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## OUTREACH AND COLLABORATION

- Met with Lt. Fuller of Public Safety on January 8 to plan an alternate location for Feeding Westchester's Kraft Mobile Food Pantry distributions. The truck will park on the street and the distribution will take place in front of the library to the left of the front entrance. Police will be on hand to insure the safety of Feeding Westchester staff and volunteers. Feeding Westchester staff approved the plan at a meeting on January 17.
- Met with the volunteers of the AARP Foundation Tax Aide program on January 15 to discuss final preparations and logistics for the Tax preparation assistance program which begins February 5.
- Met with representatives from the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council - Mid-Hudson South Region (Poughkeepsie) on January 24 in preparation for public hearings to be scheduled in spring. Dates have not yet been finalized.
- Scheduled two public hearings for the New York State Department of Public Service for February 13. The sessions, one at 2pm, the second at 6pm, will allow members of the public to learn more about and comment on alternatives to the recent Consolidated Edison decision to stop accepting new gas customers in Westchester County

## PROGRAMMING AND GRANTS

- Met with retired Scarsdale Alternative School Director, Howard Rodstein, on January 10 to discuss his proposed "Take the Wheel" program which prepares high school students to become active in civic causes. The Library will provide space for a pilot of the program in fall of 2019.
- Scheduled a local author, Steven Lewis, to conduct a reading and book signing of his recent novel, Hard Rain, on June 1.
- Met with students from the WCC Radio station on January 15 to discuss use of Library space for concerts, readings, and exhibits by up and coming Westchester artists. A preliminary networking event is planned for summer 2019.
- Participated in the book selection process for an NEA Big Read program. Prepared and submitted the proposal on January 23.

## STAFF AND TRAINING

- Attended Evergreen training on January 24.
- Vetted and deployed one new volunteer who will help out with the Friends bookstore.