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EQUINOX MIGRATES WESTCHESTER LIBRARY SYSTEM TO EVERGREEN

06/10/2019

Duluth, Ga., June 10, 2019: Equinox is pleased to welcome Westchester Library System to Evergreen.

The adoption of Evergreen by the Westchester Library System will support their 399,438 patrons in addition to migrating 959,561 bibliographic records. Services provided by Equinox included Evergreen support, hosting, and auxiliary services in addition to project management and Evergreen software configuration. Data extraction and bibliographic deduplication were completed including authority, item, patron, transaction, acquisitions, and serials data. Authority Control services were provided during migration plus RDA and Lexile Enrichment. Staff of the Westchester Library System prepared for the migration with on site and remote training from Equinox.

“Our member libraries chose to adopt an open-source library management system because of the opportunities to affect meaningful change in the way the public accesses library services.” said Rob Caluori, director of information technology at Westchester Library System. “Equinox was a seasoned and thoughtful guide on our journey to have Evergreen serve the patrons of our member libraries. Patrons now have a modern online catalog offering more self-service options and extending more 24x7 library services and our member library staff have a more flexible and mobile-friendly environment with which to serve the public.”

Established in 1958 Westchester Library System collaborates with 38 libraries in Westchester County, New York to provide services, support and access to its 940,000 residents.

"Working with such a well organized central staff like Westchester was a real pleasure," said Rogan Hamby, data and project analyst at Equinox. "There were a lot of moving parts to this migration, far beyond the usual data and setup. Everyone here came together and pitched in using their own strengths where needed to make sure nothing was left undone. It has been a delight to see this migration come together and to help the Westchester libraries get settled into their new ILS home."

About Equinox Open Library Initiative

Equinox Open Library Initiative Inc. is a 501(c)3 engaging in literary, charitable, and educational endeavors serving cultural and knowledge institutions. As the successor to Equinox Software, Inc., the Initiative carries forward a decade of service and experience with Evergreen and other open source library software. At Equinox OLI we help you empower your library with open source technologies. To learn more, please visit <https://www.equinoxinitiative.org/>.

About Evergreen

Evergreen is an award-winning ILS developed to provide an open source product able to meet the diverse needs of consortia and high transaction public libraries. However, it has proven to be equally successful in smaller installations including special and academic libraries. Today, over 1500 libraries around the world are using Evergreen including NC Cardinal, SC LENDS, and B.C. Sitka. For more information about Evergreen, including a list of all known Evergreen installations, see <http://evergreen-ils.org>.

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Greenburgh Public Library, First in Westchester to Get "Looped" In

MAY 11, 2014 BY PAT CASEY

The Westchester Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) recently unveiled Greenburgh Public Library's state-of-the-art audio induction loop, which came as a donation from the local chapter's 2013 Walk4Hearing proceeds. An audio induction loop makes it possible for people with hearing devices to listen to and enjoy events that require PA systems that would otherwise be inaudible. Greenburgh



(From left to right): NYS Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti (D-92nd District); Robert Glazer, CEO of ENT and Allergy Associates and HLAA Westchester's 2014 Health Hero of the Year; Greenburgh Town

Public Library, one of the largest free libraries in Westchester, is the first in the county to receive a system of this kind.

Metro Sound Pros, Leo Garrison, spoke to the audience about his company's installation of the loop and the importance of this system to the hearing impaired population. Garrison said that while assistive listening technology is mainstream in Europe, less than 1 percent of the United States is looped.

"This technology has allowed us to help so many people, but we still have a lot of work to do," said Garrison. "We have to advocate for the 17 percent of the American population with hearing loss, and unfortunately that number is increasing."

John Sexton, acting director of the Greenburgh Public Library, thanked the Westchester Chapter of HLAA for its generous funding of a permanent looping system, which cost nearly \$5,000.

The 2014 Westchester/Rockland Walk4Hearing is scheduled for 11 a.m. on May 17 at FDR State Park in Yorktown Heights. The 5K walk additionally supports college scholarships for high school students with hearing loss, service dogs for hearing impaired people, help for soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan who have suffered hearing loss, and many other programs and activities at the local and national level that serve the 48 million Americans with hearing loss.

Registration is available online at www.walk4hearing.org. To volunteer, contribute, or find out more about sponsorships, please contact co-chair Steve Wolfert at 914-960-4692 or swolfert@optonline.net. Current sponsors include Phonak Hearing Systems and Oticon.

Supervisor Paul Feiner; 2014 Walk4Hearing Co-Chair David Goldwasser; News 12 Anchor and event emcee Lisa LaRocca; Cory Deitchman, assistant to the director of the Greenburgh Public Library; 2014 Walk4Hearing Co-Chair Steve Wolfert; and Leo Garrison, senior integration specialist at Metro Sound Pros.

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White Plains Library Program Introduces Eastview Middle School Students to "The Edge"

JUNE 20, 2019 BY NEAL RENTZ



Eastview Middle School students participated in several programs at the White Plains Library last week including coding, which is shown above. Neal Rentz Photo

It is typical for students graduating and moving to a new school within a district to get a look at their new place of learning prior to moving in at the start of the next school year in September.

For the past few years a similar program has been held at the White Plains Public Library.

Beginning on June 13, for five days, groups of about 125 sixth-grade Eastview students per school day spent their day at the library as part of the annual program.

Joshua Carlson, the library's manager of youth services, said last week the days included several programs for students. Some of the projects included constructing geometric shapes with foam noodles, engineering projects, digital app projects, coding projects and a scavenger hunt to introduce students to the library's services, Carlson said. The students also visited The Edge, the teen section of the library.

"These are all current sixth graders going into the seventh grade," Carlson said. "Up until now they've been using The Trove, our children's library which is through grade six. At the end of grade six they graduate into The Edge." The Edge is for students in grades seven through 12.

"This is a good way to get them to come to the building, be reacquainted with the library if they haven't been here for a while and also to see what they are now going to be able to have access to going into The Edge. It's a different space," Carlson said.

As part of the program, the sixth graders received The Edge library cards. "It's sort of a little moving up ceremony at the library," Carlson said.

"We're having a blast," Carlson said. "There's a lot going on."

One of the programs offered to youths at The Edge is The Extraordinaire's that teaches both design thinking skills and empathy, Carlson said. "It's all about end user focus as opposed to what you personally think is good," he said. "They'll be given a person or a character and they have to design something to meet that person's needs."

The program for the middle school students was made possible by a grant from the Allstate Foundation, Carlson noted.

Eastview Middle School sixth grade math teacher Tina Bernstein explained the library program for the sixth grade students has been so successful because it is "promoting local activities, getting kids into the library, knowing that a library's more than just a place to take books out. It's a place to congregate. It's a place to participate in activities. We know the library does activities over the summer so we'd like to promote that for the students."

A focus of the program is collaborative work, Bernstein said. "The teamwork here has been fantastic," she said. "They really feed off of each other and provide each other with help to figure out what they need to accomplish."

Two of the middle school students said they were enjoying the program. "I absolutely loved it," she said. "I spent a lot of time with my friends and my teachers. It was amazing." She said she regularly comes to the library to do research for school. "I think that the library is a very important part of someone's life because there's everything that you need - books, computers, people who are there to help you."

Another student said, "I think it's really fun. You learn a lot of things from here. And I feel like if people learn a lot they will come here more. When people come here they just think automatically about books, but it's really more than that."

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