## MONTHLY REPORT

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All computer equipment has been removed from Meeting Room B, and on January 12<sup>th</sup> the
electrical contractor, Healy Electric, removed the temporary electrical conduits from the room.
It is once again available to be booked as a meeting room.

- The newly renovated Community Room is now available for programs. Both public and private wireless networking is available there.
- A number of database changes were implemented at the beginning of January. The subscription to Morningstar, a finance and investment resource, was discontinued by Westchester Library System (WLS) and was replaced with three financial data products from Mergent: Mergent Archives, Mergent Intellect and Mergent Online. Also discontinued by WLS is Ancestry Library Edition\*; however, due to the popularity of the resource, we have subscribed to it as an individual library. Other database additions made by WLS were Kanopy, a streaming movie service, and RBdigital, an audiobook provider. In addition to those new resources, we added a number of free resources: Court Listener, International Statistical Activities, News Lookup, Peterson's College Directories, Politwoops, Sports Reference, TV News Archive and World Radio Map. We also added a new category to our Resources page, Government & Politics because of the number of resources that now fall under that category. The number of database resources we offer now totals 93.
  - \* Ancestry Library Edition is only accessible from within the Library.
- On the night of Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, our primary gateway server was remotely updated to the latest version of its operating system (FreeBSD Linux / pfSense). The update caused an issue with the optical drive in the server such that the server would no longer boot. The following morning, it was necessary to remove the optical drive from the server, after which the update completed successfully and the gateway server was operational once again.
- One of our mobile wifi hotspots was returned without its charger, and one hotspot was returned
  with a swollen battery. We had a spare USB charger that allowed us to once again circulate the
  first one, and we have ordered replacement batteries to keep on hand. We are currently
  circulating 11 hotspots, and we have an additional one reserved for staff use. This is a decrease
  from the original 15 that we had due to one not being returned and two having been damaged.
- On Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, it was discovered that our calendar's RSS feed was no longer being displayed on one of the lobby monitors. The issue was due to a plugin that needed to be updated. The plugin was updated; however, it caused the loss of custom code that allowed the calendar events to display properly. The code was rewritten, and the lobby display was once again operational by the 11th.