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Administrative

- Worked on preparing for the start of public computers. We had five available for cardholders to use in June.
- Attended the final Mayor's Youth Board meeting of the year. We will reconvene in September.
- Was contacted by Christa O'Sullivan of the Greenburgh Public Library concerning how we were handling Museum passes. They are looking to re-implement this program and we discussed the best to handle various issues.
- I was asked by Head of Youth Services Carlson to lead a refresher training with his staff on the responsibilities of the Librarian in Charge.
- Hosted a Department Meeting to go over the responsibilities of staff at the different service desks. Changes are happening as we start to reopen and we want not only Adult Services but the whole Library to be on the same page with how services are being offered.

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

- All staff received training by Media Specialist Olney on providing Remote Computer Help in preparation for the Library starting public computer availability for our patrons.
- Librarian Bauman attended a webinar: "Defend Yourself – Safer Libraries" and "The Intersection of Intellectual Freedom & Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion". She attended a JazzFest meeting, and met to coordinate an order from Joann Fabrics and Crafts.
- All staff attended an Adult Services Programming meeting led by Librarian Bauman.
- Librarian De Stafeno completed modules 5 & 6 of Project Ready. She attended "Building Connections with Community Assets". De Stafeno attended a Library Strategic Planning meeting.
- Librarian Duffy wrote a few paragraphs on the Battle of White Plains and Revolutionary War sites in White Plains for the City of White Plains website.

Customer Service:

- Librarian Carlson had three 3D Printing requests.
- Librarian De Stafeno assisted patron in finding sample questions & answers for NYS driving exam.

- Librarian Duffy answered thirteen Local History questions, 11 via email.

Community Outreach:

- Please see the Community Outreach report for more details.
- Librarian De Stafeno created and published two July virtual calendars. She also created the following blogs: "New Streaming Movies", "Study Rooms", "Pride Month", "Summer Staff Picks", "July Poetry Slam", "Nathaniel Rich". She collaborated with Librarian Duffy on Genealogy, Local History and English Conversation Group blogs. She also created a Summer Youth Services calendar for the public schools.
- Facebook, Twitter and Instagram followers all increased.

Programs:

- Media Specialist Olney taught technology classes on: "Zoom Tips and Tricks", "Digital Library Resources", "3D Design Help", "Virtual Tech Help".
- Librarian Bauman hosted a variety of programs: "Sunrise Scimitar", "John Lennon: Watching the Wheels", & "Vince Lombardi: Pro Football Icon and Social Crusader".
- Librarian De Stafeno and Zork shared Poem a Day videos. She worked on the Quick n Easy Crochet program. She hosted the Library's Poetry Slam with slam master Zork.
- Short-Story Series met in June with lively discussions of an early Hemingway work, "My Old Man," along with film versions of the story which participants viewed in advance. The series concluded with a discussion of the award-winning feature film, *Lady Bird*, dealing with many of the coming-of-age issues explored throughout the program. With more than 80 patrons registered during the course of the series, about 50 participants joined these final sessions before our summer break. With thanks to the Friends of the Library for their continued support, Librarian Wenglin is planning to resume in the fall using the same rich anthology, *100 Years of the Best American Short Stories* (ed. by Lorrie Moore, c2013).
- English Conversation Group held twice weekly sessions and Curt's ESL Pharmacy for patrons looking to practice their spoken English.
- Programs in Spanish included: "Spanish Creative Writing Workshop", "TOEFL Saturday class", "Grow With Google Trainer" in partnership with WEDC.
- Lunchtime Mediation every Wednesday.
- Spanish for Beginners ended its Spring session in June.
- Librarian Duffy hosted "Genealogy: African Americans in Records Prior to 1870".
- Book Groups included: Book'em, Future is Female, Reading to End Racism.
- Librarian Rothman hosted Introduction to Foundation Directory Online, a great tool for Nonprofits looking for funding.
- Cooking program "Baking Bagels With Avery Robinson".