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### Administrative

- Led the interview team that selected the new Programming Librarian I whose start date is January 13<sup>th</sup>. Teen Librarian Carroll and Director Kenney were part of the hiring committee for this position.
- Attended a renovation meeting for the Auditorium/Museum Gallery project. Construction start date was set as November 18<sup>th</sup>.
- In Director Kenney's absence, attended the Library Board Meeting and spoke about hiring difficulties, WLS Evergreen issues, Capital Projects update, SCORE, and Census 2020.
- Attended a meeting at the Planning Dept with Director Kenney as they begin work on the next five year Community Block Development Grant. We were part of a focus group with community partners.
- Created a report on lost items in the Edge and Trove.
- Created an inventory list of items listed as Summer Reading for Librarian Carroll. Trained Carroll on using Evergreen to create these types of reports.

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

- Librarian Rothman attended the CANDID Conference at the Foundation Center.
- Librarian De Stafeno worked with Director Kenney and Foundation Director Rubini on marketing for the spring Gala and also gathering content in support of a Con Edison grant. She also created business cards for new Trove Librarian Reddy.
- A sustainability team is being formed by Teen Librarian Carroll for the Library to pursue a Green business Certification. Librarian De Stafeno will represent Adult Services on this team.

### Customer Service:

- 1-1 Advanced tech help and e-book help by Digital Media Specialist Olney.

### Community Outreach:

- Please see the Community Outreach report for more details.
- Librarian Perez giving tours to ESL class students led to seven students signing up for Library cards.

## Programs:

- The Wellness series continued with three programs: “Forgiveness: Making Peace with the Past”; Relax with Reiki; Medical Cannabis; as well as the weekly Lunchtime Meditation.
- Book Groups included Slow Reading, Book’em, and sixteen One Book, One White Plains groups either in the Library or offsite.
- Computer classes led by Digital Media Specialist Olney included: Music and Audio Design 101; Robotics 101; Learn About Big Tech; What is Hacking?
- Barbara Wenglin launched her fall book series with the One Book, One White Plains selection, *Everything I Never Told You*. Nearly 40 enthusiastic participants gathered for a lively and thoughtful discussion of this compelling work, with different views of the characters, the literary structure and timeline, the family interactions, and the somewhat-puzzling ending. The short-story series continued at another October session with more than 30 readers exploring works from a new anthology, *Stories of Motherhood, (Everyman’s Pocket Classics, c2012)*, dealing with the universal theme of motherhood in many variations.
- The four-part SCORE workshop had a total of 80 participants. (One of the counselors conducted a workshop at Yonkers on Wednesday and 4 people attended.) Librarian Rothman was able to promote our online resource ReferenceUSA generating 4 one-on-ones this month. Two more are scheduled for next week.
- Librarian Rothman and Director Kenney hosted “What Do I Read Next” with publishing insider Carol Fitzgerald.
- Librarian De Stafeno co-hosted Poetry Slam & Open Mic with Zork, featuring Guest Poet Thomas Fucaloro.
- Alan Steinfield led three sessions of an Introduction to Genealogy Workshop.
- Spanish Programs included: Women’s Enterprise Development Center Entrepreneurial Training Workshop in Spanish [very popular]; Spanish Literacy every Wednesday evening; Tuesday evening Spanish Conversation Group; LatinoU FAFSA Financial Aid for families.
- Librarian Duffy hosted the Revolutionary Westchester 250 Roundtable, a public discussion of how Westchester can celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of US Independence.