



2018 at a Glance



Your Anchorage Public Library

Where Connections Happen



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Library Director

I am truly humbled by the meaningful ways our community invests in the Anchorage Public Library. Thanks to you, the Library is a trusted community hub for learning, creativity and innovation.

Thanks to you, the Library is a key strand in the social safety net, providing an important lifeline to jobs, educational opportunities, civic engagement and community services.

Thanks to you, despite earthquakes and fiscal uncertainty, we are able to continue our mission of connecting people to education, information, and community.

In 2018 people visited the Library 748,395 times.

Connecting People To Education and Information

The Library's **Community Resource Coordinator** is a grant-funded pilot project that provides outreach, information, and assistance services for patrons at the Loussac and Mountain View libraries, especially those experiencing vulnerabilities. A collaboration between the **Anchorage Health Department** and the **Anchorage Public Library**, the project began in September 2018.

60+ One-on-one meetings with patrons experiencing vulnerabilities



Through the Alaska Fellows program, the Library hosted a **Business Services Coordinator** to promote library resources for business owners, entrepreneurs and nonprofits. The Fellow also worked with eight other Alaska libraries on the "*Libraries Mean Business*" project to promote Lynda.com to patrons and the business community.



The UAF Cooperative Extension Service - Anchorage Outreach Center moved in to the 4th floor of the Loussac Library. CES offers classes and free information on agriculture, 4-H, lawn and garden, pest control, health and wellness and so much more! Their popular "*Science at the Library*" program focuses on STEM concepts for youth.



Keeping Connections Through the 7.1 Earthquake

After the earthquake, APL re-opened as quickly as possible to support our community, providing information and connection. Mountain View Neighborhood Library re-opened a day after the quake, while the hardest hit Chugiak-Eagle River Library was closed for 21 days as staff and volunteers worked to re-shelve, repair and clean the library.

422,760

Database Uses

78,883

Reference Questions

1.2 Million

Items Loaned
(Books DVDs, Laptops, iPads)

106,647

WiFi Users

299,460

Digital Downloads



Connecting Community Through Stories

The Library provided storytimes across library locations and in the community. The addition of Yup'ik String, Dinosaur, Drag, Super Hero, Books on the Bus, Spanish Bilingual, Yupik Bilingual, Sensory Adaptive, ASL Interpreted, and Princess Storytimes showed Anchorage's diverse community that there's a place in the Library for everyone.

642

Storytimes
were attended by
20,000 children

Connecting Through Community Outreach



Muldoon Library's Youth Service Librarian, Kristin Nevin provides monthly outreach opportunities to the RurAL Cap Child Development Center and neighborhood elementary school Nunaka Valley.

At RurAL Cap, Kristin leads children age 19 months to 5 years in Early Literacy Practice through storytime. At Nunaka Valley, she hosts a Sensory Storytime for ages 3-5 that allows children with sensory processing disorders or autism spectrum disorders to enjoy and build classroom/learning skills in a storytime setting.

Parents, teachers and administrators give the visits rave reviews!

110

Children Served
Each Month

"Your storytimes are amazing we love the songs and stories. Thank you so much for coming to our center." - **Tracy Breimo, RurAL CAP**

Who Supports Us

Library Advisory Board

The nine-member board reviews annual budgets and operations, makes recommendations to the Administration and Assembly, and advocates for the Library.



Volunteers

Volunteers including our **VolunTeens** donated **4,892 hours** of services to the Library in 2018.



Anchorage Library Foundation works to promote, fund and support the long-term vitality of the Anchorage Public Library.



The Friends of the Library support day-to-day needs of the Library through fundraising efforts including book sales and Beyond the Stacks.

How We're Funded



\$8.7 Million

(+ \$5.3M in intergovernmental charges)
Operating Budget,
Staff and Materials



\$202,500

Special Projects and Positions
(STEM Kits, Interlibrary Loans,
Ready to Read)



\$191,000

Capital Projects and New Initiatives
(Community Resource Coordinator,
way finding signage, furniture)



\$85,000

Special Programs and Materials
(Live @ The Library, Youth
Programming, New Books, Etc.)

