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Woodhaven) are still in use. In 1906, a traveling library office was set up to extend library service to under-served, less densely populated areas. Its primary function at first was the placement of collections of 100 to 600 volumes in various Queens locations. These locations were chosen on the basis of the ability of the owner of the facility to provide space, to administer the collection and to ensure use by the public. By 1910, use of these collections had grown to such an extent that a Traveling Libraries Department was established. In addition to collections, stations were established in stores and offices and trained librarians were on hand to provide service to the public. In 1914, stations were established in schools, and by 1915, prison service was also offered through a station.

The Department of Work with Children was created to supervise and direct all aspects of children's work in the agencies. Training classes, story hours and radio programs were developed. In 1919, the Department of Branches and Apprentices was created, combining responsibility for work with children, management of staff and supervision of branches. In addition, the department head was responsible for operating the library's training school. By 1923, this new department ceased to function and the Department of Work with Children was reinstated. In 1926 the Traveling Library Department became the Extension Department and its service units were re-classified as sub-branches, school stations, community stations and collections.

In order to provide library service to the many areas still without it,

bookmobile service was added in 1930. Hospital service began in 1933 and was further extended in 1937 when shut-in service was inaugurated. Meanwhile, service to schools had grown so that it became necessary in 1930 to create a Department of School Libraries. By 1934, collections were supplied to 16 schools, and trained librarians were on duty at all times. This service continued until 1944 when staff shortages and lack of funds forced its elimination.

The Queens Library has shown a longstanding concern for the welfare of its employees. On June 25, 1937, with the city of New York, it elected to



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Queens Library Director Thomas Galante (c.) and members of the Library staff and Board of Trustees, including Trustee George Stamatiades (far l.) celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Library's incorporation by cutting a huge cake, a part of which will be delivered to each of the Library's 63 branches.



Photos Courtesy of Long Island Division, Queens Library.



Whitestone Branch 1908: In 1908, the Whitestone Branch moved into this building. It was the successor to the library of the Social League of Whitestone. It had fewer than 900 volumes. Today, the Whitestone Community Library circulates more than 200,000 items a year.

Middle Village Station 1911: Children line up to enter the Middle Village Station, which was established in a candy store in 1911.

have its staff covered by the New York State Employees' Retirement System. On July 9, 1945, employees were covered by the New York City Career and Salary Plan. The Library has been unionized since April 16, 1969. Library staff may choose to be represented by District Council 37, Local 1321, of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, A.F.L.-C.I.O.

The Extension Department and the Department of Branch Administration merged in 1956 to form the Extension Services Department, with responsibility for the development of all public services outside of the Central Library building. All sub-branches were raised to full branch status. Professional staffs were assigned, hours of service expanded, book collections enlarged and cataloged, and other steps taken to place all branches on an equal-service footing. A review of the new department's activities led to the elimination of collections in schools and gradual discontinuance of the use of bookmobiles for school service. The name was changed to Community Library Services in 2005 to better reflect the full-service capability of each library.

Queens Library is an independent, not-for-profit corporation and is not affiliated with any other library. The Queens Library serves a population of 2.2 million in the most ethnically diverse county in the U.S. with a record 20.2 million items in circulation for FY 2006. The Library has one of the highest circulations of any public library system in the world. For more information about programs, services, locations, events and news, visit www.queenslibrary.org or call 718-990-0700.

114th Precinct Blotter Highlights

Sunday, April 15:

- A 29-year-old Hispanic male was charged with criminal mischief, assault and harassment after he punched a victim in the face and broke the victim's property at Ditmars Boulevard and 28th Street.

- A 52-year-old white male was observed selling alcohol to patrons after 4 a.m. at 28-26 Steinway St. He was charged with running an unlicensed bottle club, unlicensed warehouse liquor storage, after hours sale of alcoholic beverages and criminal nuisance.

- A 21-year-old Hispanic male was charged with assault and disorderly conduct after he punched a victim in the face at 32nd Street and 38th Avenue.

- A 50-year-old white male was charged with menacing and criminal possession of a weapon after he threatened a victim with a folding knife at 28-21 45th St.

- A 54-year-old Asian male was charged with assault and harassment at the 114th Precinct station house, 34-16 Astoria Blvd., after he punched a

female victim in the face and pulled her hair.

- Two white males, both 26 years old, were charged with criminal possession of marijuana and unlawful possession of marijuana after they were observed with marijuana in public at Hoyt Avenue North and 19th Street.

- A 19-year-old white male was charged with criminal possession of a weapon, criminal possession of stolen property and petit larceny after he was observed stealing property from 32-50 Vernon Blvd.

- Three Hispanic males 30, 40 and 41 years old were charged with having open containers of alcoholic beverages in public after they were observed drinking beer in public and had no identification. The 30-year-old was arrested at 37th Street and 28th Avenue, the 40-year-old at 30-04 36th Ave. and the 41-year-old at Steinway Street and Broadway.

- A 39-year-old black female was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance after she was found in possession of a controlled substance at 38th Avenue and 10th Street.

- A 23-year-old white female was arrested at the 114th Precinct station house, 34-16 Astoria Blvd., and charged with assault and harassment after she pulled a victim's hair and kicked the victim about the body.

Saturday, April 14:

- A 22-year-old white male was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance and having an open container of an alcoholic beverage in public after he was observed with a beer in public and was also found in possession of cocaine at 23-45 31st Ave.

- Two 19-year-old white males were charged with obstructing governmental administration, resisting arrest, criminal trespass, harassment and disorderly conduct after they refused to leave 34th Avenue and 28th Street upon request and began fighting in public.

- A 36-year-old Hispanic male was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance and disorderly conduct after he was observed obstructing vehicular traffic at Vernon Boulevard and 33rd Road and was found in possession of a crack pipe.

- A 27-year-old Hispanic male was charged with resisting arrest and having an open container of an alcoholic beverage in public after he was observed with an open beer in public at Hobart Street and 31st Avenue and was unable to produce identification.

- A 28-year-old Hispanic male was charged with violation of a local law after he was observed riding a bicycle on the sidewalk at Broadway and 31st Street.

- A 34-year-old Hispanic male was observed at Steinway Street and 30th Avenue selling food without a vendor's license and was charged with violation of a local law.

- A 29-year-old Hispanic male was charged with bail jumping, disorderly conduct and having an open container of an alcoholic beverage in public after he was observed drinking beer in public at Astoria Boulevard and 31st Street and was found to be wanted on a warrant.

- A 36-year-old Hispanic male was charged with violation of a local law after he was observed selling food without a vendor's license at 31st Avenue and Steinway Street.

- A 47-year-old Asian female was charged with possession of a forged

instrument, trademark counterfeiting and violation of a local law after she was observed selling counterfeit DVDs without a vending license at Vernon Boulevard and Broadway.

- A 30-year-old Hispanic male was observed drinking beer in public at 44-12 Broadway and did not have any identification. He was charged with having an open container of an alcoholic beverage in public.

- A 43-year-old Hispanic male was charged with resisting arrest and having an open container of an alcoholic beverage in public after he was observed drinking beer in public at 36-01 Broadway and did not have identification.

- A 36-year-old Hispanic male was charged with violation of a local law and harassment after he removed belongings from inside to the outside of 33-10 Broadway without permission.

- A 41-year-old Hispanic male was charged with assault and harassment after he struck a victim in the face with a broomstick at 33-10 Broadway.

- A 16-year-old white male was charged with criminal mischief, making graffiti and possession of a graffiti instrument after he put graffiti on walls at 29-29 Ditmars Blvd.