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Administrative

- Attended Mayor's Youth Board meeting along with Trove Manager Carlson. School Superintendent Dr. Ricca was in attendance. Very informative meeting.
- Meeting with Director Kenney in preparation for ILS Migration.
- Meeting with Director Kenney and Librarian Duffy to discuss training for the English Conversation Group volunteers and staff leaders.
- Worked with Systems Staff on various tech issues related to the migration including OverDrive issue with automatic checkouts [appears to be solved now], patrons not getting access to Freegal [resolved], and getting all staff set up with working logins to the staff side of Evergreen.

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

- Librarian De Stafeno worked with a NY Times reporter about Dr. Olivia J. Hooker oral history project.
- De Stafeno is part of the hiring committee for the Trove Librarian I position.

Customer Service:

- 10 Local History queries including the City Clerk who was looking for photos for the March 29th commemoration of the Vietnam War at City Hall.
- 4 Homebound deliveries this month.

Community Outreach:

- Please see the Community Outreach report for more details.

Programs:

- Barbara Wenglin launched her spring short-story series, "Stories of Art and Artists," with a spirited discussion of an award-winning work by Rebecca Lee called "Fialta" dealing with relationships in a closed artists' colony in the Mid-West. Nearly 40 readers participated with insights about the author's meaning and technique.

- Slow Reading and Book'em Mystery Group held book discussions this month.
- 8 English Conversation Group sessions with 9 new people joining the groups.
- 5 computer classes including PowerPoint and Excel classes, 3D Printing, Optimizing Your PC, and "What is Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency" [Austin Olney had a full house for this last one]. 21 1-1 sessions with patrons for e-book and internet help. Also, 5 3D Printing appointments.
- Poetry Slam & Open Mic with guest poet M.I.D.N.I.G.H.T.
- Saturday reception for Museum Gallery display on the new Tappan Zee Bridge. A new art show from students at SW BOCES is now on display in the Gallery.
- Empire State Development held a Public Hearing at the Library.
- Wellness Wednesday programs included: "Relax With Reiki" and "Deep Relaxation Sound Bath and Mindfulness Meditation".
- On the Homefront: Families of Veterans Writing Workshop started their 10 week writing workshop this month.
- Madeline Zevon from the League of Women Voters gave a presentation on the NY Health Care Act.
- Common Ground community conversation hosted by the WP League of Voters and Librarian Simmons discussed Sexual Misconduct.
- The Artist's Loft with Art Bennett included Dance with Alec Lichtenberg.