

MONTHLY REPORT

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- We have reached a milestone with the microfilm digitization project headed by local history librarian Ben Himmelfarb. Our OCR (Optical Character Recognition) server has been processing scanned microfilm issues of *The Daily Press*, a long defunct White Plains newspaper. A disk containing 1,000 scanned and OCR'd pages dating from 1929 and 1930 was sent to [New York Historic Newspapers](#) for hosting on their website. This was an initial submission to determine suitability of the scanned documents as deemed by NY Historic Newspapers. With regard to that, we found that over 63% of the OCR'd documents are at a 90% confidence level or better, the confidence level indicating how well the text was recognized. Over 3,000 more scanned pages remain to be processed and submitted, and many more yet to be scanned.
- Our website has a new database that provides contact information for local community resources such as schools and colleges, religious organizations, social services offices, etc. The new feature is available at <https://whiteplainslibrary.org/community-resources/>.
- A replacement backup server was installed to replace the server that failed last month. Backups of our file server are once again back to normal.
- We have ordered 26 computers for the Hub. The systems essentially form all-in-one computers, with the tiny form factor computer attaching to the back of the monitors. Despite their very small size, they are expected to be very fast due to a relatively large amount of memory (8 GB) and a solid state drive (SSD). Much work continues to be done installing and configuring a prototype system that will then be imaged and deployed to the rest of the Hub computers. We expect to be able to offer patrons the ability to select from a variety of languages on each computer, thereby eliminating the need for a separate group of computers with a Spanish language operating system.
- In order to accommodate printing needs for the Latino U FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) program held on Sunday, October 22nd, the Edge printer was configured to be securely accessible via Google Cloud Print. It was necessary to do so because we discovered that our mobile printing implementation no longer supports the use of a mobile printing app that we previously used on the Edge laptops. Following the program, Cloud Print was disabled so as to prevent patrons from bypassing our print management system. It should be noted that mobile printing is still available from the laptops, although not as conveniently as was needed for the FAFSA program.
- A patron failed to return one of our mobile hotspots. It has been deactivated.

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