual Battle of the Books. The team missed advancing to the semi-final round by just 1 point, finishing in 3rd place. Congratulations to Ryan Appel, Patrick Brown, Emiliano Juarez, Priya Kumar, Julia Molloy, Caleb Orr, Tim Pan and Patrick Stanton!

In an effort to bridge the gap between the Trove and the Edge, Tanya and Kathlyn ran workshops geared toward 5th to 8th graders. The first was a jewelry making workshop in the Trove where the kids learned to bead and attach metal closures to their necklaces using needle nose pliers. They also taught a sewing class for a similar age group in the Edge where the kids made hand warmers using the library's sewing machines.

Tata and Raquel ran a three part Day of the Dead Altar-Making series to honor the lives of those who have passed away, by creating beautiful altars and sharing stories of their loved ones. Refreshments on that last day included pan de los muertos, a traditional Mexican treat made to celebrate the Day of the Dead. Fifty participants attended the last day of the series.

Terry ran a messy finger painting class for forty 2-5 year olds. She also taught 5th - 8th graders coding using the library's iPads. She also finished the Lego Build Westchester series and plans to display the creations in the library this winter.

### **Staff Professional Development:**

Bonnie attended the annual BookFest conference at Bank Street. Leonard Marcus, Christopher Myers, George O'Connor, Jason Chin were just a few of the inspiring authors who spoke. Pamela Munoz Ryan, author of ESPERANZA RISING and ECHO, gave the keynote address.

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

The Trove and Edge were represented at the White Plains High School Volunteer Fair.

The collaboration with the YWCA was finalized and will launch in the New Year.

Five kindergarten classes from Post Road School visited The Trove for stories and a tour.