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Anthony Calnek Vice President, Communications and Marketing The New York Public Library

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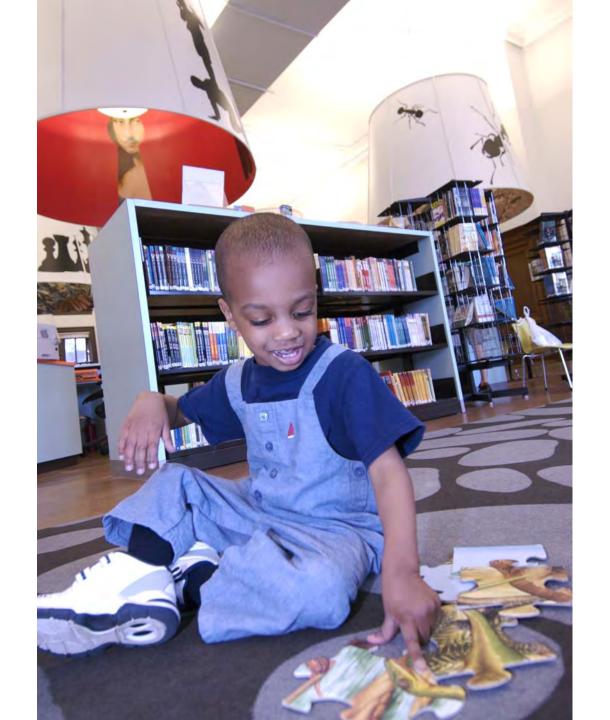


also a system of 89 neighborhood libraries, serving lower and middle income families in the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island.



Every neighborhood library has programs for children and for seniors, and collections for the general public.



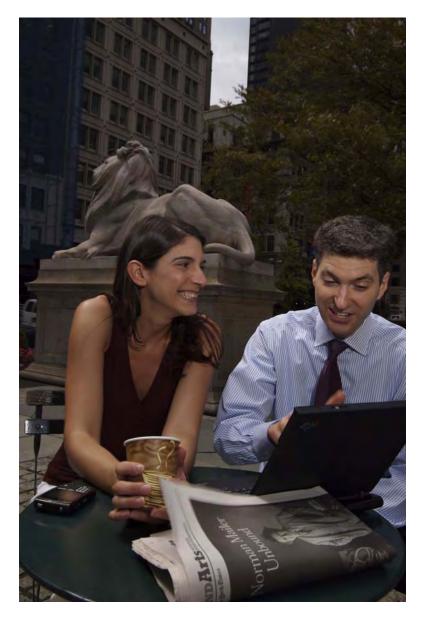




11 percent of New Yorkers rely on the New York Public Library for access to the internet.

Every single branch has computer terminals and free high-speed wireless access.







# The New York Public Library even has facilities for playing electronic games.



### **2007 Statistics Show a Strong NYPL**

Visits to 89 facilities: 16.3 million

Public programs: 26,000

Web visits: 25.4 million

Operating budget: \$260 million+

**Government funding: Approximately 50%** 

**Private donations: \$64 million** 

**Balance of funding from endowment** 

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Use of the Neighborhood Libraries has gone <u>up</u>.

