

Education & Skills for Life

Recent Accomplishments

- Mountain View Library hosted a Storytime for Tyson Elementary and Ridgeline HeadStart Pre-school. Kim Cameron (Youth Services Librarian, Mountain View) engaged 26 children and their care givers in Storytime.
- Mountain View Library kicked off the summer gardening season with a re-fresh of our teaching garden. Volunteers contributed 10 hours of weeding, watering, and planting.
- Kelsey Skrobis (Youth Services Librarian, Loussac) and Kyrie Rhodes (Early Literacy Outreach Librarian, Loussac) visited KCI Willow Crest Headstart for the final storytime of the school year, sharing stories with 11 students.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Ridgeline HeadStart is planning regular field trips to the Mountain View Library throughout the summer.
- Teresa Churchel (Associate Librarian, Mountain View) will support for the Growing Together Program and assist with coordination of volunteers/budding gardeners.
- Keelin Baughman (Teen Services Librarian, Loussac) will begin offering Teen Life Skills classes in June at different branch locations. This year's skills include Laundry 101, Intro to First Aid and CPR, and a Job Interview Workshop

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- None at this time.

Bridge to Information and Resources

Recent Accomplishments

- Youth Services staff systemwide blanketed the city in outreach visits to promote Summer Discovery at the Library. Summer Discovery encourages reading and learning all summer long and prevents the "summer slide". These visits included:
 - Kim Cameron (Youth Services Librarian, Mountain View) Williwaw Elementary School's Coffee & Conversation- 15 parents and teachers. **(see social media below)**
 - Samantha Blanquart (Youth Services Coordinator) Ocean View Elementary School -approximately 44 students in the first-grade classrooms.
 - Samantha Blanquart (Youth Services Coordinator) - Campbell STEM Elementary School - approximately 110 students in the third, fourth, and fifth grade classrooms.
 - Red Coffey (Muldoon Youth Librarian) visited with 466 elementary students across 4 schools.
 - Kim Cameron (Youth Services Librarian - Mountain View) - at Airport Heights Elementary -140 students.
- Kelsey Skrobis (Youth Services Librarian, Loussac), Lisa Bricker (Youth Services Supervisor, Loussac) and Samantha Blanquart (Youth Services Coordinator) provided tours, storytime, and a scavenger hunt to 115 students from Denali Montessori Elementary School (kindergarten through third grade) on May 2 and 3.
- Loussac Youth Services staff held the annual **Reading Rendezvous** on May 18, welcoming **about 2,300 patrons** to the event and signing up around 1,200 people for Summer Discovery. **(See photos below)**

- Sandy Lukes (Community Engagement Librarian, Loussac) started selecting new items to add to APL's World Languages collection. This section of materials has been without a selector for some time. She is working on ways to engage members of the community to request titles in their reading language as well.
- Kristie Nelsen (Virtual Services Librarian, Loussac) assisted a film production company in Los Angeles in finding and requesting Inupiaq language recordings from Anaktuvuk Pass for an upcoming documentary.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Collection Managements Services is in the process of adding Transparent Languages as a new world language learning tool to the library's digital resources.

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- None at this time.

Building Community

Recent Accomplishments

- The Gerrish Library held its first Harry Potter Drawing Contest to celebrate International Harry Potter Day on May 2 and held a Star Wars Movie Marathon to celebrate Star Wars Day on May 4 with a total of 24 people attending. Another 9 people attended the Stars Craft Day and 14 people attended Star Wars trivia event.
- The Gerrish Library has closed its annual Seed Exchange, in collaboration with Master Gardener Martina Steinmetz and the Girdwood Library Boosters. The seed exchange handed out 1,000+ seed packets.
- Meghan Malone (Reference Librarian, Loussac) and Kristine Nelsen (Virtual Engagement Librarian, Loussac) had a library sponsored snack station for Bike to Work Day on May 17th outside Cuddy Park. 28 cyclists came for snacks, drinks, and swag. APL Staff also formed a team and biked to work that day. **(see photos below)**
- Meghan Malone (Reference Librarian, Loussac) had 3 participants for Pro-CRAFT-inators program on May 21st. A woman seeking encouragement on her knitting project got the boost she needed to continue and future dates for the program were discussed.
- Kristie Nelsen (Virtual Services Librarian, Loussac) and Sandy Lukes (Community Engagement Librarian, Loussac) set up a table before the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra's season finale concert to check out materials and share library services. Attendees were happy to see the library in the community and several items were checked out. **(see social media below)**

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Keelin Baughman (Teen Services Librarian, Loussac) will be attending the Pride Pop Up Artist Alley in June at Grow North Farms.
- Award-winning children's author Christine Day, best known for her 23-24 Battle of the Books selection "I Can Make This Promise" will visit multiple APL locations for author talks and a writing workshop at Loussac Library June 25-27.

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- None at this time.

Internal Goals and Strategies

Recent Accomplishments

- Collection Management Services by the numbers for May 2024

Task	Number of Items
Collection Maintenance- Updates to existing items	542
Donations- Added to the collection from community donations	83
New Item Processing- Books, movies etc., added to the collection	1,752

- Collection Management Selector training with the library's new book vendor Baker & Taylor is completed and the regular cycle of book ordering is scheduled to start in June. There are 18 selectors across all locations who hand pick [insert average of monthly items per month] to add to the Library's permanent collection.
- Collection Management Services received two donations of Alaska book collections: one was from a bequest from a man in California and the other was from Laurel Downing Bill, author of the *Aunt Phil's Trunk* book series about Alaska. Laurel's donation was of her aunt Phyllis Downing Carlson's Alaska book collection, which served as research resources for the Laurel's book series. Phyllis Downing Carlson was the Alaska reference librarian at Loussac in the late 60s or early 70s. These contained rare items that have long been on the wish list for our Alaskan collection.
- Sarah Preskitt (Adult Services Coordinator) and Andi Haley (Adult Services Supervisor, Loussac) reviewed the comments from the public review period of the 65% drawings of the Alaska Wing with RIM Architects. The comments were very positive across the board, with noted excitement from patrons regarding the grand staircase that will allow provide a more welcoming way to access the lower level of the Alaska Wing.
- In May, Anchorage Public Library staff attended 12 trainings totaling 17 hours of continuing education.
- The new Early Literacy Outreach Librarian (based at Loussac), Kyrie Rhodes, started May 13.
- Misty Rose Nesvick (Communications Coordinator) is a member of a city-wide work group that is updating the city emergency communications plan as it relates to the Emergency Operations Center. This plan will help ensure timely and accurate information is conveyed to the public in the event of a major emergency like earthquake, wild land fire, toxic waste spill, etc. This is a months long project set to conclude at the end of the summer.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Jim Curran (Muldoon Branch Manager) will be covering the Chugiak-Eagle River Branch Manager position being June 4. The hiring process for that position continues.
- Sarah Preskitt (Adult Services Coordinator) will begin work on the capital campaign for the Alaska Wing renovation, working closely with the Anchorage Library Foundation.
- The Alaska Wing Renovation Team will review the drawings for the 95% stage of the project in early July.

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- In May 2024, there were 4 incidents that resulted in people being trespassed from the library. There were two incidents of graffiti or facility damage.

Library Board Updates

Recent Accomplishments

- The Friends of the Library donated almost \$50,000 in additional 2024 funds to Anchorage Public Library which will be used to purchase Transparent Language database, replacement for story-packets for children, prizes for Summer Discovery, an additional summer performer for youth, an author visit this fall for adults, and adding legal forms to Overdrive.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- None at this time.

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- The Library Advisory Board continues to lack a quorum of confirmed members.

Social Media/Photos

