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### Administrative

- Attended Mayor's Youth Board. The Board has a new chair: Victoria Presser.
- Discussed with staff adding more public computers to the Hub area. The consensus was to maintain a balance between meeting patron demand and social distancing.
- Hosted the Library Foundation Board meeting.
- Assisted patron with a series of questions concerning the Library's HotSpot lending program.
- Assisted patron with questions concerning the Library's Stepping Stones museum pass.
- Meeting with Director Kenney and Café staff to go over May reopening of the Café. Staff and patrons are eager for the Café to be back in business.
- Due to the popularity of the Stamford Museum & Nature Center pass, the Library secured a second membership that is now available for use.

**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: "Simon & Schuster: Adult Librarian Preview", "Penguin Random House: Lunchtime Cookbook Club", "Library Love For Library Reads". She completed the 21 day Social Justice Program. Rothman completed a thorough weeding of the Small Business Collection.
- Librarian De Stafeno continued testing the new library sewing machines. She researched EDI Staff Survey questions. She worked with Trove Librarian Lichtenthal on Fiction Shelf labels.
- Librarian Duffy viewed a Webjunction webinar: Digital Collections at Your Library: Community, Culture, and Connection

### Customer Service:

- Librarian De Stafeno created and published two virtual calendar of events. Created combined Youth Services & Adult print calendar of events. Assisted a patron with Hoopla connectivity issues.
- Blogs that were created include: April LibraryReads; Peruvian Consulate; Upwardly Global Job Coaching; Harriet Tubman; Political Redistricting; Anti-Asian Hate; Dia; Small Houses; Harriet Tubman Vorperian; Grab & Go Tubman; The Castle.

- Media Specialist Olney created a tutorial video on how to upload ID to the online library card form.
- Librarian Duffy answered nine local history queries from patrons including one from the Mayor's Office about Gedney Farms.

### Community Outreach:

- Please see the Community Outreach report for more details.
- Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter followers all increased.
- Digital Media Specialist Olney did a Teen Tech Communication and Slang session for the White Plains Grandpa's United group. It was very well received.
- Mobile Peruvian Consulate was at the Library on a Saturday to help Peruvian citizens with passport and other consular services.

### Programs:

- Spanish for Beginners Level 2 class nearly completed with one makeup class to occur in May. Very successful first series of Level 2.
- Barbara Wenglin's short-story group met in April to explore an edgy, darkly ironic family story, "That Will Be Fine," by William Faulkner. More than twenty spirited readers discussed this tale narrated by a young boy obsessed with possible gifts of money during the holiday season.
- Other Book Groups included: Future is Female, Book'em Mystery Group, Slow Reading, Forever YA.
- The Library Foundation sponsored an evening with author Frank Bruni.
- Librarian De Stafeno co-hosted the April Poetry Slam with Zork.
- Teen Librarian Carlson led 4 3D Printing Workshops for adults, in person and virtual at the same time. A successful Hybrid experiment.
- Spanish program in partnership with WEDC "Learn With Google", creating a webpage, registering a domain, and improving visibility through search engine optimization.
- Spanish writing workshop led by Andrei Berzubikoff.
- Technology programs led by Media Specialist Olney included: Zoom Tips & Tricks, Digital Library Resources, Individual Tech Help
- Librarian Duffy hosted Virtual Trip to Japan.
- AARP completed their tax help for the season.
- Wellness programs included Weekly Wednesday Lunchtime Mediation with guest leaders; Breathe-Body-Mind practice sessions; Joy of Zentangle.
- Understanding the Process of Becoming a US Citizen led by Community Relations Officer Burden.
- Know Better, Live Better: an initiative to promote community well-being.
- Bound for the Promised Land: Harriet Tubman, Portrait of an American Hero. Presentation by professor Kate Clifford Larson.
- Tidy Up Your Kitchen and Bath with author Jamie Novak.
- Quick N Easy Embroidery led by Teen Librarian Carroll.