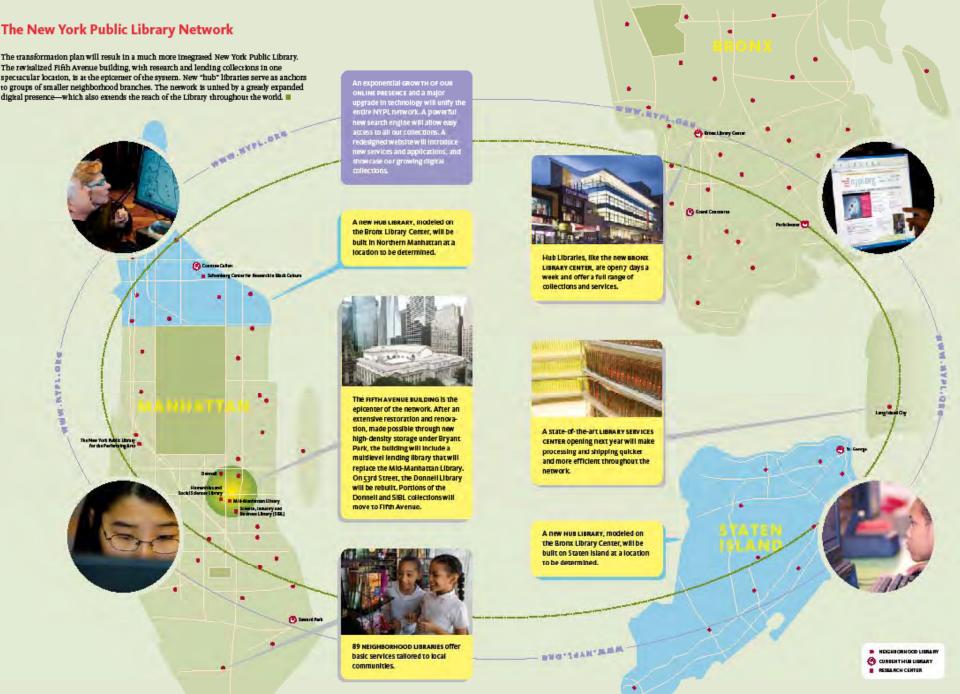




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#### EVENTS FOR CHILDREN MANHATTAN PROGRAMS

#### Friday, September 1

Harlem Branch:

1:00 p.m. - Sc30 p.m. Special Program: "Summer Reading 2006 Celebration."

An open bouse for the participants of the Flarlers Branch Summer Reading 2006 program. Come pick up your certificates and surprises.

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230 p.m. Special Program: "Dies of Treasures and Morel" presented by Robin Bady. A celebration for the participants of the 67th Street Branch. Summer Reading 2006 programs. Perospication is required. Funded through the genetions support of the Wollane Foundation.

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Epiphany Branch\*

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Washington Heights Branch

Wednesday, September 6

Early Childhood Resource & Information Center

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#### Wednesday, September 6, 13, 20 & 27

Aguilar Branch

4:00 p.m. Picture Book Time. For ages 5 to 12.

Donnell Library Center - Central Children's Room

11:00 a.m. Special Program: "Toddler Time," Picture busis straigs and songs for ages 18 to 24 months old with parent/caregiver.

Epiphany Branch 4:00 p.m. Read Aloud. For All ages.

Inwood Branch\*\*

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96th Street Branch\*\*

10:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Special Programs "Preschool Time." Storics, rhymes, and crafts for ages 3 to 5. Percegistration is required.

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2:00 p.m. Special Program: "The Sweet Pea's Picture Book Story Time."

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4:00 p.m. Picture Book Time. For ages 4 to 6.

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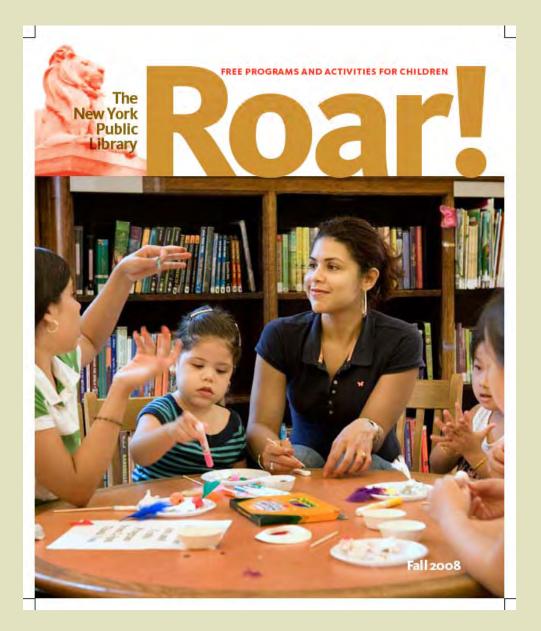
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#### Programs for Children in K-6

