Community Event Interactive Outreach Models

Historic Images Slideshow
Materials Needed: Tablet

- Create a slideshow of historic images of the local neighborhood to display on a tablet
- Caption each image with a brief description, the date, and the source of the image
- Include a mix of images from the traditional holdings of the Archives at QL, and images that have been donated at previous community scanning events.

Oral History Listening Station (Tablet)
Materials Needed: Tablet, Over-Ear Headphones

- Select oral history clips from neighborhood and borough.
- Boost audio volume in Adobe Soundbooth to make audible in an event setting before loading onto tablet.
- Provide over-ear headphones (no one wants to share in-ear headphones) and make signage for the oral history station.

Mystery Solving Photo Activity
Materials Needed: Historic area photos, pens

- Include a mix of images from the traditional holdings of the Archives at QL, and images that have been donated at previous community scanning events.
- Create 11x17 laminated prints of historic images of the local neighborhood
- Create 8.5x11 information sheets with a thumbnail of each image, the known location, date, and other information about each photo, and space for participants to add what they know about the images (names of people, businesses, exact locations, etc.)
- Display the laminated photos and make extra copies of the 8.5x11 sheets so many people can add their comments and information if the sheets get full.

Community Mapping Station
Materials Needed: Neighborhood map, sticky dots, sticky notes, and pens

- Scan a basic map of the neighborhood, from *The Neighborhoods of Queens* (scan at a very high resolution, around 900ppi).
- Have map reproduced at an enlarged scale, at least 20 x 20 inches.
- Provide sticker dots, and sticky notes.
- Ask participants to put a dot where they live (you can ask them to write their first names on the dots, but some are reluctant to do this).
- Ask participants to write memories of the neighborhood on the sticky notes, which can then be stuck on the edges of the map.

Google Street View Comparison (Tablets)
Materials Needed: Tablet(s), Internet Hotspot

- Select historic images of the neighborhood with known locations
- Reproduce images with locations captioned on the back of the image
- Ask participants to look at a historic photo, find the same location on Google Street View (using a tablet or computer), and compare how the location has changed.
- Should plan to bring a hotspot, as library internet connections are usually not fast enough for Google Street View.