

## **TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION FORUM**

### **Hamptons Library, March 6, 2014**

Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:15am. He thanked Kelly Harris, the director of Hamptons Library, for hosting the meeting. The minutes from the last meeting, January 9, 2014, were reviewed, and on a motion from Wendy Reeve, seconded by Eric Cohn, accepted. Bob then spoke about our group, noting that our TIF division is now 50/50 librarians and technology staff. He also encouraged anyone not a member to join SCLA and the CATS division.

Chris DeCristofaro and Melanie Cardone-Leathers, librarians from Longwood Library, gave a presentation on the Ipad/Iphone classes they offer to their patrons and shared their handouts with the group.

- Approach to class
  - Discussion rather than instruction
  - Comprehensive handouts, including passwords sheet
  - Keep instruction simple; must be patient and enthusiastic
  - 1-1 ½ hour classes with 10-16 people per class
  - Sign up for complete series of classes
  - Homework – encourage patrons to take notes and write down questions
- Development of Classes – constantly changing and evolving
  - First class:
    - Demystify device
    - How to log in with WiFi
    - Explain hardware & functionality
    - Apple ID, native apps, camera
    - Downloading and using apps
  - Settings Class
    - Cover all settings in depth
    - Roundtable
  - Apps Class
    - Change up apps – get input from patrons
    - Joint Apple/Android
  - Photo Class
    - Overview; front & rear camera; photo modes;
    - Filters and sharing
    - Collections, albums
- One on One Sessions
  - Find out what they want to do with their device
  - Encourage patrons to take classes
  - Homework, questions, handouts
  - Leave them wanting more

After this presentation, Kelly Harris demonstrated the 3D printer and digitizer Hamptons Library purchased recently. She and her library felt having the printer would inspire the imagination of kids and teach them new skills. Although it is easy to use, Kelly and three of her librarians went to classes at the MakerBot store in Manhattan for more in-depth instruction. She suggested any librarians interested should purchase the book *Getting Started with Maker Bot*. Some suggestions on uses for the 3D printer included: reproduction of equipment parts, to give a 3D aspect to staff/student reports, and for various library programming.

The next TIF meeting will be held at East Islip Library on Thursday, April 3 at 10am, 9:30am refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Schott, Floyd Memorial Library