Arts & Crafts; Chess; Computers & Technology; Film; Games; Gaming; Literature & Poetry; Music; Reading Aloud; Story Time; and Theater

#### Film (continued)

West Forms	Wed, Sep 3. 17	3:30 p.m.
	Wed, Oct 1, 15	3:30 p.m.
	Wed, Nov 5, 26	3:30 p.m.
Westchester Square	Fri. Sep 5, 12, 19, 26	3:30 p.m.
	Fri, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	3:30 p.m.
	Fri, Nov 7, 14, 21, 28	3:30 p.m.
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125th Street	Fri, Sep 19	m a.m.
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Chatham Square	Wed, Sep 10	10:30 a.m.
	Mon, Oct 6	10:30 a.m.
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	Mon, Nov 3	10:30 a.m.
	Wed, Nov 5	10:30 а.т.
	Fri, Nov 7	10:30 а.т.
Hamilton Grange	Thurs, Sep 25	3:30 p.m.
Kips Bay	Fri, Nov 28	2:30 p.m.
Morningside Heights	Fri, Sep 5, 12, 19, 26	4 p.m.
	Fri, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	4 p.m.
	Fri, Nov 7, 14, 21, 28	4 p.m.
New Amsterdam	Thurs, Sep 4, 11, 18, 25	4 p.m.
	Thurs, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23	4 p.m.
	Thurs, Nov 6, 13, 20	4 p.m.
Ottendorfer	Tues, Sep 9	4 p.m.
	Tues, Oct 14	4 p.m.
	Tues, Nov 18	4 p.m.
Riverside	Mon, Sep 8, 22	11 a.m.
	Fri, Oct 24	11 a.m.
	Mon, Nov 10, 24	11 a.m.
Roosevelt Island	Mon, Sep 8, 15	4:30 p.m.
	Mon, Oct 6, 20	4:30 p.m.
	Mon, Nov 3, 10	4:30 p.m.
Yorkville	Wed, Sep 10, 17, 24	4 p.m.
	Wed, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	4 p.m.
	Wed, Nov 5, 12, 19, 26	4 p.m.
STATEN ISLAND		
St. George Library Center	Tues, Sep 2, 9, 30	4 p.m.
	Tues, Oct 7, 21, 28	4 p.m.
	Tues, Nov 4, 18, 25	4 p.m.



Games
Board games of all types and all skill levels

BROKE		
Baychester	Fri, Sep 5, 19	3:30 p.m.
	Fri, Oct 3, 17	3:30 p.m.
	Mon, Nov 3, 14	3:30 p.m.
Belmont	Thurs, Sep 11, 25	4 p.m.
	Thurs, Oct 9, 23	4 p.m.
	Thurs, Nov 13	4 p.m.
Bronx Library Center	Fri, Sep 5, 12, 19, 26	4 p.m.
	Fri, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	4 p.m.
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City Island	Thurs, Sep 4, 11, 18, 25	3:30 p.m.
	Thurs, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23	3:30 p.m.
	Thurs, Nov 6, 13, 20	3:30 p.m.
Clason's Point	Fri, Sep 12, 26	3:30 p.m.

