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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Youth, Education, and Libraries Committee
September 29, 2026 - 6:30 PM
Conducted Remotely via Zoom

Please note: The resolution contained in the committee minutes is a recommendation submitted by the committee co-chairs to the Community Board. At the monthly full board meeting, the resolution is discussed and voted upon by all members of Community Board 8 Manhattan.

Minutes

Board Members Present: Taína Borrero, Addeson Lehv

Approximate Number of Public Attendees: 5

1. **Discussion on local library initiatives and resources - with local library leaders: NYPL Webster Library at 1465 York Avenue**
    a. Co-Chair Taína Borrero explained that during the September Youth, Education, and Libraries Committee Meeting, the Committee usually invites District 2 Superintendent Kelly McGuire to give updates and take questions from families; however, Superintendent McGuire had a personal conflict with the meeting date. He is happy to attend a later meeting.
    b. Rachel Skinner O'Neill, the manager of the Webster Library, then provided a few updates about what her branch's library is working on. This discussion included (but was not limited to):
        i. **Teen outreach.** The Webster Library now has a dedicated space for teenagers after 3:00pm, Monday-Saturday. Given the success of the program, the library is launching two new lounges for teenagers (grades 6 or up) in the community room. These lounges will be open the second and third Monday of every month from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. There will be snacks, where people will be encouraged to study, hang-out, play board games, or read. Wednesdays from 3:30pm-5:00pm, the library holds a teen craft club. The library is open to hearing suggestions for future craft projects. Finally, teenagers do not need to present any form of ID (including student ID or library cards) in order to get a library card.
        ii. **Game on program.** Fridays 3:00pm-4:00pm, children ages 9 and up are welcome to compete in different video games.
        iii. **Banned Books Week.** October 5th-October 10th, the library will be giving away free books (one per person, while stocks last).

iv. **Elimination of late book fines.** There are no longer fines for late books. If you hold onto a book for more than 30 days, you will be billed for the book. If you return the book, that fine goes away.
v. **College fair.** On October 7th, from 10:00am-1:00pm, representatives from CUNY, SUNY, and other universities will be at the New York Public Library - Stephen A. Schwarzman Building.
vi. **Teen resource pages.** These library pages link to free databases such as Brainfuse, among another 600+ databases that people can use at home with a library card or at the library.

c. The Committee also wishes departing long time Community Board 8 Manhattan staff liaison Jon Kraus for his dedication to the Committee! We wish him all the very best in his future endeavors!

2. **Old Business – There were no Old Business items**
3. **New Business – There were no New Business items**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:47pm.

Taína Borrero and Addeson Lehv, Co-Chairs