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OUTREACH AND COLLABORATION

- Represented the Library at the White Plains Basics kick off. This citywide initiative, spearheaded by Superintendent of Schools Joseph Ricca, promotes five evidence-based parenting and caregiving principles that encompass much of what experts find is important for children from birth to age three. A steering committee will be set up to plan next steps.
- Worked with the following groups to arrange space for various meetings: Church Street School PTA Committee, ACE Mentor Program, Jewish Community Services, Grandpas United, Aging in Place, League of Women Voters, Rotary Committee Meetings, and Social Media Committee of the White Plains Democratic Club.

PROGRAMMING AND COLLECTIONS

- Met with Christiane Deschamps and Joshua Carlson on November 15 to discuss a revised program evaluation procedure and forms.
- Scheduled a program, Fact or Fake – The Role of Media in our Political System to be offered on February 6.
- Scheduled a non-fiction book group, The Facts not Fiction, to be offered by a volunteer in spring, 2020.
- Recommended that the Library subscribe to a Chinese language newspaper. After consulting with New Americans Program staff at Queens Library, and Collection Management staff, the library will begin a subscription to the World Journal beginning in February, 2020.

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

- Participated in the strategic planning navigators meeting on November 6. Took and prepared minutes of the meeting.
- Drafted a Service Animal Policy which was discussed at the November 21 library department heads meeting. Suggestions will be incorporated for consideration by the Board of Trustees.
- Conducted a volunteer orientation on November 13. Nine people attended.