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Gaming
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	Sat, Nov 8	2 p.m.
Bronx Library Center	Sat, Sep 6, 20	4 p.m.
	Mon, Oct 20	4 p.m.
	Sat, Nov 15	4 p.m.
Grand Concourse	Mon, Sep 8, 15, 22, 29	4 p.m.
	Mon, Oct 6, 20, 27	4 p.m.
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Hunt's Point	Fri, Sep 5, 12, 19, 26	3:30 p.m.
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Opening Up the New York World's Fair Records

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New Yorkers spearheaded a project that was part folly, part industry, and wholly visionary—the New York World's Fair of 1939—40. Wildly ambitiou in its time, the New York World's Fair is still regarded as the most spectacul exposition ever held in the United States. The records that document the I—1,200 linear feet of correspondence, photographs, minutes, and architectun plans—are a cherished part of the Manuscripts and Architecs Division. Thank to a matching grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), it library has explayed on the process of presenting and enhancing access to the

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"There's literally not a meeting or a transaction the sound occumented in these records, and the involvement of everyone from President Rossevelt, Babe R and General Motors, to maintenance workers, chorgirks, and construction companies can be traced he says William Stingone, the Charles L Liebman Cura of Manuscripts. "The story of the Fair's realization allows us to peer into almost every facet of America life and charte the nation's anxieties and aspirations a pivotal time in our history."

Construction began in 1936 with legislation that reclaimed Flushing Meadow, a tidal swamp used as city dump, for the Fair site. Responding to a resolut of Congress, President Franklin D. Roosevelt invite the world's nations to participate, and a resounding 60 countries enthusastically signed on. The Fair's opening marked the 150th anniversary of George Washington's presidential inauguration in

#### Background and Inset: The General Motors pavilion (in foreground, right] with the Trylon and Perisphere - the symbols of the World's Fair of 1939-40 - visible in the distance. The Irma and Paul Milstein Division of United States History, Local History and Genealogy.





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Meet: MICHAEL ALVAREZ Job: Chief Librarian, Bronx Library Center
NYPL Veteran: Since 1984,
Aspiration as a Librarian: To break down the barriers that stop people from reaching their goals



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# TO SEE MICHAEL ALVAREZ WORKING THE INFORMATION DESK AT THE NEW BRONX LIBRARY CENTER IS TO UNDERSTAND THAT A LIBRARIAN IS EQUAL PARTS EDUCATOR AND SLEUTH, WITH A DASH OF PSYCHOLOGIST THROWN IN.

In a small sampting of inseractions, Alvarez patiently breaks through a language barrier to enroll a parton in free computer classes, directs a young mother to myrited programs that will stoke her daughers's growing inseress in books, searches the cratlogs for a title a parton can only partially identify, and helps another find on the shelves the Afro-Culban music the parton has routhle finding for himself.

"Of course, the overall goal of a librarian is so connect people to the information they need to finish a report, to get a job, or to learn a new skill," says Abares, the Conners Chief Librarian, fielding a saggering array of questions from library users who walk in from the Fordham neighbordood. "But what really focus on is making parrons comfortable so they will feel good about coming back again."

For the gusto with which they deliver public service, Alvanze and his 72-member staff received the Library's acory Maher Seem Award for Service Excellence. Creased by philanthropist Allson Maher Seem and her husband, Leonard Seem, in 1997, the award recognizes a supervisor and his or the suff who consisttendy raise the bar for public service. "Michael rises to all the challenges of the Job with great ophintism and calm." says Bronx Brotrugh Associate Director Robert Bellinger. "from daily public service to advocating for the Library with elected officials and community boards. It is also an inspiring mentor to his extended seef."

Alvarez began his NYPL career in 1984 as a part-time page at Manhattan's Webster Branch, while he was majoring in psychology at Baruch





College. Even though he was convinced that he would ultimately end up in a forensics career, he signed on for a Masser's in Intrary Science at Pratt Institute. "I can't really explain that," he says with a grin, "but I realized along the way than what I realized along the way than what I realized peloped was the work I was doing at the Library—understanding people and breaking down their apprehensions about pursuing their goals."

Abarer has risen from a pan-time clerk at the Yorkville Branch to, more recently, District Librarian for the Northern Manhatan Region, sevring in some 20 branches along the way. What interesses him most is challenge—such as dealing with the Hamilton Carange Library's problem with gangs when he was Branch Librarian there in the late 1990s, or raiking on the supervision of four additional Harlem branches during the pose-97th Dudge crunch. In a relased foomore, during the transit write Alvarez cruised to work on roller kelses.

