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### Administrative

- Attended Mayor's Youth Board meeting.
- Assisted with ceremony involving Mayor Roach to celebrate Library Staff David Cambillo's 25 years of service with the City.
- Met with staff and Director Kenney concerning on-going issues with certain patrons.

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

- Librarian De Stafeno attended a Project Ready meeting. She worked with Trove Librarian Lichtenthal on display signage. She worked with Edge Librarian Carroll on Bullet Journal Kits.
- Librarian Rothman attended a Penguin Random House Winter Book Festival Cookbook webinar. She also attended an ALA CODES meeting.
- Librarian Duffy viewed the webinar "Stories From the Civil Rights Archives: The Queens College Student Help Project of 1963".

### Customer Service:

- Librarian De Stafeno created and published two virtual calendar of events.
- Blogs that were created include: Holocaust Remembrance; December LibraryReads; Old Hollywood; Emily X.R. Pan; Winter Tips; Covid Testing; Navidad; Future is Female
- Assisted patrons with Libby login issues.
- One-on-One training using Data Axle, three other computer basics trainings.
- Digital Media Specialist Olney assisted various patrons with individual technology problems.
- Librarian Carlson helped with two 3-D printing requests.
- Librarian Duffy responded to seven Local History queries.

### Community Outreach:

- Please see the Community Outreach report for more details.

## Programs:

- Librarian Wenglin led another short-story discussion in December featuring a selection by Chinese American prize-winning author, David Wong Louie, in which a proud Chinese immigrant couple navigate their fallen status as servants in a demeaning household. About 35 spirited participants contributed to the exchange. Barbara has booked dates in eVanced for a winter/spring story series, to run from February through June, with support of the Friends. We will use the same rich anthology, *100 Years of the Best American Short Stories (ed. Lorrie Moore, c2015)*, with a new theme, "Family Matters."
- Other books groups included Future is Female, Book'em Mystery Book Group, and Slow Reading.
- Librarian De Stafeno worked with Zork on sharing Friday Poem videos. They also co-hosted the December Poetry Slam.
- Technology programs included: Virtual Tech Help, Digital Library Resources, Zoom Tips & Tricks
- Two English Conversation Group sessions.
- Wellness programs included Lunchtime Meditation & Quick N Easy Holiday Cards.
- Spanish for Beginners concluded the fall series.
- National Novel Writing Month workshop concluded, a program for writers to share their materials was held, and a subsequent meetup group was created for writers to continue working on their craft.
- Common Ground program in partnership with League of Women Voters of White Plains and the YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester discussed Affordable Housing in White Plains.
- Librarian Bauman hosted the Forever YA Book Club in partnership with the Yonkers Public Library.