

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

A meeting of the Programming Committee was held virtually via Zoom, on Thursday, March 3, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Committee Chair, Andrew P. Jackson.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Andrew P. Jackson	Committee Chair	Present	
Judy E. Bergtraum, Esq.	Board Member	Excused	
Cloyette Harris-Stoute	Board Member	Present	
Eli Shapiro, Ed. D., LCSW	Board Member	Present	
James M. Haddad, Esq.	Board Member	Present	
Peter Kauffmann	Board Member	Present	
Eve Cho Guillergan, Esq.	Ex-Officio Rep - Speaker	Present	
Jimmy Van Bramer	Ex-Officio Rep - NYC Comptroller	Present	
Dennis M. Walcott	President & CEO	Present	
Justin Deabler, Esq.	General Counsel & Sr. VP.	Present	
Sung Mo Kim, Esq.	Chief Operating Officer & Sr. VP.	Present	
Gitte Peng	Chief of Staff & Sr. VP.	Present	
Nick Buron	Chief Librarian & Sr. VP.	Present	
Sharon Myrie	VP, Programs and Services	Present	
Kim McNeil-Capers	Director, Community Engagement	Present	
Franny Kent	Director, Programming	Present	
Fatman Ghalian	Director, Community Learning	Present	
William Goldband	VP, Information, Technology & Development	Present	

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Thomas Ching	VP, Facilities and Environmental Services	Present	
Chauncie Brooks	Sr. Manager, Infrastructure & Support	Present	
Danielle Walsh	Community Library Manager, South Jamaica Library	Present	
LaNiece M. Ince	Executive Assistant to President & CEO	Present	

Attachment: Programming Committee Report - March 3, 2022 (2633 : Approval of Programming Committee Report - March 3, 2022)

II. AGENDA

A. Report Item(s)

1. Introduction to Community Engagement (ID # 2628)

Sharon Myrie, Vice President of Programs and Services, gave the committee a brief introduction to the Community Engagement component of Programs and Services. Ms. Myrie reported that this component of Programs and Services is involved with outreach services and a variety of initiatives that the library offers to the community.

Nick Buron, Chief Librarian and Sr. VP, reported that community engagement is about reaching customers that cannot physically access library services. He stated that it is so vital that New York State dedicates community outreach funding to every library system in New York.

Mr. Buron introduced Kim McNeil-Capers, Director of Community Engagement to the committee and gave a brief bio, along with her accolades. Kim McNeil-Capers provided a PowerPoint presentation to the committee entitled, "Beyond Our Walls," on the outreach services the library provides beyond the physical parameters of community libraries. The presentation highlighted the variety of outreach services such as hip-hop programs, college readiness programs, and bookmobile services that the library provides to the community, in addition to the various external community partnerships.

Ms. McNeil-Capers stated that the library provides reentry resources, outreach, technology literacy, and library services to inmates at Queensboro Correctional Facility and Rikers Island, who are preparing for re-entry into the community, and youth justice court in partnership with Queens Defenders.

Ms. McNeil-Capers reported that another component of community outreach is the Queens Library bookmobile. The bookmobile can be found all over Queens at community programs at parks, schools, nursing homes, community centers, as well as participating in various events, such as wellness tours.

RESULT: PRESENTED

2. History of Community Engagement at Queens Public Library (ID # 2629)

Nick Buron, Chief Librarian and Sr. VP, reported that programming was an essential component of the library. Programming, both on-site and virtual, has grown tremendously within the past 20 years. Prior to the pandemic, the library conducted in person programming for over 1.5 million customers. However, due to the pandemic, the library switched to virtual programming, which has also grown exponentially.

RESULT: PRESENTED

3. Current Community Engagement Initiatives (ID # 2630)

Nick Buron, Chief Librarian and Sr. VP, gave a brief overview of the current community engagement initiatives. He reported that bookmobile services have been around for over 100 year and provide a variety of community outreach services, as well as services to library locations that are temporarily closed. Within the next year, the library's bookmobile services will be expanding to six new bookmobiles.

Mr. Buron also reported that the program and services department uses their creativity to provide unique programming and resources to the community libraries that are tailored to meet community needs.

RESULT: PRESENTED

4. Transition from Virtual to In-Person Programming (ID # 2631)

Nick Buron, Chief Librarian and Sr. VP, reported that at the beginning of the pandemic, the program and services department worked diligently to turn on-site programs and services into virtual programming. There remains a need and opportunity to continue virtual programming as on-site programming resumes. Many of the library's international customers are participating in programs and events, such as ESOL, job readiness, adult learning, and digital literacy. He reported that staff-led programming and use of meetings rooms will resume this week, which will eventually lead into vendor-based programming. The programs and services department will be brainstorming which programs will be virtual, onsite, and/or hybrid.

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RESULT: PRESENTED

III. ADJOURNMENT**1. Motion to Adjourn (ID # 2627)****Recommended Motion for Consideration:***I move that the meeting be adjourned.*

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Cloyette Harris-Stoute
SECONDER:	Andrew P. Jackson
AYES:	Andrew P. Jackson, Cloyette Harris-Stoute, Eli Shapiro Ed. D LCSW
EXCUSED:	Judy E. Bergtraum Esq.

The meeting was closed at 7:56 PM.

Committee Chair