Summer Discovery 2018

SUMMER OVERVIEW

4,840 participants registered

1,004 finishers

874 new youth library cards created

98,693 youth books circulated

PROGRAMMING

42 Summer Discovery programs:
5,064 attendees

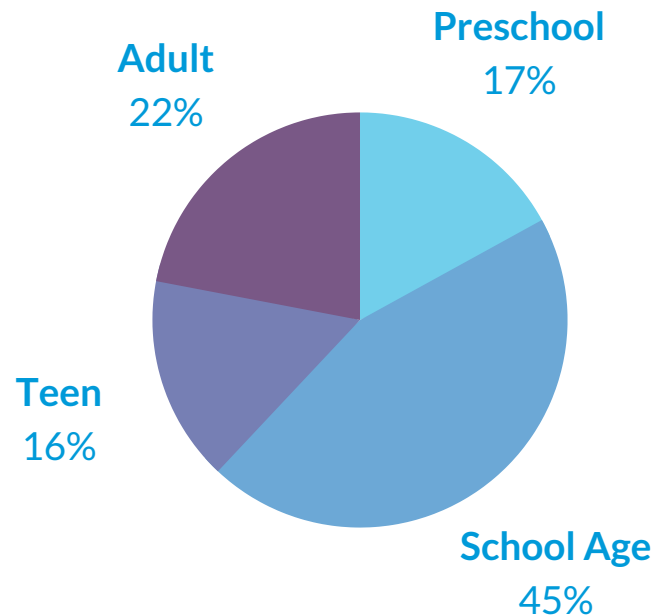
124 storytimes:
3,154 attendees



135 other youth programs:
4,506 attendees

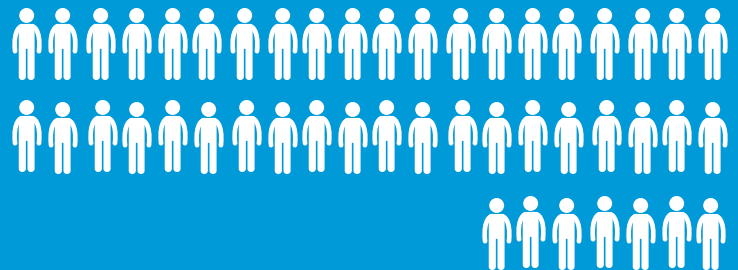
Total summer event attendance:
12,724

PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS



VOLUNTEERS

47 teens volunteered for a total
of 1,147 volunteer hours



READERS TO THE RESCUE

233,160 extra minutes logged

PEOPLE SAY...

"As a parent, I was able to discover what types of books my sons like to encourage further reading. I'm excited to see how my 9 year old tests on his reading at the start of school."

"We enjoyed earning our stars, tracking was fun & a great challenge for adults."

"I like that the library encourages and rewards children for reading and giving them fun things to do in the summer."

"Summer Discovery helped us to continue thinking about reading and finding new activities that we did together as a family over the summer."

AT THE END OF SUMMER

65% of caregivers said their family read more

80% of caregivers said their child was a stronger reader because of Summer Discovery

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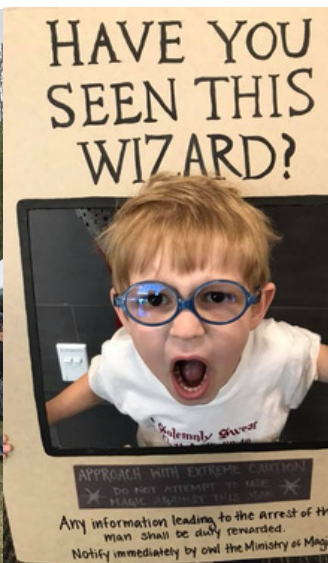
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Alaska Railroad
Alaska Rock Gym
Alaska State Library
Alaska State Fair
Anchorage Museum

Benihana
Carrs/Safeway
H2Oasis
Over the Rainbow Toys
The Dome
Title Wave Books

DONATIONS

\$23,000 in cash from the Friends of the Library

\$4,000 in-kind donations from other sponsors



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Reading Rendezvous had record attendance-- 3,100 people!

Harry Potter Day brought in 1,800 people to Z. J. Loussac Library