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Administrative

- Director Kenney and I are on the City's Complete the Count. The Kickoff meeting with Community Partners was held on September 23rd with many local organizations, faith based as well as community, attending.
- Hosted three Jazz programs at the Library in support of Jazz Fest. Two well attended Jazz at Noon programs in front of the Café and a Saturday Hands-on Family Jazz with instructors from the Westchester Music Conservatory.
- Attend pre and post JazzFest meetings at ArtsWestchester.
- Two interviews for Librarian I, Community Engagement. Neither candidate was a fit so the position has been rebranded as Librarian I, Programming Librarian. Interviews to happen in mid-October.

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

- Librarian Rothman met with Foundation Director Rubini to prepare for the October "What to Read Next" program. She also attended two Westchester Library Association events: "WLA Meet & Mingle" and an Executive Board meeting.
- Librarian Perez translated the Children's Newsletter into Spanish for the September Noticias.
- Librarian De Stafeno photographed the grand opening of the Library Plaza.
- Librarian Duffy attended a Public Library Association Webinar "Tools for Building Digital Skills with Your Patrons and Staff".

Customer Service:

- Aging in Place used the Community Room for their monthly meeting to discuss relevant topics of the day.
- Librarian Duffy coordinated three HomeBound deliveries this month.
- Librarian Duffy answered seven Local History queries: four by phone, three by email. One patron mailed in a \$15 thank you check for an obituary search that Duffy completed.

Community Outreach:

- Please see the Community Outreach report for more details.
- Along with her regular Outreach duties, Librarian Perez facilitated a One Book, One White Plains book discussion at the Bristol.
- Our most popular tweet was a retweet of Cayne Letizia's recommendation of our museum pass program.
- Our most popular Instagram post was on the grand opening of the plaza.

Programs:

- Technology classes included: "Social Media 101", "Artificial Intelligence 101", "Animation 101".
- Poetry Slam & Open Mic with guest poet Tony Brown.
- Book Discussion Groups included: Slow Reading, Book'em Mystery Group, One Book, One White Plains Pop-up Discussion.
- Librarian Perez hosted a WEDC Entrepreneurial Training Program in Spanish.
- Wellness Wednesdays included "Sound Healing & Tibetan Singing Bowls" with Michelle Clifton; "Dealing with Difficult People" with Dr. Mimi Leibman.
- Spanish for Beginners started the fall session with instructor Naicy Petrill.
- Librarian Rothman hosted an SBA Workshop "Marketing With Social Media".
- Aging in Place held a program with County Executive Latimer to discuss current issues in Westchester.
- Artist's Loft with Art Bennett and Visual Artist Lana Yu.
- WLS group Seniors Out Speaking held a program "De-Mystifying Medicare and Health Care Coverage for Seniors".
- Senior B.E.A.T held a Bee-Line transit orientation program for seniors.