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Administrative

- Attended Mayor's Youth Board meeting along with Trove Manager Carlson. Invited everyone to join the group voting on the NEA Big Read book.
- Attended NEA Big Read where Library Staff and Community partners selected Celeste Ng's "Everything I Never Told You" as the Citywide Big Read.
- Met with Director Kenney to discuss the filling of the vacancy created by Librarian Himmelfarb's departure. Staff should be commended for hosting a very nice Bon Voyage Ben party.
- Attended TV Studio Meeting. Reviewed plans of the renovation and discussion of timeline.
- Attended the Westchester Library Association mid-winter Conference at Ossining Library.

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

- Librarian Rothman attended the Westchester Library Association mid-winter Conference on "The Human Library", a concept where patrons "borrow" a person to learn about them and an experience(s) that they had. A way to meet people in the community and to learn how diverse everyone is.
- Librarians Rothman, Himmelfarb, and De Stafeno were part of the Big Read Committee that met and voted on selecting "Everything I Never Told You" by Celeste Ng as the Big Read book for White Plains.
- All staff attended an overview of the new Evergreen public catalog that will be live on March 14th.
- Librarian De Stafeno attended the Board meeting to discuss marketing updates. She met with Edge to discuss their use of the Edge Instagram account.

Customer Service:

- 22 Local History queries, 20 of them via email. Librarian Duffy will be taking over this responsibility with the departure of Librarian Himmelfarb.
- 23 1-1 trainings, many of them e-book related. Staff are doing more and more of these and it is a real benefit to the patron to receive 1-1 help.

Community Outreach:

- Please see the Community Outreach report for more details.
- Librarian De Stafeno reported that the e-Newsletter now has over 11,000 subscribers. De Stafeno finalized the Library's pages for the Spring/Summer Rec & Parks Guide.

Programs:

- Artist's Loft with Art Bennett has secured funding for February thru September, the last Wednesday of each month. Librarian Rothman is taking over this program from Himmelfarb.
- Poetry Slam & Open Mic. Librarian De Stafeno will be leading this program with the departure of Himmelfarb.
- Common Ground with the WP League of Women Voters had a very good turnout in January for discussion of Race & American Society. Trove Librarian Simmons will be taking the lead on this program with the departure of Himmelfarb.
- Librarian Rothman coordinated a program with the Women's Enterprise Development Center "Google Your Business".
- Tech Wednesday programs are now a regular series where Adults are invited to the Media Lab to test new technology. This month: Open Virtual Reality; How to Build a Computer; Open House in the Media Lab; Animation Design; Coding 101; Essential Apps.
- Spanish programs facilitated by Librarian Perez included WEDC Entrepreneurial Training; WEDC Graduation; Spanish Literacy program.
- Ditch the Diet Wellness Program. Lunchtime Meditation had 5 sessions, average of 11 patrons per session.