## **Get to Know NYCPM Staff: Lorraine Chun Ng, BS, MLIS**

Assistant Director, Sidney Druskin Memorial Library



**Lorraine Chun Ng** received her BS in secondary education from the University at Albany, and took courses toward an MPH degree at Hunter College. With that background, she spent over 20 distinguished years in public health, working for the New York City Department of Health, Division of Family Health. She worked with programs relating to child health, specifically she supervised an infant health and assessment program, which followed high-risk babies at HHC (e.g., premature babies, low-birthweight infants diagnosed with neonatal abstinence syndrome i.e. babies born with positive toxicology due to their mother's drug use) until age one.

Ms. Chun also supervised childhood immunization programs in various boroughs and developed the first measles surveillance system for the CDC in NYC neighborhoods. She was also part of a mayoral initiative to improve school health in New York City schools and coordinated vision and hearing screening teams throughout the city for early identification of issues.

Switching to the NYC Department of Mental Hygiene, she became the assistant commissioner for The Early Intervention Program for children with disabilities under the age of three. She moved to Westchester and became the Assistant Commissioner for the Westchester Health Department/Bureau of Children with Special Needs, serving children with special needs aged birth-21, which included the Early Intervention Program, Pre-school Special Education, and the Programs for Physically Handicapped Children.

Ms. Chun then returned to school, to Queens College, and earned her MLIS. Ms. Chun interned at the Elizabeth Haub School of Law Library at Pace University; at the same time, she trained Early Intervention providers throughout New York State and consulted with several organizations. She began her work at the NYCPM library in February 2017. In her spare time, she volunteers with the New York Zero-to-Three Network and is currently one of its co-presidents. This organization promotes optimal development for young children and their families.

At the Sidney Druskin Library, Ms. Chun assists students, faculty and alumni with book loans, article requests, inter-library loans and literature searches, including students on externships. Notably, she updates

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on an ongoing basis the library website to improve visibility and usability, and continues to work on library technology; she has adopted the latest MS Office software package and is trying to maximize Sharepoint for library users. She has also created a virtual library of Dr. Jules' surgical procedures, which had existed previously only on VHS tapes and is now digital and available to all. She seeks a grant to start an archival file and supervises over 20 work-study students who work at the library.

A hard worker works hard for NYCPM students!