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Dept. Adult Services

Subject: Monthly Report – October 2021

Date: November 3, 2021

Administrative

- Attended Mayor's Youth Board meeting.
- Completed Harassment and Workplace Violence training.
- Compiled past several years' worth of circulation data for Director Kenney.
- Met with Director Kenney to discuss staff DEI training.
- Compiled a list of remaining physical magazines that the Library subscribes to for Business Manager Deierlein.

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

- Digital Media Specialist Olney tested out and trained staff on Zoom breakroom capabilities.
- Librarian Rothman attended Candid Network Days to learn about what is new with the Foundation Directory. She attended an ALA CODES meeting. Webinars she attended: Booklist Must Read Mysteries; Macmillan Winter Preview; Booklist Winter Book Club Picks; Penguin Random House Book Buzz.
- All Full and Part Time staff completed mandated Sexual Harassment and Workplace Violence training.
- Librarian Bauman attended a programming meeting with Director Kenney and Foundation Director Rubini. She also met with the Common Ground partners to discuss future topics.
- Librarian De Stafeno continued worked with Librarian Carroll on Green Team website content. She worked on the Strategic Plan presentation to the Library Board. De Stafeno attended a Hoopla curation training. She also attended a NYLA RoundTable leadership meeting.

Customer Service:

- Librarian Carlson worked with patrons to complete two 3D Printing projects.
- Digital Media Specialist Olney assisted various patrons with individual technology problems.
- Library Staff provided eight 1-1 technology/e-book sessions with patrons.
- Librarian Duffy responded to 14 local history queries.
- Librarian Bauman met with a patron to go over file organization, her voice to text software, and Libby.
- Librarian De Stafeno created and published two virtual calendar of events.

- Blogs that were created include: SciFi/Horror Audiobooks; Hispanic Heritage reading list; Horror book/movie pairings; Forever YA Book Club; US Citizenship; Genealogy; October LibraryReads;

Community Outreach:

- Please see the Community Outreach report for more details.
- Librarians Rothman and Perez gave a presentation on the History of Halloween to the Grandpa's United meeting at Liberty Park.

Programs:

- Technology programs included "Virtual Tech Help", "Digital Library Resources", "Zoom Tips and Tricks".
- Spanish for Beginners fall semester continued.
- Book Groups included: Book'em Mystery Group, Future is Female, Slow Reading. Librarian Wenglin's short-story group met twice in October, with lively discussions of selections by American Indian author Akhil Sharma and classic, mid-century "minimalist" Raymond Carver. Both works dealt with the series theme of "couples" in different settings and cultures. More than 65 enthusiastic patrons participated.
- English Conversation Group had two sessions in October.
- Librarian Duffy hosted two Genealogy programs: "Italian Genealogy Research and Dual Citizenship", "Genealogy Research in Cemeteries".
- Librarian Duffy hosted "Explore Japanese Food Culture: Harvest Time – Food Delicacies of Japan".
- Librarian Bauman hosted: NaNoWriMo writing workshop for National Novel Writing Month; David Allen Sibley birding program in partnership with several other WLS libraries; That's a Wrap Mummification in Ancient Egypt; Forever Young Adult Book Club in partnership with the Yonkers Public Library.
- Health & Wellness programs: Lunchtime Meditation Wednesdays at Noon; Breast Cancer: What You Need to Know.
- Spanish language programs included: "Use YouTube to Grow Your Business"; "Make Your Website Useful" both in partnership with WEDC. "An Educational Program by the Alzheimer's Association", "10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease" both in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association.
- Librarian De Stafeno worked with Zork on sharing Poem a Day videos. They also co-hosted the October Poetry Slam. She continues to upload Youth Services content to the Library's YouTube channel.
- Quick N Easy Drawing hosted by Librarian Carroll.