Technology Information Forum Meeting
October 1, 2015 at Quogue Library

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am by Bob Johnson who thanked Russell Weisenbacher of Quogue Library for hosting this month. The minutes of the September 2015 minutes were handed out, and on a motion from Eric Cohen, seconded by Jason Terhune, accepted. Bob then turned the meeting over to Dave Jones and Walter Pesce from Westhampton Free Library for a discussion on the LAN parties they host once a month.

For the past five years they have set up these parties for teens after library hours, utilizing all the tech equipment, plus as many power strips, cords, etc. that they have at the library. The turnout is large. Teens also bring their own pcs, devices, games, etc. The kids use their own Steam accounts to play the games they own. They also play console games they own and bring in. Parental consent is required for all participants.

Bob then introduced Nicholas Tanzi, who wrote *Making the Most of Digital Collections through Training & Outreach. The Innovative Librarian's Guide.* This book offers a practical template for training patrons to use eBooks, streaming video, online music, and journal collections. Publication date is November 2015.

Bob spoke about a website*, beanstack.com*, a free service that offers personalized recommendations of books tailored to your child's age, interests, and reading level. It also tracks the books a child reads and offers learning tips to help you engage with your child. It's available to anyone, anywhere, even if you don't have a library card.

A round table discussion touched on updating to Windows 10, Win 10 apps, Surelock vs. Kids Place for Nexus tablet lockdown, iTeam software, Eset antivirus, Time Limit Manager software, cloud storage, ecommerce, disk cleaners.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 5th at 10am (9:30am coffee) at Brentwood Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Schott