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In the past month, I worked on the following initiatives and activities:

Planned for the Ibram Kendi event, including program development.

Planned for the joint Library/School district book discussions of Ibram Kendi's *Stamped.* These discussions will involve over 600 students over the course of two months.

With the management team, planned for the possible retrenchment of Library services in response to rising cases of COVID-19. This includes returning to Phase One B, when the building is closed to the public but we provide curbside pickup and Phase One A, when the building is closed, staff are working from home, and all services are virtual/digital.

Continued to meet weekly with the Public Library Directors Association to share strategies, seek advice, and coordinate efforts in the face of the pandemic.

Contributed to several board meetings, including METRO Library Council, ALA's Booklist Advisory Board, the EBSCO Public Library Advisory Board. Participated in a WP Planning Department focus group on services to vulnerable populations.

Met with Joshua Carlson to review youth services budget for the remainder of this FY.

Conducted book discussions of Kendi's How to Be and Antiracist and Book 'Em.

Participated in the Winbrook Crisis Authority, presenting on library services during the pandemic.

Worked with Bill Deierlein, Westchester Country Board of Elections on use of Library as polling site.

With management team, continued to reconfigure staff work spaces and locations to minimize contact.

With management team, planned the lending of bundled laptops/hotspots. We will launch this as a beta test in December, with the possibility of expansion in the first quarter, 2021.

Worked with DPW, Community Media to finalize the renovation and Media's move. Began collaboration between Community Media and Library staff.

Began work on a strategic plan to cover pandemic and post-pandemic response.