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MOTT HAVEN LIBRARY

Ms. Jeanine Thomas Library Manager said that I'm just going to speak about some of the programs that we have at the branch. The programs we offer at the branch are for children and teens. Mr. Dye is our Teen Specialist, Steve is the Librarian for grades 1 through 6, Ms. Sarah is our Early Literacy Librarian she oversees the Daycare the Headstarts, Pre-K and Kindergarten. So if you would like to have any class visits in the Library or if you would like us to come out to your school to introduce the Teachers and the students to the various resources that the Library offers you can always give us a call 718 – 665-4878 and we're more than willing to come out.

Beginning next school year 2019-2020 we will be hosting a Homework Help Workshop for grades 1 through 6 in our third floor classroom. This Homework Help Workshop is a generous donation from Mr. Crest, he donated \$10 thousand dollars to the Library. He's also if this program is a success he will be offering \$10 thousand dollars every school year. We used to have an Out of Time Enrichment Zone that was discontinued in July 2018. We used to have 50 kids that attended this program so once they discontinued that program a lot of the families were lost because tutoring is expensive and this was free. We also used to have a Young Adult Literacy Program it was a GED Program for ages 16 to 24 we lost that program in July of 2018 also. So right now I'm trying to push to see if we can get a GED Program back into the Library. A lot of people are asking for it not only in English but in Spanish. Right now we do offer ESL on Saturday's from 10 AM to 2 PM we have level 1 and level 2 that will be beginning at the end of this month. So if you know of anybody that would like to do English as a second language you can send them to the Library or email me at jeaninethomas@nypl.org and I can always email you the flyers.

We're still trying to really push we used to have a whole group of teens and we noticed that they either went off to College or working and they're not coming to the Library. So we're trying to grab all of those youth that we've already lost. Mr. Dye is going out to the schools he's gone to Gompers and a lot of the Charter Schools now have grades 1 through 8 so he's trying to channel in with them. We're just trying to get more teens into the Library.

Questions and Comments

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Mr. Michael Montes Community Coordinator said that our program services adults 21 and older for educational services from Certified Training to the High School Equivalency. We offer High School Equivalency, ESL and also basic education services. All our services are absolutely free and we're currently conducting registration of all our programs this month. You will see all our information on the folder and my card should be in there as well.

The other piece that we also do is pretty much helping individuals with job placement, we also help them out with transitioning into College. Also some workshops for those getting into technology such as computers, keyboarding and working with other programs to help them transition better into becoming more independent and also to be able to progress in their lives.

So aside from that one of the things that makes us stand out is the flexibility that we have. Our flexibility meaning that we offer the most classes in the entire city. We have classes in the mornings, afternoons, evenings and even on the weekends on Saturday. Schedules are very flexible starting from 9 AM to 12 PM is our morning session, our afternoon is from about 1 PM to 4 PM and then the evening is from 5:30 PM to 9 PM. In this sector alone in this Community Board we have 4 or 5 different sites. We're opening up a new class over at District Office we're going to offer our regular basic education and ESL.

I just wanted to make sure that you have this information because one of the things that they often say about our program is that it's a well-kept secret. In reality it's there but many people don't often ask for it. But my job is to make sure that I make everyone aware.

Questions and Comments

The Chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion duly seconded. Motion called and passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED.