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COLLABORATION

- Met with BOCES staff to arrange for two basic ESL level classes, a citizenship class and a TASC preparation class in Spanish. The classes will begin on January 6, 2020 and have been scheduled through June.
- Working with filmmaker Meshida Philip to bring a Caribbean film festival to the Library in June. Grant funding is being sought from the American Library Association programming office through their Community Engagement initiative.
- Coordinated scheduling for monthly Coffee with Grandpas with the Youth Bureau. These sessions will meet monthly through June.
- Westchester Library System approached us about hosting a Senior Benefits Individual Counseling service (SBIC). SBICS trained volunteers help older adults achieve a better understanding of Medicare health plans and prescription drug coverage. Information is provided about different types of government programs. We do not have space to proceed but hope to host this service after the renovation is complete.

PROGRAMMING

- Scheduled a program, Fact or False: The role of media in our political system, for February 6.
- Assisted the Friends of the White Plains Library with space and set up arrangements for their annual staff luncheon and annual meeting.
- Booked space for the Westchester County Department of Correction Youth Training, GoodTemps, and NAMI through 2020.

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

- Met with three prospective volunteers. Two are interested in helping out with programs. The third is interested in working with teens on technology programs. They will begin their work in 2020.
- Attended training on the Employee Assistance program at City Hall on December 17.