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Administrative

- Attended Mayor's Youth Board meeting along with Trove Manager Carlson. Discussion of suspensions at WP schools and how busy the Edge is for Home Bound.
- Met with Trove Librarian Simmons who will be assigned as the Library's Community Engagement Librarian. He will start this role in about two months. The Community Engagement Librarian will work very closely with Outreach Librarian Perez.
- Arranged full Evergreen training for all staff in preparation for the migration and full launch of the new system on March 14th.
- Discussion with Director Kenney and Hub Staff about issues surrounding use of Conference Rooms and possible changes to this service.

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

- Librarian De Stafeno attended the Library Board meeting to discuss marketing updates. She also attended a webinar "Using Social Media as a Tool to Advocate Diversity and Inclusion". De Stafeno also met with Trove Staff to discuss Marketing Updates and the new Standards Guide.
- Full and Part Time staff attended on site Evergreen training with Allison Midgley from WLS.

Customer Service:

- 2 Local History queries this month. Librarian Duffy is taking over these responsibilities and has started the process of learning everything that is available in the Library's White Plains Collection.
- Staff gave 21 1-1 e-trainings, mostly ebook related.

Community Outreach:

- Please see the Community Outreach report for more details.
- Librarian De Stafeno rep for the Spring/Summer Rec & Parks Guide.

Programs:

- Staff offered 11 computer classes including the traditional Microsoft Office classes plus 3D Printing, iOS Development, Open Media Lab [a chance for adults to play with all the gadgets in the Media Lab], Augmented Reality, and Social Media.
- In addition to the English Conversation Group that is held twice a week, the Library now offers Spanish Conversation once a week.
- Spanish for Beginners with our wonderful teach Naicy Petrill started a new session with the class completely filled once again.
- Librarian De Stafeno co-hosted Poetry Slam with Zork featuring guest poet Melania-Luisa Marte.
- The Future is Female book club had their first session. They will be discussing memoirs of famous women. Slow Reading and Book'em Mystery Book Group continued.
- Dr. Mimi Leibman held a workshop "Finding Joy in Your Everyday Life".
- The Winter Film Festival continued with showings of: "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King", "Dunkirk", and "Gravity".
- As part of our Wellness program, every Wednesday afternoon was Lunchtime Meditation, an evening of "Relax and Restore With Sound Meditation" and "Mindfulness as a Tool for Stress Management and Self-Exploration".
- The New York State Department of Public Service held two open public hearings on the ConEd gas moratorium.
- Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Shelley Mayer, and Nadine Hunt-Robinson co-hosted a screening of Chisolm '72 with a follow up discussion that included someone who worked on Chisolm's campaign. The event was full and despite the wintry conditions, over a 100 attended.
- Common Ground, the Community Conversation with the WP League of Women Voters discussed Economic Inequality.
- The Library hosted Grandpas United, a collaboration between the WP Youth Bureau and the North American Family Institute to build a network of mentors for youth in the community.
- The Artist's Loft with Art Bennett kicked off a new series that will run through September with drop-in performances in the Café.