

Yonkers library worker arrested

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YONKERS — A longtime Yonkers Public Library employee has been accused of falsifying business records in order to steal tens of thousands of dollars in library fees from the city.

Margo Reed, 52, was awaiting arraignment in Yonkers City Court on Friday night. She was charged with third-degree grand larceny and first-degree falsifying business records, felonies.

Reed was arrested after investigators from the Inspector General's Office and the Yonkers Police Department concluded that she had used her position in the library's business office to steal thousands of dollars in cash brought in from overdue charges and other fees.

The business office, located at the Riverfront Branch at 1 Larkin Center, collects such fees from each of the Yonkers Library's three branches. Inspector General Dan Schorr said Reed then falsified library records to hide her thefts, which may go back years. She has worked at the library since 1985.

Schorr said he could not yet specify exactly how much money was taken because investigators were still uncovering missing funds.

A third-degree grand larceny charge is reserved for someone accused of stealing less than \$50,000. Schorr said investigators may still upgrade the charge against Reed if their investigation indicates more was stolen.

"This is a time where the city is hurting for money," Schorr said. "The Yonkers Public Library has been fighting to avoid reducing hours and has been making other cuts, and here we have someone working on the inside taking city money."

If convicted of the third-degree grand larceny, Reed faces up to seven years in prison.