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### Administrative

- Attended first floor renovation meeting with Director Kenney.
- Attended planning meeting for Auditorium, Gallery, Room A & B renovation for the Public Access TV Studio. Architect, DPW Staff, Director Kenney and several trustees were in attendance.
- Created Music and Adult Graphic weeding lists for Collection Management.
- Provided Trove with statistics for Hoopla and Stepping Stones museum usage for the summer.

**Staff Activities** - *Thanks to librarians Sharon Rothman, Mariel Perez, Ben Himmelfarb, Kristen Thornton-De Stafeno and Austin Duffy who contributed to this report.*

- Librarian Himmelfarb and YWCA Book Club: plans finalized for November 1st book discussion and virtual author event with Jennifer Latham, author of *Dreamland Burning*, a historical fiction set in Tulsa in 1921. Author will be skyping in to the community room. YWCA is providing food, library is providing beverages.
- Arcadia Book: Elaine Massena and Librarian Himmelfarb are chugging along on putting together the book "White Plains in the 20th Century." Publication is expected in Fall 2019. The deadline for completing submissions is March 2019 and all is going well so far.
- Librarian Rothman attended Foundation Center Virtual Network Day. She also attend a Westchester Library Association board meeting.
- Librarian Thornton-De Stafeno along with Director Kenney, Systems Staff Jackson, Assistant Director Degyansky, Librarian Baird, Foundation Director Rubini and WLS Marketing Consultant Molly Ahearn have been working on updating logos, website layout, and a standards guide.
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### Customer Service:

- 25 Local History questions, the majority of which were via email.
- Librarian Rothman gave presentation to WEBS Career Development Seminar of Library e-resources.
- Librarian Perez conducted 5 Library tours for the ESL classes.

### Community Outreach:

- Please see the Community Outreach report for more details.
- Mobile Food Pantry on the Library Plaza served over 330 families.

## Programs:

- Librarian Wenglin's popular short-story discussion series started off in October with two spirited sessions and a full house averaging 40+ eager readers ready to discuss compelling selections from our new thematic anthology, *Stories of Art and Artists*, edited by Diana Tesdell (Everyman's Pocket Classics, c 2014). We were pleased to welcome back our faithful core of participants along with several newcomers recruited by friends and word-of-mouth, along with lobby flyer and website blog.
- Other book groups included Slow Reading, Book'em Mystery Book Group, and Spanish Book Club.
- Poetry Slam: October slam with Paragraph had 9 open mic poets, 8 slam poets, and 22 audience. November's poet is Wonder Dave! Zork will be handling all hosting duties for November Slam, as I will be in Rochester for NYLA.
- WP History Roundtable: 14 attendees met in the local history room. Topic was on our genealogical resources and also how the sources/methods you use in our collection apply to other libraries and research centers. Next Roundtable will be December 12 and will be on Wikipedia--how to be an editor, how to update info on WP local history.
- Common Ground: 26 attendees (including Christiane and Donnie). Topic was Civic Engagement/Voting. Table captains included Beth Kava and Stephen Cohen from LWV, Julia Nesbitt from YWCA, and Kat Brezler a WP resident and organizer. November's topic is Transgender Rights and Experiences, table captains will be from WP High School and the LOFT. Program going well, though our goal is to continue to grow and diversify the participants.
- WEBS program: Thinking About a Career Change.
- Computer classes included: Introduction to Massive Open Online Courses; Animation Design for Adults; 3D Printing; Malware Defense; Adobe Apps.
- Spanish for Beginners is as popular as ever and constantly calls for dates for next session.
- WEDC Entrepreneurial Program in Spanish. Once a week for new business owners. Averaging 25 students per workshop. The teacher added a Spanish Excel class that attracted 18 patrons.
- Spanish Literacy classes averaging 8 students per class.
- Latino U's FAFSA Bootcamp was once again a success. Over 30 families were able to complete their FAFSA applications with the help of Latino U and their volunteers.
- Mexican Consulate was here for a week helping citizens get their passports and consular IDs.