Municipality of Anchorage
Library Advisory Board Agenda
Microsoft Teams Virtual & In-Person Meeting
Loussac Library – Moose Room
November 18, 2026

Board Members

Ryan Foisy, Olivia Garrett, Jen Griffis, Lydia R. Johnson, Marc Johnson, Lynn McNamara, Wade Hampton Miller, Antionette M. Street, Cristy Willer

Topic	**Leader**	**Time**
1. Call to Order	LAB Chair	5:30
2. Roll Call and Introductions	LAB Chair	5:30
3. Approval of Agenda	LAB Chair	5:35
4. Approval of Minutes	LAB Chair	5:40
5. Public Participation	TBA	5:45
6. Library Spotlight Library Service/Program: Outreach	Sandy Lukes, Community Engagement/Outreach Librarian	5:50
7. Disclosures	TBA	6:10
8. Unfinished Business – None	--	--
9. New Business		
a. Exhibit Policy	APL Director	6:10
b. Future Business and Topics of Discussion	APL Director	6:25
10. Monthly Board Report	APL Director	6:40
11. Board Comments	LAB Chair	6:50
12. Adjournment	LAB Chair	7:00

Following is a link to join the meeting virtually:

Microsoft Teams meeting
Join on your computer, mobile app or room device
Click here to join the meeting
Meeting ID: 292 276 050 799
Passcode: jEfGNp
Download Teams | Join on the web
Or call in (audio only)
+1 907-519-0237,,632109625# United States, Anchorage
Phone Conference ID: 632 109 625#

Municipality of Anchorage
Library Advisory Board
Minutes of the Meeting of October 21, 2026

1. Call to Order

Chair Cristy Willer convened the meeting at 5:32 p.m. in Anchorage Public Library, Muldoon Branch, 1251 Muldoon Rd., Suite 158, Anchorage, Alaska.

2. Roll Call

Present: Ryan Foisy, Jen Griffis, Lydia R. Johnson, Marc Johnson, Wade Hampton Miller, Antionette M. Street, and Cristy Willer.
Absent: Olivia Garrett, Lynn McNamara

Also in attendance: Marjorie Harrison - Library Director, Rebecca Lampert – Jr. Admin Officer, Jim Curran – Branch & Community Services Coordinator, Kim Cameron – New Muldoon Branch Manager.
Guests: Lucy Baranko – Public Engagement/Huddle AK, Stephen Stone – Senior Transit Planner/MOA Public Transportation, Christina Lee – Freelance Journalist.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Wade Hampton Miller moved, Lydia Johnson seconded,
To approve of the agenda of the Library Advisory Board Meeting of October 21, 2026.

and the motion passed without objection.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Wade Hampton Miller moved, Jen Griffis seconded,
To approve the minutes of the Library Advisory Board Meeting of September 16, 2026.

and the motion passed without objection.

5. Disclosures – None

6. Unfinished Business – Elect new Chair and Vice Chair.

Wade Hampton Miller moved, Antionette Street seconded,
To approve Jen Griffis as Chair and Marc Johnson as Vice Chair,

and the motion passed without objection.

7. New Business – Muldoon Transit Center and Library Focus Group
Muldoon Transit Center Site Selection Project

8. Public Participation – None

9. Monthly Board Report

Monthly Board Report has been distributed and is on file.

10. Library Spotlight – Muldoon Library

(Tour at end of meeting)

11. Member Comments

12. Adjournment

Chair Cristy Willer adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

The next Library Advisory Board will be held on November 18, 2026, at the Loussac Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Lampert, Junior Admin Officer for
Marjorie Harrison, Library Director

For detailed Board discussion, please refer to the recording of this meeting located on the Anchorage Public Library Website at Library Advisory Board - Anchorage Public Library
https://bit.ly/APLLABYouTube

EXHIBITS POLICY COMPARISON

DEFINITIONS

Current	Proposed
"Library" means Anchorage Municipal Libraries and includes the specific library location named in any request.	"Library" means Anchorage Public Library (APL) and includes the specific library location named in any request.
"Municipal Librarian" means the Municipal Librarian or designee of the Municipal Librarian.	“Library Director” means the Anchorage Public Library Director or designee of the Library Director.
"Exhibit" means the exhibit or display.	"Exhibit" means define exhibit
"Exhibitor" means the user, organization or contact person applying for or using exhibit space.	"Exhibitor" means the user, organization or contact person applying for or using exhibit space.

