

Municipality of Anchorage
Library Advisory Board Agenda
Microsoft Teams Virtual & In-Person Meeting
Loussac Library

February 15, 2023, 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Attendance

_____	Debra Bronson
_____	Dennis Dupras
_____	Nancy Hemsath, Secretary
_____	Barbara Jacobs, Vice-Chair
_____	Alice Qannik Glenn
_____	Doug Weimann
_____	Cristy A. Willer, Chair
_____	Teen Liaison (vacant)

Topic	Leader	Time	Action
Call to Order	Cristy Willer	5:30	
Land Acknowledgement	Cristy Willer	5:30	
Roll Call and Check-In (current reading)	Nancy Hemsath	5:35	
Approval of Agenda and 1.18.22 Minutes	Cristy Willer	5:45	
Persons to be Heard	TBA	5:50	
Director's Report & Strategic Plan Revision	Virginia McClure	6:00	
Mission Moment	TBA	6:20	
Board Comments and Adjourn	Cristy Willer	6:55	

Municipality of Anchorage
Library Advisory Board Draft Minutes
Microsoft Teams Virtual & In-Person Meeting: January 18, 2023
Loussac Library

(Subject to approval at the February 15, 2023 LAB Meeting)

Attendance	
X	Debra Bronson
X	Dennis Dupras
X	Nancy Hemsath, Secretary (acting Chair)
remote	Barbara Jacobs, Vice-Chair
remote	Alice Qannik Glenn
X	Doug Weimann
remote	Cristy A. Willer, Chair

X = Present, E = Excused, U = Unexcused, PH = Phone

Staff present:

Virginia McClure (Library Director); Cecelia Hartz (Automation and Patron Services Coordinator)

Guests present: None.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Nancy Hemsath at 5:32 p.m.

Land Acknowledgment:

Nancy Hemsath acknowledged that the Board meets on the traditional lands of the Upper Cook Inlet Dena'ina Athabascan people.

Approvals:

- Action: The agenda was approved as presented (Deb/Doug).
- Action: Minutes from the November 16, 2022 LAB meeting were approved (Dennis/Doug).

Persons to be heard: none

Director's Report: Virginia McClure. Written report on file. In-person highlights:

- Andi Haley was promoted to Adult Services Supervisor, and will be responsible for supervising Adult Services staff as well as leading various projects in the Alaska Collection.
- RIM architects are conducting a feasibility study regarding the Alaska Wing, and investigating potential movements of the DVD collection from the second to third floor, and Teen Underground/younger teens/picture books to second floor (so that older and younger siblings can all go to the same floor).

Strategic Plan Revision

Ms. McClure presented the “Anchorage Public Library Extended Strategic Plan 2023-2024,” for Board approval. Discussion followed, which included substantial disagreement by some Board members with the some of its language and content, and what was felt to be a political slant in the “core values” of the original 2019-2021 Strategic Plan on which it was based. Given these criticisms, and the complexity and time-consuming nature of a full-blown strategic planning effort, Ms. McClure agreed to continue further discussion at the February LAB meeting.

Mission Moment: Cecelia Hartz (Automation and Patron Services Coordinator)

Ms. Hartz presented the LAB with exciting new developments in APL technology, including: AWE Learning Stations, self-checkouts, a Patron Incident Tracking System (PITS), and a switch to the Chrome Operating System (at considerable cost-savings and easier troubleshooting for IT staff).

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 6:51pm (Deb/Dennis). The next meeting will take place on February 15, 2023.

