

**QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY
PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022**

Virtual via Zoom

AGENDA

7:00 PM PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. AGENDA

A. Report Item(s)

1. Introduction to Community Engagement (ID # 2628)
2. History of Community Engagement at Queens Public Library (ID # 2629)
3. Current Community Engagement Initiatives (ID # 2630)
4. Transition from Virtual to In-Person Programming (ID # 2631)

III. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to Adjourn (ID # 2627)

Queens Library Board/Committee Item

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Programming Committee

DATE OF MEETING: March 3, 2022

ITEM ID #: 2628

AGENDA: Introduction to Community Engagement

Verbal report to be provided at the meeting.

Queens Library Board/Committee Item

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Programming Committee

DATE OF MEETING: March 3, 2022

ITEM ID #: 2629

AGENDA: History of Community Engagement at Queens Public Library

Verbal report to be provided at the meeting.

Queens Library Board/Committee Item

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Programming Committee

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ITEM ID #: 2630

AGENDA: Current Community Engagement Initiatives

Verbal report to be provided at the meeting.

Attachments:

A Current Snapshot Queens Public Library Outreach Initiatives (PDF)

A Current Snapshot of Queens Public Library's Outreach Initiatives

Correctional Outreach

Queens Public Library has provided outreach services to people impacted by the criminal justice system for over 100 years, beginning in 1915 with the prison traveling library station. Currently, our correctional outreach team serves incarcerated individuals, the formerly incarcerated, and their loved ones with technology and resume assistance, library services to Rikers Island, our Reentry Resource Guide, and focused programs. We provide focused programming to our patrons in Queensboro Correctional Facility, with the goal that they maintain a relationship with the library after they have served their term, through our See You on the Outside program. We provide library services to individuals on Rikers Island through our Library Hub tablet program, created with Brooklyn Public Library. As part of Library Hub, we provide on-demand virtual programs; coordinate with volunteers and staff to provide answers to reference questions through our Ask a Librarian service; and provide books tailored to each individual's interests through our Book Match service. We work with people on parole, their loved ones, and other families impacted by incarceration by providing programs, including family, technology, certificate, and career programs. We are a part of the New York Reentry Education Network and the Queens Reentry Task Force.

Mobile Library

Queens Public Library's bookmobile program takes library service to the streets, bringing books and activities to all neighborhoods across the borough. From community events to senior care homes, we bring the library to where people are. Our mobile libraries deliver books and vital information throughout the neighborhoods of Queens, serving as a lifeline to the library. We offer WiFi and library card sign-ups to any kind of community organization that exists in Queens, including senior centers, schools, veterans' organizations, and shelters. We also partner with community groups to attend parks, festivals, and other outdoor events. We offer special tours focusing on neighborhoods throughout Queens, with themes like wellness and early literacy.

Hip Hop

We use the power of Hip Hop to reach our community with exhibits, workshops, performances, and online programs. Queens Public Library's social media accounts showcase our Hip Hop Coordinator every Tuesday and Saturday afternoons. During those programs, we interview community leaders, hip hop celebrities, and other interesting guests, interspersed with DJ sets. We also provide educational workshops around hip hop and broadcasting skills and techniques. Additionally, we are passionate about hip hop history and maintaining a hip hop archive.

General Outreach

We provide other kinds of outreach as well, from the airport to hospitals, to colleges and laundromats. As part of our outreach, we connect people to the library and provide resources to those in the community. We use our role as a community hub to connect community organizations and other partners to each other and to the populations that they work with.

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ITEM ID #: 2631

AGENDA: Transition from Virtual to In-Person Programming

Verbal report to be provided at the meeting.

Queens Library Board/Committee Item

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ITEM ID #: 2627

AGENDA: Motion to Adjourn

Recommended Motion for Consideration:

I move that the meeting be adjourned.