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Administrative

- Attended Mayor’s Youth Board meeting. Former Chairperson Brasch was presented with a plaque thanking him for his service.
- Librarian De Luca is once again a part of the Adult Services Team.
- Program Librarian Bauman submitted her resignation. Her final day will be June 8th.
- Printed a NY Times Book Ban article for Librarian Carlson.
- Meeting with Cable Studio and Director Kenney to coordinate the return of the Mexican Consulate to the Library. They will be coming at the end of August.
- Trained Trove Librarian Reddy in the updating of recurring events in eVanced calendar software.
- Connected Director of the WP Youth Bureau with SCORE to assist a patron.
- Assisted Librarian Carlson with an eVanced software issue.
- Met with Director Kenney to discuss replacing Adult Services Program Librarian.
- Was contacted by Librarian Poggiali of Yonkers Public Library Strategic Planning Team who wished to arrange a tour of our public and staff areas.

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

- Librarian Duffy attended the webinar “Stories From the Field: Oral Histories at Queens Memory Project”.
- Librarian Rothman viewed the webinar “Crime, Thrillers, Mysteries”. She participated in Library Journal’s Day of Dialog and the US Book Show virtually. She attended a Simon & Schuster webinar on Adult Publishing and Carol Fitzgerald’s 11th Annual Speed Dating.
- Librarian De Luca selected all Adult books & AV; created and submitted carts containing 735 items across all Adult collections, genres, and formats. She used the Holds Report to order based on demand. De Luca attended the following webinars: Library Journal’s Day of Dialog; Bookacino Live; Reading Group Guides’ Annual Book Group Event; ALMA May Book Buzz; U.S. Book Show.
- Librarian De Stafeno compiled click statistics on the library’s e-newsletter. She worked with Librarian Deschamps on creating parenting stickers. She worked with Trove Librarian Lichtenthal on fiction shelf labels. De Stafeno attended the following webinars: Macmillian Advance Access; We Can’t Go It Alone; ALMA Book Buzz; and attended Book Expo events virtually. She attended NYLA’s Marketing & Public Relations Round Table Membership meeting.
Customer Service:

- Librarian Duffy answered 13 Local History queries view phone, email, in person and text.
- Staff have started doing more one on one sessions for ebook and general computer help in person.
- Librarian De Luca created, edited, and updated 9 curated lists in the Libby app to highlight digital collections. Created the following curated lists in the Libby app to aid in the promotion of May programs/events: Harriet Tubman, Sustainable Home Design, Book 'Em. She also reviewed and responded to requests for purchase of books/ebooks/AV submitted by library patrons.
- Librarian Carlson assisted patrons with 3D Printing Projects and Circuit Projects. Projects included a replica of the CN Tower in Toronto and iron-on transfer decals for sweaters that will be given out at a Bat-Mitzvah.
- Librarian De Stafeno created and published two virtual calendar of events.
- Blogs that were created include: MayLibrary Reads, Local History, Doctor Strange, Library Foundation,

Community Outreach:

- Please see the Community Outreach report for more details.
- Librarian Rothman connected with the Westchester Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and is looking to partner with them on future programs.

Programs:

- Librarian Duffy hosted "Political Redistricting" on May 9 featuring Bill Kaung of OCA and David Imamura, Chair of the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission.
- Librarian Duffy hosted "Anti-Asian Hate" on May 19 featuring Bill Kaung of OCA and Tejash Sanchala, Executive Director of the Westchester County Human Rights Commission.
- Librarian Wenglin’s short story group met twice in May with more than 20 readers attending each session. The first story, "Fiesta,” on May 5 (El Cinco de Mayo) was by Latino Pulizer author Junot Diaz, dealing with a challenging father-son relationship. On May 26, just before the Memorial Day Weeked, the group discussed a poignant selection about a mother’s memory loss and struggle with dementia,”Diem Perdidi” (from the Latin “I have lost the day”), written by award-winning Japanese-American author, Julie Otsuka. Both stories led to lively discussion of universal themes of family relationships and loss. Two sessions remain through June, ending with a feature film discussion.
- Other book discussion groups include: The Future is Female; Book’em Mystery Book Group; Slow Reading; Forever Young Adult Book Club.
- Technology programs included: Individual Tech Help; Digital Library Resources; Zoom Tips & Tricks.
- Librarian De Stafeno co-hosted the monthly Poetry Slam & Open Mic with Zork.
- The popular Wednesday Lunchtime Meditation program continued.
- Our first Spanish for Beginners Level 2 completed the winter/spring session in May.
• Sheri Koones presented Small Houses: Bigger Than Tiny, Smaller Than Average.
• Westchester Community College English Language Institute returned in May to offer morning and evening English Classes.