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Subject: Monthly Report – April 2021

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Administrative

- Attended the Full Staff Town Hall led by Director Kenney. Discussion of all aspects of reopening.
- Led meeting of all Adult Services staff in preparation for April 29th reopening.
- Generated a report for Director Kenney on program statistics this fiscal year vs last fiscal year.
- Worked with Head of Youth Services Carlson to get the online reservation system for Trove Visit all set up in TixKeeper, our museum pass and hotspot reservation system.
- Assisted Karen Costable from the Mayor's Office on accessing practice Firefighter Exam tests using Learning Express Library.

Staff Activities - *Thanks to librarians Sharon Rothman, Mariel Perez, Kristen Thornton-De Stafeno, Kristy Bauman and Austin Duffy who contributed to this report.*

- Librarian Rothman attended the following webinars: Penguin Random House Spring Book & Author Festival and Morning Book Buzz; Homeless Institute session on prejudice; NYPL Just Ask; Author visit: Michaelides; Library Reads; ALMA Book Buzz; ALA Codes monthly meeting; Booklist Mysteries They Wrote; WLS Meetings: Lynda & LinkedIn and Job Search Toolkit. She also participated in the Breathe-Body-Mind meetings thru WLS.
- Librarian De Stafeno created two Virtual Calendars. She uploaded content created by Youth Services staff to the Library's YouTube channel. She created 37 blog posts this month. She helped Director Kenney create a Friends' of the Library newsletter. She continued her work with other staff on Project Ready. De Stafeno attended a Green Team meeting.
- All staff attended a Library Town Hall meeting on the Library's re-opening. Adult Staff all attended a Department specific meeting on the Library's re-opening.
- Librarian Duffy attended Lynda.com & LinkedIn Learning; Building Care Communities: After Victorians and After Pandemics.
- Librarian Perez translated the Reopening of the Library flier into Spanish.

Customer Service:

- Librarian De Stafeno worked on a video tutorial to explain browsing magazines via Libby.
- Librarian Duffy answered six local history questions, one that came by phone, one by email, and three by both. One question, from a former high school soccer player who wanted Reporter Dispatch articles that mentioned him, took a long time to answer.

Community Outreach:

- Please see the Community Outreach report for more details.
- Librarian De Stafeno reported that Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter followers all increased again this month.

Programs:

- Digital Media Specialist Olney taught the following Adult Technology classes: 3D Design Help; Virtual Tech Help; Zoom Tips and Tricks
- Librarian De Stafeno worked with Slam Master Zork to create Poem of the Day videos that were posted to our website. She co-hosted Poetry Month Open-Mic program with Zork. Bobby Sanchez did a separate Slam Performance.
- With a total of about 60 readers in attendance, Barbara's Short Story Book Group met twice in April with lively discussions of two intriguing coming-of-age stories by Philip Roth and John Updike. Both selections featured young teenage boys questioning their faith (Jewish and Lutheran) with respective clergy failing to provide meaningful answers.
- Other book discussion groups included: Future is Female, Slow Reading, Book'em Mystery group. Reading to End Racism [in partnership with the YWCA]
- Birding for Beginners with the Westchester Audubon Society.
- Librarian Duffy hosted: Hosted "Census Records: A Snapshot Through Time of the Family" on April 15 (seven attended) and "Introduction to Japanese Food Culture" on April 27 (35 attended).
- Spanish language programs included: "Spanish Writing Workshop", "5 Pillars To Create A Strong Social Media Presence" this was a partnership with WEDC.
- Spanish for Beginners continued the winter/spring series.
- TOEFL preparation program continued.
- "Pollinator Victory Garden: How To Win the War On Pollinator Decline".
- Quick and Easy Glass Painting led by White Plains artisan and local entrepreneur Kristen Larkin.
- Wellness programs included weekly Lunchtime Meditation, Breathe-Body-Mind for Stress Relief in Troubled Times.