Education & Skills for Life

Recent Accomplishments

- Good Morning Storytime at Muldoon Library (1/21) broke a **Muldoon attendance record** with 29 people in the room! Many caregivers have expressed that they enjoy the early Saturday event.
- Muldoon Library welcomed the Boys & Girls Club for their inaugural "Read What You Want" book club selection day and look forward to working with them as they read.
- Loussac Youth Program Highlights:
 - 26 schools and educational programs attended our third Community School Fair. This was the first year to feature a preschool area along with the area for K-12 public schools, charter schools, homeschool alternatives, and private schools. **300 members of the public** attended to find educational options for their families.
 - The first week of January was the last week of winter break and featured popular programs like Here Be Dragons! (62 people) and Stuffed Animal Sleepover (45 people).
 - We switched our Crafternoon Friday program to be Crafturday on Saturday mornings, alternating with LEGO time, and people are engaging well in the weekend family fun. Attendance has doubled.
 - Glow in the Dark storytime returned to a capacity crowd (75 attendees and more turned away)! The lights went off, the black lights and glow sticks went on, and we had so much fun.
 - Outreaches and tours are picking up again! Samantha Blanquart went to KCI Head Start (signing up 7 adults for library cards) and hosted a special ed preschool from Oceanview Elementary (15 people).
- Meneka Thiru (Adult Services) worked with the Anchorage Genealogical society to host the first genealogy workshop of the year. Ten patrons attended, many of whom had not attended a previous program and expressed gratitude and enthusiasm for the program. There will be a second session on March 14.
- Mountain View has expanded and rebranded LEGO Club to Construction Creations. The inaugural Construction Creations program engaged 12 people in creative building activities
- Homeschool Hangouts continued at Loussac and Chugiak-Eagle River libraries with Art Activities in January, and Cooking Without Heat coming in February. One a month is planned through May.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- The Alaska Department of Labor was unable to make the first session of JobLab, but will start weekly JobLab sessions on February 1 at Loussac Library. Andi Haley and Ariel Murrills (Adult Services) will assist using Northstar Digital Literacy curriculum.
- Andi Haley and Ariel Murrills (Adult Services) are working to add an additional computer lab session at Loussac during the week to assist patrons seeking computer help.
- Chugiak-Eagle River Library will host their annual Community School Fair on February 25.
- **Limiting Factors/Concerns - None at this time**

Bridge to Information and Resources

Recent Accomplishments

- Loussac Library re-opened Sunday hours on January 29.
- Youth Services began a pilot project to produce printed cards with library card numbers for APL/Student accounts that double as school library cards. 28 Anchorage School District schools were in the first batch. This will make it easier for these students to use APL resources both digital and print.
- The Chat Box, a phone booth-style privacy pod, is now available for patron use on the 3rd floor at Loussac. Adult Services has created a workflow to enable patrons to use this new resource to have private phone and computer conversations in a secure way.
- Nicole Levinson (Adult Services) created a Gardening Programming Committee consisting of several local gardening organizations in order to coordinate library and community educational programming.

Next Steps/Coming Soon- None at this time

Limiting Factors/Concerns- None at this time

Building Community

Recent Accomplishments

- Jim Curran (Muldoon Library Branch Manager) represented APL at West High's Career Expo on 1/30. He answered question about library careers for over **50 Anchorage students**.
- Mountain View Library Movie Night continues to grow in audience. January's event saw the largest attendance to date.
- The 2023 Winter Reading Challenge for adults kicked off on Tuesday, January 17. Readers will have until Saturday, March 11 to complete one or multiple bingos as well as an opportunity to get an additional drawing slip if they black out their card. Prizes include gift cards, a blanket, and a cozy mug with tasty treats.
- The Listening Post has expanded its presence in Mountain View to two days a week. Listening Post volunteers have listened to an average of 10 folks per week.
- Kristie Nelsen (Adult Services) coordinated with the Collection Development Department to get additional copies of titles that have been selected for upcoming SciFri book clubs January-June.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Youth Services and Adult Services at Loussac Library are working together on a future series of D&D events to reach new groups of teens and young adults.
- Golden Afternoons, at Loussac Library, returns February 15 with a movie matinee featuring *Alaskan Nets*, a documentary about the high school basketball team in Metlakatla, with a discussion to follow.

