

STAFF REPORTS- FEBRUARY 2026

Ida Zaharopoulos – Assistant Director

-Tech things– installed Microsoft Office on public computer. I ordered a new monitor for Sabrina and I will install.

-assist Frank with various tasks

-Canva – We currently pay for Canva but I had heard that libraries can get it for free. I tried applying and my first application was denied. I received a few suggestions from other librarians so I will try again.

-Trained the new cleaner Ramon Mitchell. Everything has been working out great so far.

-Set up a meeting with the Librarians to watch a webinar on ordering books from Ingram

-Bus Trip - Broadway Show – The Great Gatsby on Thursday, April 30th with Wantagh Public Library

-Tax Forms – State forms have arrived but still waiting on the Federal forms.

-Continuing to weed 700's and change labels

-Ordered new business cards for the staff and staff shirts for Ramon plus a few extras

-Friends – Wish List is attached. Their first fundraiser, Supermarket Bingo Blitz, will be held on Friday, March 20th at 1pm. Kristen and I will be assisting with the bingo.

Kristen Jording – Adult Services/PR

- Adult Winter Reading 2026-191 patrons are registered as of 2/2/2026.

- Weeding large print books.

- I will be creating a display for patrons to “Predict the Oscar Winners.” Each patron will grab a ballot anytime at the Reference Desk and they can submit their predictions starting Thursday, February 19th. All submissions will count towards an Academy Award Raffle. One winner will be awarded. (Typically, the prize is a gift card for the AMC movie theater).

- We have been members of Library Speakers Consortium for two years. The Consortium creates 2-3 online/virtual bestselling-author events per month which are streamed to patrons of every member library. These are live events with interactive Q&A sessions where participants can ask questions directly to the author. Books and authors selected will cover a wide range of fiction and non-fiction genres including historical fiction, contemporary fiction, romance, poetry, business, personal growth, social justice, history, art, culture and more. Overall, the attendance has been well

received.

- The cost will be \$2,500 per year. We are able to divide the cost every six months, OR another way of looking at it will be \$208 per month). Unfortunately, we cannot pay per month, but we are dividing it every 6/7 months. The cost will be coming out the Adult Programming budget line.

PROS:

- Our patrons will be able to have access to live interviews with bestselling authors.
- Each event is recorded and if a patron cannot attend the event, the library will have access to the recording by going through our website under the "Adult" tab.
- We have admin access to this webpage where we can see the statistics of how many people have registered.

CONS:

- The Library Speakers Consortium will be speaking with the author, the Library will not be.
- On Zoom webinar, the author will not be able to see videos of our patrons attending but will be able to see the chat with the Q & A.

Eric Wasserman – Media Librarian

BOOK DISCUSSION: "The Wedding People" on January 26th – Rescheduled due to snow storm

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASSES: Defensive Driving on Saturday, January 17 – 22 attended

SUMMER OUTDOOR CONCERT PREPARATIONS: The process has begun for booking the show mobile, arranging to get permission from the Town of Hempstead to use their lot, along with dealing with the Town Clerk. Everything has been quite smooth thus far.

MISCELLANEOUS: Continuation of ordering media, books, and weeding.

Jillian Pelliccia - Teen Services

- Black History Display in adult/teen area
- decorated for Valentine's Day in teen area
- Working on a Valentine's Day bulletin board and book display

Continuing both projects below:

-re-digitizing certain yearbooks 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006 because of certain inconsistencies pointed out by LILRC worker Robert Altman

-working on changing old labels on YA FIC and YA NONFIC to newer labels which have a larger font and are less faded. Also working on putting new YA stickers on older YA

stickers so they all have the same sticker.

Meetings:

1/30 – Ingram - Watched a webinar about ordering books on Ingram

Jackie Lopez – Children’s Services

-Successfully hosted a scavenger hunt giveaway featuring Jellycats, with participation from approximately 150 children.

-33 children participated in the Winter Reading Club.

-Sabrina Boglioli visited St. William School to present a storytime, music program, and take-home craft.

-Registered for the NLS Summer Reading Workshop, which will be conducted via Zoom on 2/9/26.

Juliann D’Erasmus- Circulation Department

Attended Demco Book Doctor Workshop at BOCES in Garden City on January 21st.

Ordered supplies; updated labels on YA books.

Organized card applications.