

Municipality of Anchorage
Library Advisory Board Agenda
Microsoft Teams Virtual & In-Person Meeting
Loussac Library
February 21, 2024

Attendance

_____ Debra Bronson
_____ Dennis Dupras
_____ Rachel Odom
_____ Cristy Willer, Chair

This is an informational meeting only, as there is no quorum possible. Attached please find the Director's Report for your review.

Education & Skills for Life

Recent Accomplishments

- Keelin Baughman (Teen Librarian, Loussac Library) has re-started the VolunTEEN in-person program, regularly drawing 14 teens to help with displays, event set-up, cleaning, and more.
- The partnered program between Music Together and Anchorage School District Migrant Education, held at Mountain View Library, engaged 16 pre-school aged children and caregivers.
- Sue Sommers (Youth Librarian, Chugiak-Eagle River Library) hosted 60 students from Birchwood Christian School for a tour and research visit.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Kelsey Skrobis (Youth Librarian, Loussac Library) will host a "Build a Board Game" program to focus on design skills and game theory.

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- None at this time.

Bridge to Information and Resources

Recent Accomplishments

- Keelin Baughman (Teen Librarian, Loussac Library) and Jim Curran (Branch Manager, Muldoon Library) attended the Eagle Expo at West High School to talk about job opportunities within the library system as well as how the library can help them apply for other jobs. The library had a consistent line of students through the entire event.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Keelin Baughman (Teen Librarian, Loussac Library) is working with Abused Womens Aid In Crisis (AWAIC) to schedule future Teen Dating Violence Awareness workshops
- Lisa Bricker and Kelsey Skrobis (Youth Librarians, Loussac Library) will host two separate school groups of 50+ students for library tours and nonfiction resources.

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- None at this time.

Building Community

Recent Accomplishments

- The Gerrish Library had a great turn out from the community for its Cookie Swap (15 people), Author Visit with Sharon Emmerichs (15 people), and Harry Potter Trivia Night (15 people.). These are great numbers as they represent adult users in higher numbers than past program cycles.

- Mountain View Library partnered with AWAIC and the Anchorage Alliance for Violence Prevention to share information about Stalking Awareness Month.
- The first Library outreach sticker design contest was a systemwide success. We had 153 entries: 85 from Mountain View (most from Clark Middle School), 43 from Loussac, 15 from Chugiak-Eagle River, 7 from Muldoon, and 3 from Girdwood. When the finalists for each location were announced and put online for the public vote, 352 votes were submitted and Chugiak-Eagle River's finalist won. Each finalist received a certificate and a sheet of their stickers. The winner's design will premier during National Library Week in April and be available at outreach events the rest of 2024.
- The launch of the Winter Reading Challenge for Grown-Ups has generated a lot of positive feedback both online and in person. Amanda Andros (Adult Services Librarian, Loussac Library) has ordered over 800 bingo cards being distributed at all library branches. Patrons are very enthusiastic about the challenge and especially the pizza prize.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- The Gerrish Library is looking forward to hosting author, professor, screenwriter and Anchorage resident, Don Rearden, on March 2.
- Mountain View Library continues to serve as a hub for community providing space for information tabling, and community meetings. YWCA, Providence Community Health Workers, Rural Cap Digital Equity Program conduct regular outreach.
- Amanda Andros (Adult Services Librarian, Loussac Library) is rolling out a new club at the Loussac Library. The cookbook club, Dish!, will provide an opportunity for individuals to come together, explore new recipes, try new dishes, exchange ideas, and create a vibrant community centered around the joy of cooking. The club will meet the first Wednesday of each month starting March 6th.

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- None at this time.

Internal Goals and Strategies

Recent Accomplishments

- Collection Management Services by the numbers January

Task	Number of Items
Collection Maintenance- Updates to existing items	1622
Donations- Added to the collection from community donations	67
New Item Processing- Books, movies etc, added to the collection	1286

- Anchorage Public Library awarded the Request For Purchases for new self-checkout service points to FE Technologies at the end of 2023 and has officially received approval from the Assembly to move forward with this purchase. The shopping cart has been submitted by Celia Hartz (Automations Coordinator) and once a PO has been issued the Library Automation department will begin the implementation. We'll have firmer delivery dates after the vendor has been given the PO. These new self-checks will replace current machines that are over a decade old, with the majority no longer in working order.
- Mountain View Library has filled its Youth Services Librarian position with a new person beginning in February.

- Joe Ortega joined APL on January 29 in the newly created position of Marketing Assistant, bringing the Communications Department up to a team of 1.75. We're excited to expand opportunities to communicate library information to the public.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- None at this time.

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- Six patrons received trespasses from library facilities in January. (1 at Loussac Library, 3 at Mountain View Library, and 2 at Muldoon Library).

Library Board Updates

Recent Accomplishments or Action Item Updates

- Doug Weimann has vacated his position on the board automatically after three unexcused absences. We thank him for his service.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- On February 11, 2024, Alice Qannik Glenn will have completed her term and the 120 day extension. We thank her for her service.

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- Without the appointment of further board members, there will be no quorum for future meetings.

Social Media/Photos

A patron on X showed their appreciation for the physical comic book/graphic novel section as well as hoopla.

