

# April, 2018 District Manager's Report

## Agency Reports:

### George Bruce Library Reported:

#### Practice English at the Library – English Conversation Class

We Are New York is an Emmy Award-winning TV show created to help English language learners practice English. Each story is about everyday situations, like going to the doctor or talking with a child's teacher. The characters speak slowly and clearly. These classes work best for people who speak some English already and want to practice conversation. For more information, call or visit the branch and ask a librarian about classes. Visit the library and meet other adults who are practicing English. Classes start in April on Mondays; 2p.m. – 4p.m. and continues in May. For future dates, please go to: <http://www.nypl.org/events/classes/english>

**DEP Reported:** New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) collects and treats an average of 1.3 billion gallons of wastewater per day at its 14 wastewater treatment plants, and our Bureau of Wastewater Treatment is responsible for the operation and maintenance of all facilities related to the treatment of sewage, including wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs), collections facilities, wastewater laboratories, harbor vessels and sludge dewatering facilities.

#### New Yorkers are reminded to Beware of Scams:

- Generally, DEP field employees will have a prearranged appointment before visiting a home;
- All DEP field employees travel in a marked vehicle, wear uniforms and carry badges (ID Cards). They will NEVER ask for payment;
- If you are ever in doubt, call DEP Customer Service at (718) 595-7000 to speak to a representative;
- DEP will NEVER reach out to you for your Social Security number or banking information;

DEP offers customers several safe and secure payment options. More information can be found at: [http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/water\\_and\\_sewer\\_bills/index.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/water_and_sewer_bills/index.shtml)

**Parks Department Reported:** St. Nicholas Park will be hosting a “It's My Park Spring Clean-up” on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017; 12Noon – 2p.m. This It's My Park season, join members of the TRASH project and Friends of St. Nicholas Park for Spring Cleaning 2017. Volunteers will clean and beautify St. Nicholas's playgrounds.

**West 135th Street Plaza** in [St. Nicholas Park](#)

West 135th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue

Manhattan

[Directions to this location](#)

## **Appointment of New Schools Chancellor**

Mayor Bill de Blasio appointed Richard A. Carranza as New York City's next Schools Chancellor. As Superintendent of the Houston Independent School District, Carranza led the effort to re-open schools after Hurricane Harvey. Carranza also previously served as the Superintendent of the San Francisco Unified School District, where he raised graduation rates to historic highs. With a strong commitment to equity and excellence, Carranza has a proven record of narrowing the achievement gap and turning around struggling schools in these diverse districts.

In Houston, Carranza was widely praised for leading the successful effort to re-open schools two-weeks after Hurricane Harvey. This included coordinating transportation for students living in shelter and providing counseling for all students and staff. During his eight years as Deputy Superintendent and then Superintendent in San Francisco, Carranza drove remarkable progress in academic outcomes, outpacing gains in the state and narrowing the achievement gap. He raised graduation rates for African-American students by 13.9 percentage points, and for Hispanic students by 15.4 percentage points, significantly faster than the overall growth rates in California as a whole.

## **About Richard A. Carranza**

Richard A. Carranza has served as Superintendent of the Houston Independent School District since August 2016. HISD is the largest school district in Texas and the seventh largest district in the United States, with a predominately Hispanic and Black student population.

Prior to Houston, Carranza worked for the San Francisco Unified School District, first as Deputy Superintendent for Instruction, Innovation and Social Justice then Superintendent. Before moving to San Francisco, he served as Northwest Region superintendent for the Clark County

School District in Las Vegas, where he oversaw 66 schools with more than 66,000 students. He began his career as a high school, bilingual social studies and music teacher, then a principal in Tucson.

Carranza is the past chairman of the Board of Directors for the Council of the Great City Schools, where he served as a national spokesperson on significant issues facing urban school districts. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents, the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future, the American Association of School Administrators Executive Committee, and the K to College Advisory Board.

Education Week profiled Carranza as a national 2015 Leader to Learn From. He earned a bachelor of arts in secondary education from the University of Arizona and a master of education with distinction in educational leadership from Northern Arizona University. He has completed his doctoral coursework through Northern Arizona University and is currently pursuing a doctorate of education through Nova Southeastern University in Educational leadership.

Carranza is a fluent Spanish-speaker and accomplished mariachi musician. He is married to Monique and has two daughters.

### **Pre-Kindergarten Program Overview:**

In free, full-day, high-quality pre-K, children are in a safe learning environment with opportunities to participate in engaging activities and interact with other children and teaching staff. Studies show that early childhood education improves performance throughout a child's school experience. [Learn more](#) about how your child benefits from Pre-K for All.

