

**MONTHLY REPORT
AGENDA ITEM #4**

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In the past month, I've worked on several initiatives: the future of Global Ambassadors and Shinnoy-en Foundation funding; new programs and services in early childhood learning; revitalization of the Trove, including conditions, furnishings, and collection management—especially weeding; an Institute of Museum and Library Services grant, with Ben Himmelfarb, for a mobile library to use at the train station and elsewhere; a retreat for Edge staff to develop a plan of service and strategic plan for the Edge.

I was the guest speaker at the Publishers Lunch Club in Manhattan (Jan. 11), speaking on the future of libraries; attended New York Presbyterian's Community Advisory Board (Jan. 17); led a meeting of Book 'Em, a mystery book group (Jan. 18) as well as English Conversation Group (Jan. 18), and conducted staff training on weeding and collection management (Jan. 25).

I also published a column in *Publisher's Weekly* "Three Critical Issues facing Librarians in Trump's America" (<http://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/libraries/article/72493-libraries-in-the-age-of-trump.html>) and participated in the meeting of the Notable Books Council which produced a list of the best books of the year (<http://rusa.ala.org/update/awards/notable-books-list/>)