

Municipal Library Notes - February 2022 **HEALTH EDUCATION**

SPOTLIGHT ON: HEALTH EDUCATION By Christine Bruzzese, Director, Municipal Library

The Municipal Library contains some resources on health education going back to the 1920's and 1930's such as curriculum bulletins and guides. Basic concepts may remain the same, but approaches change over the years. Here is an excerpt from the Board of Education's "Procedures in Health Education for Girls in the Secondary Schools of New York City" published 1946-1947. It discusses the use of dance in the health and physical education curriculum.



"Course of Study and Syllabus in Health Education for Elementary Schools Grade 1A--Grade 8B" was published in 1930 by the Board of Education. This is Part I covering physiology, personal and community hygiene. Here is a portion of the curriculum for Grade 6A.



The 2006 publication from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene entitled "Healthy Teens Initiative: Seven Steps to Comprehensive Sexual and Reproductive Health Care for Adolescents in New York City" is a guide for health care providers. Here is an excerpt -



MUNICIPAL LIBRARY NOTES FROM FEBRUARY 1922 MILK **SUPPLY**

By Christine Bruzzese, Director, Municipal Library

Here is an article from the February 15 issue of Municipal Library Notes on the problems of distribution of milk supply in New York City. It refers to a recent milk strike and the appointment of a Board of Aldermen committee to assess the distribution situation in the city. Several reports had been issued by various commissions or committees over the years trying to understand and recommend solutions for the supply chain problems.



all Commissions or Committees which have investigated the subject in recent years. The Wicks Committee declared "the distribution of milk is a public service"; the Mayor's Milk Committee in 1917 agreed therein and felt that the solution of the problem depended to a large extent upon a more efficient method of distribution; the Fair Price Milk Committee in December, 1919, went further and declared, as a post-war measure,



Here is a chart showing results of a survey among families and their milk purchasing and consumption from 1916 to 1917.

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Nationalities Represented.	
Italians725Americans (colored, 73)497Jewish416Germans and Austrians220English, Irish and Scotch185Slav93Orientals40Danish, Swedish and Norwegians12French6Spanish4Hollander1Greek1	
Concerning this survey, Miss Gillette, who had direct charge under Mr. Burritt of compiling the results, testified before the Committee as follows:	
 "The sections in which the investigations were made were on the lower East Side, such streets as Cherry, Mott, Henry, Allen, Warren and Christopher, and from 99th to 105th Streets, from the East River to Third Avenue, and on the West Side, from 53d to 66th Streets, and corresponding sections in Brooklyn, such as Hicks and Bond Streets, Greenpoint, Metropolitan and Thatford Avenues, and corresponding sections in the Bronx, as Washington Avenue. "We have eliminated all families in which there were not two children under 6 years of age. This study is based on 2,200 families. There were 5,438 children under 6 years of age. Between 6 and 16 there were 2,534 children. "121 families were getting more milk than in October, 1916. "599 families were getting less milk. "199 families have cut their milk supply 25 per cent. "969 families were getting from 50 to 75 per cent. less. "120 families were getting from 75 to 99 per cent. less. "120 families were getting 100 per cent. less. "120 families have cut hier milks than one year of age. "214 children under 6 years of age were using tea and coffee as substitutes for milk." 	•
Increased mortality from diarrrheal diseases was noted in New York City for the months of August, September and October. A survey of other cities in America shows that in the majority of them there was a similar increase in deaths among babies from diarrheal diseases. A similar experience has occurred in foreign countries where, because of war condi- tions, infants were deprived of milk, and the resulting increase in the death rate was promptly checked as soon as relief organizations arranged for an adequate milk supply, for mothers as well as for infants. There is no doubt of the fact that high prices and the shortage of milk have a direct effect on infant mortality.	
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INDUSTRY CITY READING ROOM OPENING By Katie Ehrlich, Archivist

The Department of Records and Information Services (DORIS) opened its new reading room in Sunset Park, Brooklyn last October. Patrons can now do in-person research where many of our largest collections are stored. This has greatly improved access to two-thirds of our archival collections, or more than 200,000 boxes, ledgers, drawings, and items. It is also better for the safety and security of our material, eliminating the need to transport boxes back and forth between Brooklyn and 31 Chambers Street. So far, we have welcomed more than two dozen researchers using material ranging from previously un-cataloged blueprints to district attorney case files.

The opening of the new reading room was part of the years long effort to move all our offsite collections into a brand-new warehouse space. During this process, many items were described and logged for the very first time. This, along with the launch of our Collection Guides website, has been amazing for discoverability. It is exciting to learn more about our vast collections every day and to help steer researchers toward this material.

Please contact records.nyc.gov for more information and to make an appointment to view the materials. Appointments are available Monday through Friday, from 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm.



UPDATE ON THE NYC GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS PORTAL By Christine Bruzzese and Julia Robbins, Municipal Library

The DORIS Government Publications Portal (GPP) now includes over 35,000 City agency publications, and this number is growing daily. Currently, the Municipal Library is sending out a list of reports, required by our Charter provision, to each agency. This involves creating a list of required reports for each specific City agency of the publications they are required to submit to the GPP in 2022; checking to see if there are additional required publications which don't follow a schedule; doublechecking to make sure we are directing the email list to the correct staff at each agency; and sending emails to each of the more than 80 agencies with required reports. The lists are always evolving in response to new Local Laws, amendments to the Administrative Code, new Executive Orders, and refinement of information about state and federal laws.



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