When it came up some two years ago, the job of Chief Librarian in NYPL's first "green" building intrigued Alvarez. He was undanned



Center's entrance.

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estow LEFF Early evening at the Bronx Library Center on Kingsbridge Road.

by the east of moving the staff and collections out of the nearby Fordham Library Center: into the sleek new five story Brown Library Center, which tripled Fordham's collections and capacity. In the year and a half since its opening, circulation has topped out at more than 700,000 items, and 127 computers newer 'sleep' during library hours. Programs ranging from concerts and local history lectures to classes in English for Speakers of Other Languages drew almost 40,000 visitors in the first year. "It's really energizing to work in this building," he say, "because our parrons have such a feeling of pride and ownership. The only frustration is utrning people away when we close floors." B

#### Toddler hour at the Fort Washington Branch.

# rooms to grow

RENEWING ITS COMMITMENT TO YOUNG PATRONS.
THE LIBRARY WILL RENOVATE 20 CHILDREN'S ROOMS OVER FIVE YEARS



# ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS, THE NEWLY RENOVATED CHILDREN'S ROOM IN THE FORT WASHINGTON BRANCH IS GIVEN OVER TO TODDLERS, WHO ARRIVE WITH PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS IN TOW.

Sixting on bright plin-size chairs or kneeling on so de are rugs, the lids sing along with ensemainer Ivan UL; whose robosecree agenda is to instell pre-reading sixtils. Old MacDonald's farm still offers an array of burryard noises to intrinte. The tips likely spider still inches its way up the water spout. With a seady repervoy of familiar songs and stacks of her picture books, UL keeps his audience thoroughly engaged. At the end of an bour, the children—now to mention their adult companions—are energized.

if the happy conclusion of this story is a productive soldler hour then the beginning is a belowed branch library whose children's room was in urgent need of repair. "I used to come here a few years ago when it was a seacher," may forn Wachington petron Susam Pickin, balancing her ewo-year-old on her knee. "But the troom was did, there were only we obecan computers, and it was hard for the kids to get their hards on the books they waned to read." Since the January 2007 reopening of Forn Washington's renovated children's room, all that has changed. "We stopped conting for a while, but were best again!"

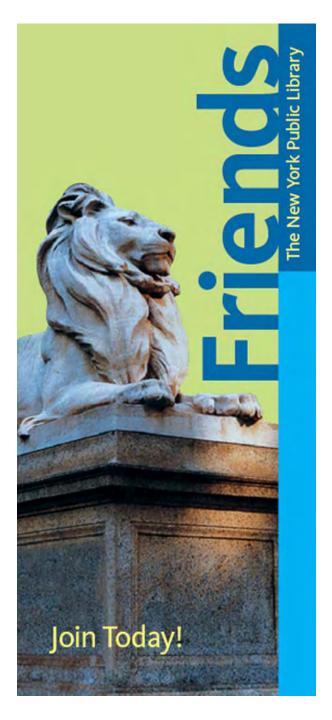
The newly renovated FortWashington Branchchildren'sroom. At the heart of the Library's commitment to kids are its 80 children's rooms in branches throughout the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island. Within these rooms, collections total some two million books, periodicals, CDs, videos, and software, which serve the needs of children from infancy through sixth grade. Add to this a dizzving array of free programs. many geared to family and classroom participation. The sum total has earned NYPL its international reputation for leadership in children's librarianship over the last 90 years. In a story hour, the summer reading program, a science workshop, or a bookmaking class, young parrons find imaginative ways to learn. Often, a lifelong love of reading is instilled here.

