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LIBRARY COVID-19 RESPONSE

COMMUNITY SAFETY & MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

- The city's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is now operating out of Loussac Library and several Library staff have been redeployed to work for the EOC through the crisis (*highlighted in The Atlantic: www.theatlantic.com/notes/2020/03/public-libraries-novel-response-to-a-novel-virus/609058/*).
- Our librarians are conducting research projects for the EOC to help with the response, including ensuring that 211 call-line community resource information is accurate and up-to-date.
- Created a COVID-19 Information Center on our website with vetted information and education, and have shared updates on social media.
- Our staff have been helping at the Municipal Election Center.

EDUCATION

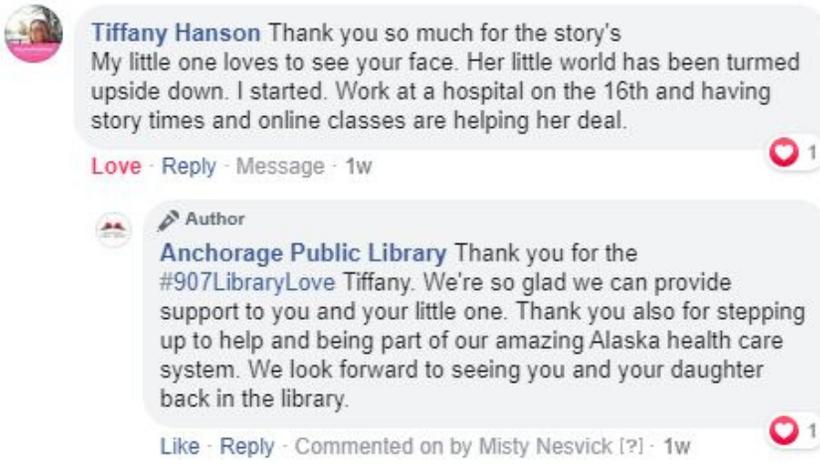
- Created a page on our website for families highlighting our educational resources and other high-quality free resources.
- Many Anchorage School District librarians and teachers are sharing Anchorage Public Library resources in their communications with families, as well as reaching out to us for more information, such as digital books with multiple licenses for class reading assignments.
- As of April 6, we have held 8 virtual storytimes to support early literacy with 863 views from people who have engaged and watched.

CONNECTIONS TO INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Reallocated a portion of the materials budget to increase digital selection, including an additional \$30,000 into the Alaska Digital Library; also increased Hoopla circulations per card by two per month.
- Operating our phone help line and Ask-a-Librarian email during normal business hours to answer questions, provide research assistance, and help people with library services.
- Created Libby, Overdrive, Hoopla and Freegal tutorials to help digital newcomers get set up with online books, movies and music.
- Selecting physical materials with an eye to items that meet the needs of our public when we reopen, for example, adult nonfiction books on budgeting and dealing with grief.
- Offering weekly staff book recommendations on Instagram for different ages and genres.
- Our 800# Interlibrary Loan service has offered research assistance, educational information and distribution of materials statewide - a big help for smaller communities in rural Alaska.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

- Launched *Anchorage Connects* on Facebook, a collaboration with Welcoming Anchorage and First Lady Mara Kimmel to help people stay connected during the pandemic. Over 1,100 followers in the first week (see *KTTU story*: www.kttu.com/content/news/New-forum-to-keep-Anchorage-residents-together-while-apart-569494021.html).
- Launched brand new virtual programming, including storytimes for kids, book discussions, book talks by APL staff, and a weekly Knit-Along with the Cooperate Extension (featured in Reader's Digest: www.rd.com/culture/3-things-libraries-across-america-are-doing-to-fight-the-coronavirus/)
- Partnered with Anchorage artist Lee Post for a three-week online comic contest where Post provided prompts for comics and gave feedback and prizes to participants.



Tiffany Hanson Thank you so much for the story's My little one loves to see your face. Her little world has been turned upside down. I started. Work at a hospital on the 16th and having story times and online classes are helping her deal.

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Author
Anchorage Public Library Thank you for the #907LibraryLove Tiffany. We're so glad we can provide support to you and your little one. Thank you also for stepping up to help and being part of our amazing Alaska health care system. We look forward to seeing you and your daughter back in the library.

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April 6-12 is National Public Health Month and now more than ever we're sending huge amounts of #907LibraryLove to the folks working so very, very, VERY hard to keep us safe and healthy. Special shout-out to our friends at Anchorage Health Department. We ❤️👩🏻‍🔬👨🏻‍🔬👩🏻‍🏫👨🏻‍🏫👩🏻‍🎓👨🏻‍🎓

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Our own Youth Services Librarian, Kelsey, is here to share her recommendations for Young Adult (YA) books and is ready to help you find your next great read too! Drop a request in the comments anytime between now and the end of the day Saturday and she'll hook you up with a great read or maybe a listen.




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Welcome to the weekend!

Have any of you safely reached out to your neighbors? How can we help our friends that aren't connected via technology?

Post below, stay safe, and wash your hands!

HOW ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS DOING?

HOW CAN WE CHECK ON OUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS WHO AREN'T CONNECTED VIA TECHNOLOGY?

SHARE A PHOTO, VIDEO, STORY, DRAWING - WHATEVER YOUR MOOD TELLS YOU



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