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EDUCATION, YOUTH & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Chair:	Leurys Acosta
Meeting Date:	November 14, 2023
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm
Meeting Location:	New York Public Library 310 E Kingsbridge Rd, Bronx, NY 10458
Members In Attendance:	_ Yeny Medina ✓ Carlos Sosa ✓ Adaline Walker-Santiago ✓ Leurys Acosta _ Tasha Andrews _ Jhenelle Robinson ✓ Tayna Peña ✓ Betty Arce
Minutes done by:	Leurys Acosta

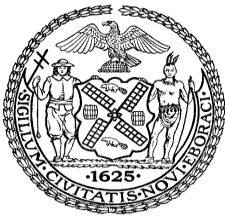
Minutes:

- I. Meeting Guidelines**
 - A. Guidelines were read
- II. Attendance/Introductions**
 - A. Attendance and intro was taken
- III. Review of October 2023 Minutes**
 - A. Minutes were reviewed
- IV. Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)**
- V. New Business**
 - A. Bronx Library Center, NYPL - Young Adult Department**
 - 1. Luis Mendez, (LuisMendez@NYPL.org), director of the department shared information about their programming and activities for teenagers ages 13-17. The department gave out books and recommendations on reading materials and resources for homework. They also offer college and career pathways help, writing and book clubs, arts and crafts, and a newsletter.

THIS MEETING'S MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT:

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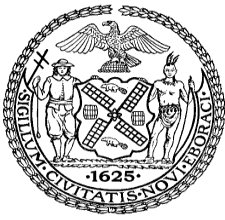
2. The department does outreach by physically traveling to schools and tabling with library cards and other promotional items and goodies (bags, t-shirts, school supplies). Teachers are able to reach out and schedule library visits. The department also recently purchased a 3D printer.

B. Mexican Studies Institute at CUNY Lehman College

1. Efren Ordonez, Asst director for outreach and partnership (MSI.eoi@lehman.cuny.edu). The institute was founded in 2012 as a research center that serves the entire CUNY community but has expanded to many initiatives including:
 - a) Educational opportunities, such as boosting the Mexican American immigrant community at CUNY.
 - b) Helping Spanish speaking people with processes and navigating bureaucracies
 - c) Workshops about the different resources offered in New York City
 - d) A Spanish book fair called 'FILNYC'
 - e) Financial literacy workshops
 - f) Mexican Studies Scholarship Fund for those who have participated with the community
2. Anyone is welcome to seek help at the Mexican Studies Institute

C. Oyate Group

1. Program coordinators Neysy Vicente & Alexander Reyes presented and shared information about the nonprofit organization. The organization is located in the South Bronx with the mission to target and alleviate poverty



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2. They are currently promoting a free youth leadership program for HS sophomores and juniors which offers art, civic engagement, design, and technology programs. Students get a \$100 stipend and includes a fully covered international trip at the end of the program to Costa Rica. They are looking to recruit 30 students. Deadline December 1st.
3. Oyate Group also offers student internships. Undocumented students are welcome
4. They have an entrepreneurial program (shark tank style) with no age limits. All can apply for grants to those trying to pitch a small business idea. Prize money up to \$75k. They offer mentorship for young entrepreneurs as well as office space for organizations that offer programs and services to the community.

VI. Next Meeting Date:

A. Tuesday, December 12, 2023

VII. Discussion on next agenda

A. TBD

VIII. Adjournment

A. Meeting ends