

Municipality of Anchorage
Library Advisory Board Agenda
Microsoft Teams Virtual & In-Person Meeting
Loussac Library
December 20, 2023

Attendance

_____ Debra Bronson
_____ Dennis Dupras
_____ Allice Qannik Glenn
_____ Rachel Odom
_____ Doug Weimann
_____ Cristy Willer, Chair

Topic	Leader	Time	Action
Call to Order/Land Acknowledgement	Cristy Willer	5:30	
Roll Call (current reading)	Cristy Willer	5:35	
Approval of Agenda & Minutes	Cristy Willer	5:55	
Mission Moment/Staff Presentation	Mollie Roache, Budget Coordinator	6:00	
Persons to be Heard	TBA	6:30	
Director's Report	Elizabeth Nicholai	6:45	
Board Comments and Adjourn	Cristy Willer	6:55	

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November 15, 2023
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(Subject to approval at the December 20, 2023 LAB meeting)

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<u>X</u>	Rachel Odom
<u>U</u>	Doug Weimann
<u>remote</u>	Cristy Willer, Chair

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

Staff Present:

Virginia McClure (Library Director); Mollie Roache (Budget Coordinator)

Guests Present: None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Cristy Willer at 5:50 pm.

Land Acknowledgment:

Cristy Willer 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 (Member Dupras motioned, Member Bronson seconded).
- Action: Minutes from the July 19th LAB meeting approved (Member Dupras motioned, Member Bronson seconded).

Mission Moments/ Staff Presentations:

Virginia McClure, Library Director, presented Library Advisory Board Orientation packets to all members. Updates were provided on the following:

- The library is hosting an Open House at the Alaska Wing on 11/16/2023 from 4:30 – 6:30pm to present the 35% plans for the Alaska Wing renovations.
- DTX remote locker is now at the Dimond Mall allowing South Anchorage residents to pick up and return items.
- Security buttons coming soon
- HVAC Panel funding and status update
- Downtown Library

Persons to be heard:

None

Director's Report:

Presented during Staff Presentation.

Board Comments

Requested Budget Update at next meeting.

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn at 6:43 (Member Dupras motioned, Member Qannik Glenn seconded).

Education & Skills for Life

Recent Accomplishments

- Muldoon Library's new all-ages program, Knit-a-Bit, started with 10 adults attending, but rocketed to 19 for the second session. We think this program is a keeper.
- Countdown to Kindergarten (co-sponsored with Anchorage School District) brought 33 people to the Chugiak-Eagle River Library.
- Mountain View Library Senior Poetry Workshop wrapped up its 4-session series with 5 seniors engaging in creative writing and listening to music to support healthy brain activity.
- Once Upon a Storytime (Kelsey Skrobis, Loussac Youth Services) brought 30 attendees in to listen to a variety of Red Riding Hood stories before creating their own basket to take home. **(see photo below)**
- November Golden Afternoons coordinated by Amanda Andros (Loussac Adult Services) and Teresa Churchel (Mountain View) featured a technology help workshop. This one-on-one guidance gave patrons an opportunity to troubleshoot their technology problems using their personal devices. The two-hour session granted focused assistance for each patron, ensuring that they left feeling more confident and comfortable with their devices than when they arrived.
- Café Entre Amigos (Meghan Malone, Loussac Adult Services) hosted 12 participants with partner Somos Amigos Spanish Immersion School Adult Program. Community members practiced conversational Spanish.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- New early literacy games for educational play have been purchased and will be distributed to all locations

Limiting Factors/Concerns (None at this Time)

Bridge to Information and Resources

Recent Accomplishments

- Headed by Virginia McClure, the Alaska Room redesign project moved into its next phase which included its first public comment period for the 35% plans. Both an in-person open house on November 16 and a month long virtual online option were available. The open house went well with Virginia, Elizabeth Nicolai, Misty Rose Nesvick, Andi Haley, and Municipal Maintenance & Operations Project Manager, Travis O'Rourke in attendance to go over the plan and answer questions from the public. There was a total of 22 people in attendance including members of the Alaska Historical Society, Anchorage Genealogy Society, and Mayor Bronson. **(see photo below)**
- Misty Rose Nesvick (Communications Coordinator) implemented a marketing campaign with iHeartMedia to boost awareness for the Dimond Express Library. The campaign includes geo target web ads for zip codes south of Dimond as well as radio ads on Magic 98.9 during its key Christmas music format flip.
- Kristie Nelsen (Virtual Services Librarian) made a visit to a skilled nursing facility where she registered 21 residents for library cards that they can use to check out digital audiobooks.
- Sandy Knipmeyer (800# ILL) added 2 new user libraries, responded to 34 reference calls, and **filled 476 item requests.**

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Samantha Blanquart (Early Literacy Librarian) will attend thread's Infant Toddler Symposium in December.
- Keelin Baughman (Teen Services Librarian) will re-start outreach to local high schools regarding library services and volunteer opportunities.
- The Alaska Room Redesign project team will compile feedback from the public to send to the project architects who will start work on the next set of plans for a 65% update. There will be another media update, open house, and public comment period in early 2024

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- Snow closures prevented Lisa Bricker (Acting YS Coordinator) from attending a school librarians' in-service day as well as keeping Samantha Blanquart (Early Literacy Librarian) from attending multiple outreach events.
- Snow closures also had a large impact on November visits as well as number of physical items circulated.