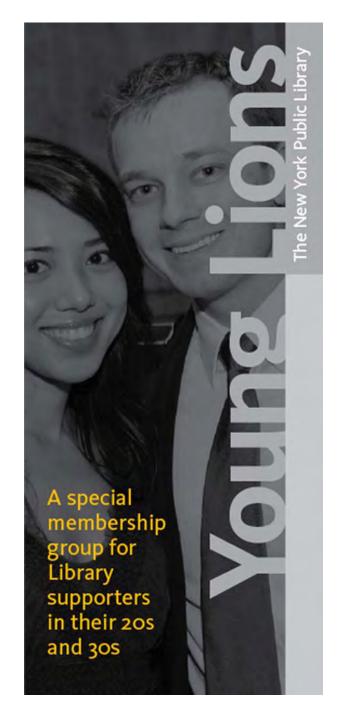
Nearly half of the branch libraries are landmark buildings, built in the early 20th century. Inevitably, through time and heavy use, many of these spaces have become worn and dated. Yet the Library's continued success depends on holding the interest and confidence of young patrons by creating rooms that are both comfortable and relevant. The revitalization of these rooms has become an urgent NYPL priority. "This work is key to all of our efforts to foster a love of reading among the youngest members of our communities," says Library President Paul LeClerc. A generous \$2.5 million grant from The Starr Foundation, which includes an aggressive matching requirement of \$7.5 million, paved the way.



In total no of these rooms will be renovated over five years. Each will have its own "flavor," mirroring the interests and the backgrounds of children in the neighborhood. The first to reopen, with funding from the Picower Foundation, the Fort Washington children's room is the work of Sage & Coombe Architects, who worked closely with the Library over a six-month period to create spaces to which children would be happy to return again and again. "The biggest challenge of the project was the large scale of the children's room in the Fort Washington Branch, one of the original Carnegie branches," says architect Jennifer Sage. "We thought in terms of smaller zones visually to create work spaces that kids would find entertaining,"

To make the room more Intimate, Sage's imaginative solution was eight flared lampshades—each a speciatular eight feet in diameter—suspended from the ceiting. Black and white on the outside, the shades are decorated on the Intentior with colorbit images from the Library's collections and section food history.





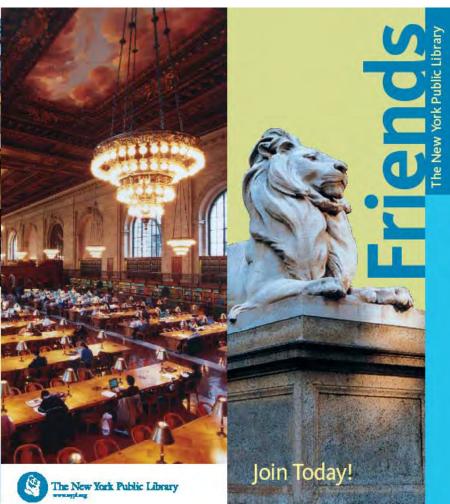


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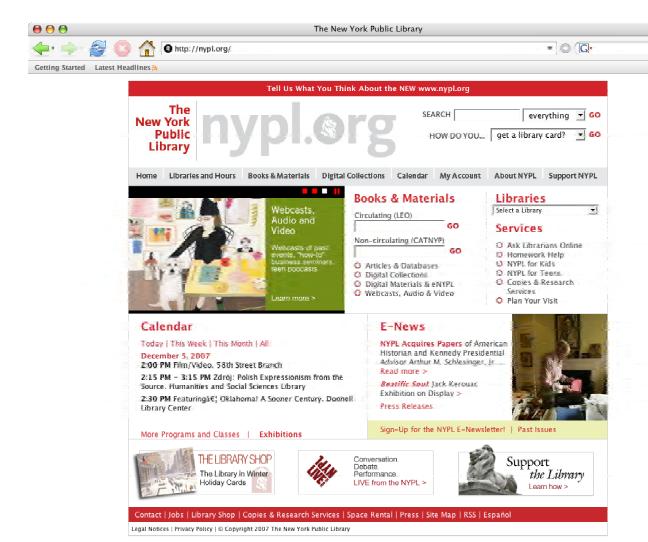