### **Who can apply to pre-K?**

- Families with children born in 2014
- New York City residents
- Students who move to NYC during the admissions process [Get More Information >](#)
- Students with disabilities [Get More Information >](#)
- Students whose home language is a language other than English. No program may deny admission, registration, or enrollment to a student based on the student's fluency or perceived fluency in English.
- Students in Temporary Housing can apply to pre-K even if their housing situation is uncertain. They do not need paperwork to apply to schools, accept an offer, or enroll in a school.

**MTA Reported: 110<sup>th</sup> Street Station Enhancement** began April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to improve Safety; and other repairs to upgrade station. During this Enhancement phase station will be closed trains will make skipped stops.

**Parks Reported:** The New York Road Runners is working with community leaders and volunteers to bring free weekly runs to local neighborhood parks all over NYC. All runs are directed by volunteers and are FREE to all participants. Help is needed to get an New York Road Runners (NYRR) Open Run going in Morningside Park; learn about this community program and how you can get involved as a run director, volunteer, and participant.

**City Council Member Mark Levine Reported:** The 7th Councilmanic District is hosting its Participatory Budget (4th Cycle) which started Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

This year's projects include:

### **Modernizing Neighborhood Libraries:**

\$200,000 for new computers, printers, wi-fi, projectors, and audio systems in 7th District public libraries;

**Upgrading Community Parks:**

\$570,000 to rebuild the handball court at the Alexander Hamilton Playground;

\$450,000 to repair the Morningside Park playground at 110th Street, including new equipment for children of all ages;

\$500,000 for new playground turf at PS 125;

**Investing in our Schools:**

\$200,000 for technology upgrades at MS 54, the Booker T. Washington Middle School (103 West 107th St)

\$200,000 for technology upgrades at PS 36 Margaret Douglas School (123 Morningside Drive);

\$450,000 for upgrade the gym at PS 165, the Roberts E. Simon School (234 West 109th St);

**Building Stronger NYCHA Communities:**

\$500,000 to upgrade the playground and basketball courts at Frederick Douglass Houses;

\$500,000 for external lighting at Grant Houses; \$200,000 for an emergency readiness kiosk at Manhattanville Houses;

**Improving Commutes:**

\$60,000 for Bus Countdown Clocks along Broadway

The only two requirements for voting are that you live within the 7th Councilmanic District and be at least 11 years of age or in the 6th grade. Online voting is also an option. More info can be found at <https://council.nyc.gov/pb/>

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**In 2018, NYC DOT is embarking on the 11<sup>th</sup> season of Weekend Walks.** If you are interested in hosting a Weekend Walks event, go to:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/weekendwalks/html/host/host.shtml>.

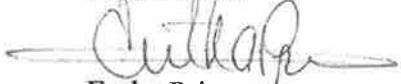
**Check washing is a process in which thieves use common household products to alter checks stolen out of mailboxes.** They then make the checks payable to themselves or other parties.

What can you do to prevent your checks from being altered?

- Use a pen with pigmented (permanent) ink to write checks (*this ink is not easy to alter*);
- Shred any voided or incorrectly written checks;
- Check your account balance frequently to ensure checks were cleared by the establishment they were written to.

**DO NOT CALL REGISTRY:** The Do Not Call Registry accepts registrations from both cell phones and land lines. To register by telephone, call: 1-888-382-1222. You must call from the phone number that you wish to register. To register online go to: [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov), you will have to respond to a confirmation email.

Respectfully Submitted,






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District Manager  
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The New York Public Library

# George Bruce Library

518 West 125th Street  
New York, NY 10027  
212-662-9727

# APRIL 2018 | FREE Kids Programs

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>  KARAOKE NIGHT	<b>2</b> 11:30am: Baby Storytime (0-18 months) 12pm: Open Play (0-5) 4-6pm: Family Game Night (3-12)	<b>3</b> 11:30am: Toddler Storytime (18-36 months) 12pm: Open Play (0-5) 4pm: Coloring Page Tuesday (0-12) 5pm: Kid Karaoke Night	<b>4</b> 11am: Open Play (0-5)	<b>5</b> 11:30am: Family Storytime (All ages) 12pm: Open Play (0-5) 3pm: Arts & Crafts (10+) 4pm: Lego Lounge (5-12) 5pm: Chess Club (7+)	<b>6</b> 10am: Open Play (0-5) 3pm: Color, Paint, & Draw! (2-12)	<b>7</b> 10:30am: Artistic Dreams International: Art Program for Kids* All Day: Coloring & Puzzles (3-12)
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<b>29</b>  OPEN MIC NIGHT	<b>30</b> 11:30am: Baby Storytime (0-18 months) 12pm: Open Play (0-5) <b>4pm: OPEN MIC NIGHT!</b>					

# ADULT LITERACY CLASSES



Improve your Reading & Writing.