Limiting Factors/Concerns- None at this time

Internal Goals and Strategies

Recent Accomplishments

- Elizabeth Nicolai (Acting Assistant Director) and Misty Rose Nesvick (Community Relations) attended the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation luncheon as guests of the Anchorage Assembly. They learned about Anchorage economic trends, how the library can fit into “Choose Anchorage,” by contributing to **Goal 3- Quality of Place**, and they connected with members Sulte and Sweet.
- All Youth Services Librarians are working on peer storytime evaluations. Working in pairs, they are visiting and observing each other’s storytimes, evaluating using a form focused on early literacy content and then meeting to share evaluations. Peer mentorship and learning with these types of programs has shown to increase early literacy content delivery in terms of quality and quantity.
- Elizabeth Nicolai (Acting Assistant Director) is working on a project to streamline our statistics collection and compilation methods resulting in less work for staff and more accurate numbers.
- Work on the Adult Services workroom began on January 18. The space is getting new furniture to allow for a more efficient use of space and a healthier and more ergonomically designed environment. Staff are expected to move back into the space during the second or third week of February. Sound panels are expected to arrive in early April and will be installed upon arrival.
- A large number of the print materials which arrived in January were direct orders due to the lag in getting our new print materials vendor online. In all cases of new items, full processing was needed for the print materials ordered direct and from Ingram (vendor) which meant additional labor for the Technical Services Department. They are doing a great job despite the increased workload.
- Collection Management Services “By The Numbers” for January.

Task	Number of Items
Collection Maintenance- Updates to existing items	296
Donations- Added to the collection from community donations	85
New Item Processing- Books, movies etc, added to the collection	1651

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Loussac Youth Services and Adult Services continue to work together on moving the teen collection to the second floor and the adult media collection to the third floor with a hopeful completion date of late April.
- All supervisors will register for a supervisor's academy training through the municipality HR department in 2023.
- New staff continued to be hired to ensure full library services are available to the public.
- Chugiak-Eagle River Library will begin offering curbside pick-up service, by appointment, in February.

Limiting Factors/Concerns-

- Staffing across the system continues to shift including positions in Loussac Adult Services and all branch locations. This is impacting some coverage on Sundays for Loussac, but current staff are able to cover for the short term, while positions are posted.

Library Board Updates

Recent Accomplishments

- Anchorage Library Foundation raised a total of \$224,214 in 2022 with over \$55,000 coming from major donors and \$23,000 through end-of-year giving, exceeding both goals.

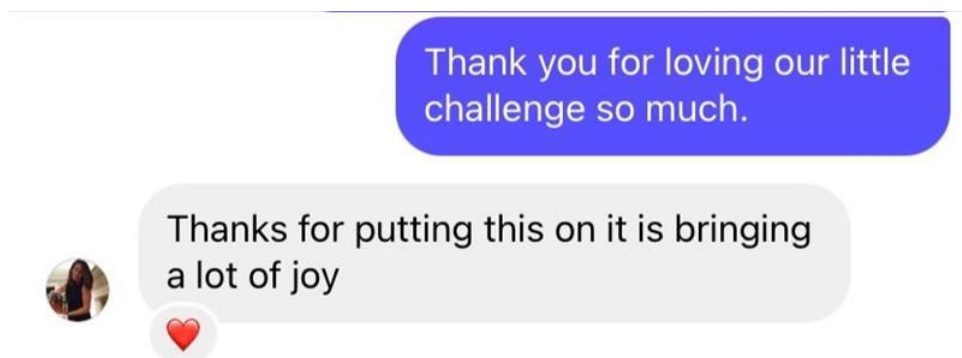
Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Save the date for the Friends of The Library “Beyond The Stacks” fundraising event April 1. This year’s theme is “Trickster, Fools and Follies” with featured speaker Mr. Whitekeys.

Limiting Factors/Concern- None at this time.

Social Media/Photos

Patron direct message on Instagram regarding the *Winter Reading Challenge For Grown Ups*



Patron feedback on Twitter regarding the *Winter Reading Challenge for Grown Ups*