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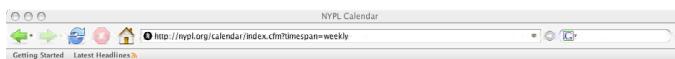
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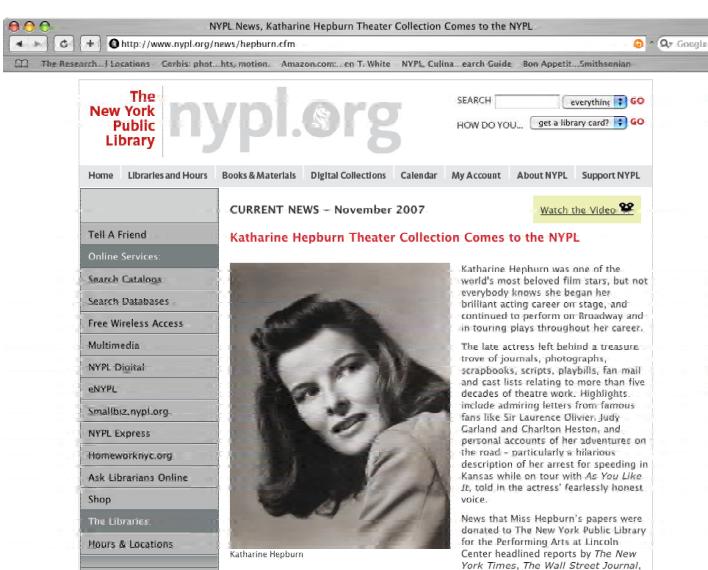
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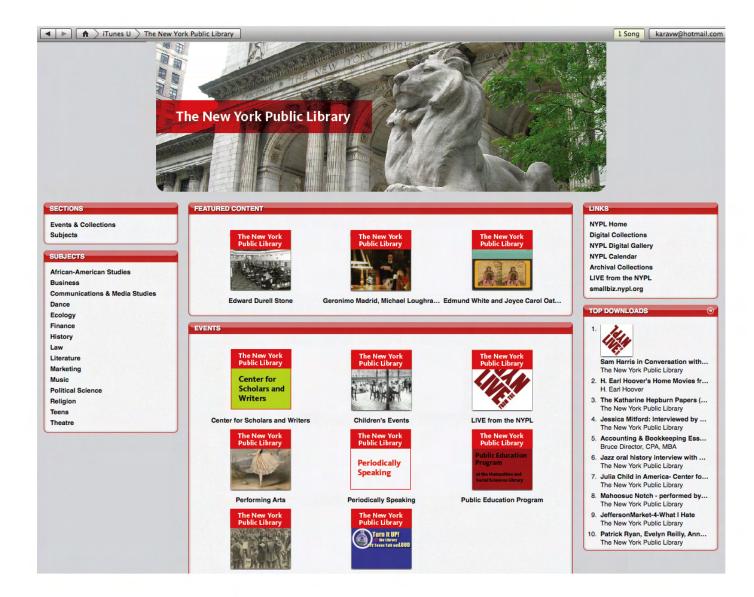
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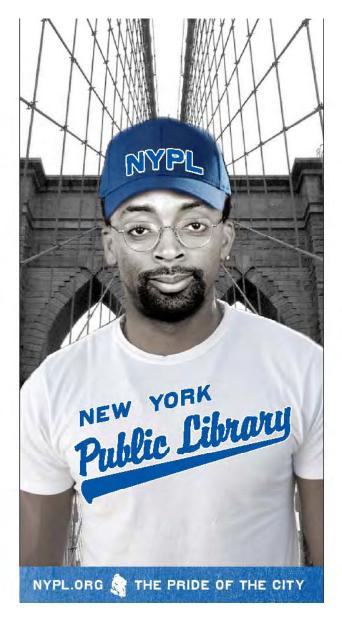
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