- New students **MUST** come to an Information Session first (see boxes below)
- Learn to read and write in teacher-led classes
- Develop literacy skills using computers
- Attend library programs and get a library card
- Study in an Adult Learning Center (see other side for locations)

## INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR NEW ADULT STUDENTS

### HARLEM LIBRARY

9 West 124<sup>th</sup> Street (between Lenox & 5<sup>th</sup> Ave)  
New York, NY 10027 212.369.2714

**Saturday, April 7, 2018**

10 AM or 2 PM

OR

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

12 PM OR 6 PM

*(2/3 to 125<sup>th</sup> Street or 4/5/6 to 125<sup>th</sup> and Lexington)*

*Space is limited to 100 per session*

### AGUILAR LIBRARY

174 East 110<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10029 212.534.1613

**Monday, April 16, 2018**

1 PM OR 3 PM OR 6 PM

*(6 train to East 110<sup>th</sup> Street)*

*Space is limited to 60 per session*

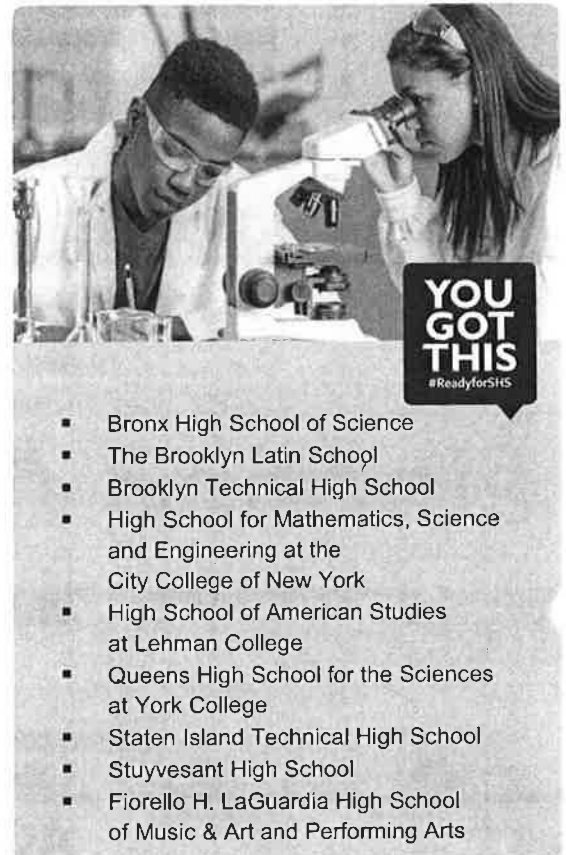
Major Support for the Library's adult literacy, English language programs and technology training is provided by the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development; Arthur W. Koenig; The Pascualano Foundation; NYC Connected Communities, a program of the New York City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications; The Lois M. Collier Endowment Fund; The JPB Foundation; the Joseph and Sylvia Slifka Foundation, Inc.; and the Federal Workforce Investment Act, Title II funding administered through the New York State Education Department. Additional support provided by the New York City Center for Economic Opportunity; Altman Foundation; Funding from the Mayor's Young Men Initiative administered through the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development; the Kagan Fund; New York State Coordinated Outreach Services Program; Bank of America; The Bailey Endowment for English Language Learning Programs; New York State Library's Adult Literacy Library Services grant program; The Staten Island Foundation; Murray G. and Beatrice H. Sherman Charitable Trust; and anonymous donors.



# Specialized High Schools

## Admissions Information Sessions

- Parents and students (4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade) learn more about Specialized High Schools.
- A representative from the NYC Department of Education will be available to answer any questions you may have.
- This information session is **free**.
- Space is limited and available first-come, first-served.



- Bronx High School of Science
- The Brooklyn Latin School
- Brooklyn Technical High School
- High School for Mathematics, Science and Engineering at the City College of New York
- High School of American Studies at Lehman College
- Queens High School for the Sciences at York College
- Staten Island Technical High School
- Stuyvesant High School
- Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts



**Event Date:** Wednesday, April 25th

**Time:** 5:30 PM

**Location:** New York Public Library – George Bruce Library  
518 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10027

**Phone:** 212-662-9727

- 📄 Learn more at [schools.nyc.gov/SHS](https://schools.nyc.gov/SHS)
- ✉ Sign up for email alerts at [schools.nyc.gov/Subscribe](https://schools.nyc.gov/Subscribe)
- ✉ Email questions to [shsat@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:shsat@schools.nyc.gov)
- ☎ Call **212-637-8080** with questions





# Open Mic Night

## April 30th, 4pm

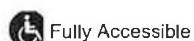
Can you sing, dance, act, write your own poetry? Do you have a talent you want to share? Let your creative side out at our Open Mic Night for all ages! Refreshments will be served.



**This event is for all ages including children, teens and adults!**



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