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OUTREACH AND COLLABORATION

- Staying in contact with the AARP tax prep program for updates on providing help this tax season. In person assistance is not possible this year but the organization is planning to help people virtually. The details are still not available as of this date. Many patrons are calling to ask about it.
- Working with the Heart Association of Westchester to begin loaning blood pressure monitoring devices. Yonkers Library is piloting this program and has provided helpful guidance on launching ours. The monitors have arrived and staff and patron procedures drafted.
- Coordinated the donation of a 3D printer from a Harrison resident who read about our donation of a 3D printer to the Westchester Medical Center for the purpose of making personal protective equipment. The printer needs a few inexpensive replacement parts but otherwise works. It will be housed in the Edge.

PROGRAMMING AND GRANTS

- Participated in an Adult Services program meeting on January 11.
- Reviewed and commented on a proposal prepared by Joshua Carlson and Kristy Bauman for funds to support anti-bias staff training and adult book group kits. The funding will potentially come from the American Library Association's, Libraries Transform Communities Engagement Grant program.

OUTREACH

- The Office of the Mayor enlisted our help in connecting with seniors who are having difficulty making vaccine appointments. A list of 42 people contacted the Mayor's office and calls were made to make referrals to the County Office of Senior Programs and other resources. All were grateful of the personal contact and expressed their frustration and isolation caused by the pandemic in general.
- Contacting volunteers to let them know that while we are not ready for them to return, we are still hoping they will continue to volunteer once they are again able to do so.