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### Administrative

- New programming Librarian Kristy Bauman started on January 27<sup>th</sup>. All staff will be involved in training Kristy in all aspects of the Library. She most recently worked at the Wood Library in Canandaigua.
- Spoke with Kaite from the Tuckahoe Library about our HotSpot lending program. Tuckahoe is considering starting such a program and are gathering information on what steps to take to make it possible to provide such a service.
- Worked with Teen Librarian Carroll and WLS staff Midgley on creating a weeding report that required cloning and existing Evergreen template.
- Gather Tutor.com statistics for Director Kenney to present to WLS.
- Met with Kenney and Librarian Rothman to discuss steps to train staff in preparation for Census 2020.
- Met with Librarians Carlson [Josh and Erik] and Director Kenney to discuss the idea of hosting Little Free Libraries inside White Plains businesses.
- Attended a Complete the Count Census Committee meeting with Director Kenney at City Hall.
- Attended a JazzFest 2020 meeting at ArtWestchester with Librarian Bauman.

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

- Librarian Thornton-De Stafeno visited the Hendrick Hudson Library with other Green Team members.
- Librarians Rothman and Perez attended the Westchester Library Association Mid-Winter Conference at the Ossining Library.
- Staff will be doing Census training at WLS in preparation for Census 2020. Librarian Rothman will do follow up trainings with all staff members who work public service where they may be asked questions about doing the Census Online.

### Customer Service:

- Media Specialist Olney offered one on one help with 3D Printing, iPad/tablet issues, and advanced computer help.

## Community Outreach:

- Please see the Community Outreach report for more details.

## Programs:

- Poetry Slam & Open Mic with featured Guest Poet Bobby Sanchez. Co-hosted with Zork.
- Sewing for Adults led by Librarians Thornton-De Stafeno and Carroll. Very popular program that sold out shortly after registration opened.
- Computer Classes included: "Modern Technology – Get With the Program!", "Streaming and Digital TV Roundup", "3D Design With Blender", "Big Data and Digital Privacy".
- Barbara Wenglin wrapped her fall/winter series with a discussion of the compelling and poignant short story "The Sky Is Gray" by Ernest Gaines. This was followed by a screening and discussion of the classic film noir mystery, "Mildred Pierce," starring Joan Crawford in her Oscar-winning performance. More than 40 patrons attended each session, linked by the theme from the series anthology, "Stories of Motherhood," which will be used again in a spring series beginning in March.
- Other book discussion groups included "Book'em Mystery Group", "Slow Reading" and "The Future is Female".
- Hosted a Nutrition Workshop led by Alyssa Advincula from Feeding Westchester.
- BOCES and WCC held ESOL Class registration for their winter semester courses. The ESOL classes always draw a large crowd to the Library and many of the students get introduced to the Library for the first time.
- WEDC completed their Entrepreneurial Training program that was offered in Spanish.
- Community Partners Aging in Place, Grandpas United, Rotary Club, White Plains Beautification held meetings at the Library.
- SCORE held two workshops in the Community Room that were very well attended: "Grow Your Business With Google Ads" and "Owning a Part-time Business While Keeping Your Job".
- Common Ground: Community Conversations returned to the Library. This is a collaboration with the WP League of Women Voters and the YWCA.