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BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 ANNOUNCES PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES AVAILABLE TO LOCAL SCHOOLS!

BRONX, NEW YORK (January 18, 2011) Approximately 50 local librarians and educators joined members of Bronx Community Board No. 8's Libraries and Cultural Affairs and Education Committees on Tuesday, January 10th to hear Dr. Lynda Kennedy describe the many existing and new services which technology has made available to school librarians, teachers and students. Dr. Kennedy is Director of Teaching and Learning, Literacy and Outreach for the New York Public Library.

The goal of these new initiatives is to engage students in reading, learning and technology and to provide professional development for teachers, school librarians and administrators. She discussed the NY Public Libraries' current resources and several that will soon be available. The goal is to enable students through digital outreach to search for information using their phones, I-pads and computers.

The New York Public Library is collaborating with the NYC Board of Education as well as with cultural institutions in order to maximize the learning opportunities for both students and teachers. Librarians currently receive in-service training to acquaint them with the resources available for both students and teachers. The NY Public Library web site also describes resources for students and teachers. More than 700,000 images are offered. Their many data bases provide links to further information and tools for teaching. For example, one can find maps and search for locations in the local neighborhood or anywhere in the world.

The Public Library is seeking to expand its services and hopes to be able to accommodate teachers and librarians in the future by offering such services as having books delivered to schools.

This program was arranged by Sylvia Alexander, Chairperson of the Bronx Community Board No. 8's Education Committee and Bob Abbott, Chairperson of the Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee. Coffee, bagels and doughnuts as well as parking were provided by the Kingsbridge Library's new neighbor, TD Bank.

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