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## OUTREACH AND COLLABORATION

- Represented the Library at a meeting on November 12 with representatives from Recreation and Parks, Youth Bureau, Public Safety, White Plains BID and the Mayor's office to discuss programs for 2021. The discussion centered on programs that will be cancelled (e.g. New Year's Eve ball drop), going forward (eg. Outdoor Arts Festival) and new initiatives. The new initiatives include a float with Santa to drive through the neighborhoods the weekend of December 19. Also, a weekend market is tentatively scheduled for April or May to highlight local minority-owned businesses.
- Both White Plains Community Media and BOCES are interested in working to broadcast Citizenship and/or ESOL class(es). A meeting is planned for December.

## PROGRAMMING

- Working with Southern Westchester BOCES to partner on ESOL classes for 2021. All will be virtual using the BOCES Zoom and Google Classroom platforms. BOCES teachers have accounts and have been trained so that neither the Library's Zoom platform nor Library Zoom hosts will be needed.
- The second session of Pause and Reflect continues through December 2. The instructor, Julia Rust, will again have an anthology printed. The virtual reading will consist of participants being video-taped. The results will be compiled, edited and broadcast on White Plains Community Media

## INTERNAL

- Participated in a planning meeting on November 9 to discuss a laptop lending program to begin December 1. The start date is likely to be pushed back due to changes in service that started November 27.
- Created a spreadsheet which lists all the Westchester libraries and the services they are currently providing.