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OUTREACH AND COLLABORATION

- Working with the Studio Collective to mount the first exhibit in the renovated museum gallery. Tentative dates for the opening is January 4.
- Arranged for pickup of equipment and supplies used by the Homebound Instruction program of the City of White Plains School District. It is unlikely that the Library will serve as a tutoring location for the academic year 20-21.
- Met with AARP Tax Aide volunteers on August 14 to plan for the 2021 tax season. Assuming that the Library will be hosting live programs, AARP-trained volunteers will prepare returns for the public on Mondays and Tuesdays, 10am – 3pm from February 1 through April 13.

PROGRAMMING

- Hosted the remaining 2 sessions of the International Film Festival. Ten people attended.
- Scheduled a second session of the Pause and Reflect writing workshop for October through December. Funding from Poets & Writers is pending. The current participants were filmed reading from their work. The film will be mounted on our website and will be added to the Library's Documenting Covid project.

INTERNAL

- Prepared the sponsor's report for the current Poets & Writers grant. Initiated another grant for a second session of the Pause and Reflect Writing workshop.
- Researched and reported out on funding available through Mobile Beacon, an organization dedicated to providing affordable, mobile, high-speed internet access to schools, libraries, and nonprofits so they can better carry out their missions. The Library will apply for their Wi-Fly Lending Launch kit which provides 25 hotspots, 25 laptops and one year broadband. Applications are due September 30.