Building Community

Recent Accomplishments

- The Gerrish Library had a great turnout for its Thanksgiving craft, 26 people attended.
- After meeting Muldoon Elementary Principal Michael Kage at a Gateway Rotary meeting, Muldoon Library branch staff have begun working with Mr. Kage and school librarian Patricia Jimenez, to form a year-round partnership to promote the great programs at both institutions: two great Muldoon libraries working together for Northeast Anchorage
- The Community Drumming Circle at Mountain View Library continues to build an audience. 13 individuals participated in November.
- Suicide Prevention Film Screening and Conversation held at Mountain View Library, in partnership with Alaska Public Media and the Alaska Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, had **81 attendees**. The film and the following conversation connected folks with suicide prevention resources, as well as support for those who have lost loved ones to self-harm.
- A Bluey Party at Loussac Library, hosted by Samantha Blanquart (Early Literacy Librarian) brought in almost 250 people.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- The Gerrish Library is coordinating with author and professor at UAA, Don Rearden, for an author visit.

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- The Gerrish Library had to cancel its author visit with Sharon Emmerichs on 11/17/23 because of adverse weather conditions. They plan to reschedule.

Internal Goals and Strategies

Recent Accomplishments

- Keelin Baughman, (Teen Services Librarian), set up Nintendo Switches at all the branches for programming.
- Collection Management Services by the numbers for November 2023.

Task	Number of Items
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Collection Maintenance- Updates to existing items	403
Donations- Added to the collection from community donations	64
New Item Processing- Books, movies etc, added to the collection	2484

- Staff training:
 - Misty Rose Nesvick (Communications Coordinator) provided Canva and APL Brand training to 20+ staff members so the library can continue to produce marketing, signage, and social media that is accessible and helpful to the public.
 - Multiple supervising staff members attended Municipal required Signs and Symptoms training to support a healthy and safe workplace.
- Ariel Mortem started as our new Technical Services Supervisor after the position had been vacant for 5 months.
- The Collection Management Policy has been updated; along with the webpage that hosts the policy, Request for Reconsideration form, and a newly added section that lists recently reconsidered materials.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- VolunTeens will return in January 2024 coordinated by Keelin Baughman (Teen Services Librarian)

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- Facilities and Security Report
 - Trespassed individuals
 - Loussac Library: 10 people
 - Muldoon Library: 3 people
 - Mountain View Library: 4 people
 - Other incidents
 - Graffiti at Loussac: 3 times
 - Vandalism to soap dispenser at Loussac
 - Waste clean-up at Mountain View
 - Trash cans tipped over at Mountain View

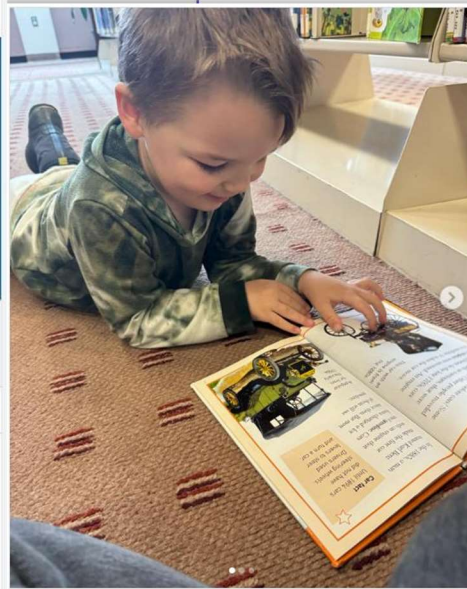
Library Board Updates

None at this time.

Social Media/Photos

L) Patron comment on Chugiak-Eagle River Library Facebook Event: “This is such a a fun time of transition for families. These library programs are great networking opportunities to meet other families making this same exciting beginning. Thanks!”

R) A Patron post on Instagram about their toddlers first visit to Loussac Library: “Really can’t say enough good things about the children’s section at Loussac! The librarian was incredible and when she heard it was E’s first visit she looked him in the eye and said ‘Welcome! I’m so excited you’re here.’ ❤️ She helped us find books on four of our five chosen topics: cars, trucks, chickens, and the moon! 😊 And she reinforced what I already knew: Librarians are the smartest AND coolest. TY @anchoragelibrary.”



L) Director McClure shows a member of the Anchorage Genealogy society part of the renovation plans.

R) Director McClure and Mayor Bronson



Children create "Little Red Riding Hood" baskets for imaginative play after "Once Upon a Storytime".

