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**HARRISON**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Memo

**To:** Mayor Ron Belmont and Members of the Town Board  
**From:** Galina Chernykh  
**CC:** Jacqueline Greer, Debra Scocchera, Maureen MacKenzie  
**Date:** 8/26/2021  
**Re:** Request for Library Assistant Kenji Kaneshiro to attend the New York State Library Association Annual Conference November 3-6

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Dear Mayor Belmont and the Members of the Town Board:

The Leadership & Management Section of the New York Library Association has selected Library Assistant Kenji Kaneshiro to be a presenter at Five Under Five: New Voices in Libraries program at the 2021 NYLA conference.

Mr. Kaneshiro was recognized for his creative work during the coronavirus lockdown. At that time Kenji initiated curbside bag decoration. Drawings on our library bags became a social media sensation in the community. Kenji also came up with a new social media strategy that led to greater patrons' engagement.

The New York Library Association Annual Conference will be held in Syracuse, NY from November 3-6.

The total cost of registration, lodging, and travel will not exceed \$1,000. The funds were budgeted in the Library's operating budget. All receipts will be supplied to the Comptroller's office upon return.

Thank you for your consideration.

Galina Chernykh, Library Director.