PURPOSE

Current	Proposed
The primary use of Anchorage Municipal Libraries is that of public library. When designated exhibit spaces within Z.J. Loussac Public Library and/or Branch Libraries are not in use for library exhibits, space may be made available for exhibits, dependent upon the availability of staff resources to preview and coordinate exhibits and library programming needs.	As part of the Library’s mission to connect people to education, information, and community, the Anchorage Public Library may, from time to time, allow community groups and individuals to use display and exhibit areas in its buildings. *Comment - MH: Do we want to allow space on library grounds? Identify designated display/exhibit spaces at all locations*. When designated exhibit spaces within Z.J. Loussac Public Library and/or Branch Libraries are not in use for library exhibits, space may be made available for exhibits, dependent upon the availability of staff resources to preview and coordinate exhibits and library programming needs.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE (CURRENT) POLICY (PROPOSED)

Current	Proposed
	Eligibility & Criteria:
1. Permission to use exhibit space is at the discretion of the Municipal Librarian and may be made available to organizations engaged in educational, cultural, intellectual or charitable activities on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.	1. Permission to use exhibit space is at the discretion of the Library Director and may be made available to community groups and individuals engaged in educational, cultural, intellectual or charitable activities on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.
2. Permission may be denied to, or revoked for any exhibit whose purpose is personal, commercial and/or has the potential to cause, or causes, substantial disruptions or material interference with the functions of the library as described in the Statement of Mission and Service Strategy (Adopted Jan 27, 1993, rev. 1994) or is not in compliance with the Library Exhibit Policy.	2. Permission may be denied to, or revoked for any exhibit whose purpose is personal, commercial and/or has the potential to cause, or causes, substantial disruptions or material interference with the functions of the library as described in the Library's mission, vision, and values or is not in compliance with the Library Exhibit Policy.
3. Permission to exhibit materials does not imply Library sponsorship, endorsement of content or responsibility for representation of all points of view. All proposed exhibits must be consistent with the requirements of The Statement of Mission and Service Strategy (Adopted Jan 27, 1993, rev. 1994). The exhibitor accepts full responsibility for his/her/their exhibit including but not limited to content and/or accuracy of any statements or representations made in such materials.	3. Permission to exhibit materials does not imply Library sponsorship, endorsement of content or responsibility for representation of all points of view. All proposed exhibits must be consistent with the Library's mission, vision, and values. The exhibitor accepts full responsibility for his/her/their exhibit including but not limited to content and/or accuracy of any statements or representations made in such materials.
4. Permission to use exhibit space is conditional upon user agreement to save, hold harmless, and indemnify the Municipality of Anchorage from any claims, lawsuits, or judgments arising from loss, damage to property, injury to persons from or during their exhibit, and/or their exhibit material(s) or any part thereof. A signed "release " form is required.	4. Permission to use exhibit space is conditional upon user agreement to save, hold harmless, and indemnify the Municipality of Anchorage from any claims, lawsuits, or judgments arising from loss, damage to property, injury to persons from or during their exhibit, and/or their exhibit material(s) or any part thereof. A signed "release " of liability is required.
5. A completed and signed "Exhibit Request" form is required for consideration of a request to exhibit. The "Exhibit Request" must include the exhibit title, location requested, begin and end dates name, address and telephone numbers and signature of the contact person in charge of the proposed exhibit. (must be consistent with application form).	5. A completed and signed "Exhibit Request" form is required for consideration of a request to exhibit. The "Exhibit Request" must include the exhibit title, location requested, begin and end dates name, address and telephone numbers and signature of the person responsible for the proposed exhibit.

Current	Proposed
1. All measures necessary to insure installation and removal of exhibits are the physical and financial responsibility of the exhibitor including but not limited to, shipping, packaging, storage, signage, labels, framing, installation and removal and equipment /supplies needed for same.	Installation & Removal: 1. All measures necessary to ensure installation and removal of exhibits are the physical and financial responsibility of the exhibitor including but not limited to, shipping, packaging, storage, signage, labels, framing, installation and removal and equipment /supplies needed for same.
2. Exhibitors agree to be responsible for and to pay for any and all damages to library property including exhibits, display/exhibit spaces, walls, floors, grounds and furniture resulting from the installation or removal of an exhibit and that any damage or loss thereto occasioned by fire, theft, or in any manner, to the exhibit, shall be sustained by the exhibitor.	2. Exhibitors are responsible for any and all damages to library property including exhibits, display/exhibit spaces, walls, floors, grounds and furniture resulting from the installation or removal of an exhibit and that any damage or loss thereto occasioned by fire, theft, or in any manner, to the exhibit, shall be sustained by the exhibitor.
3. Installation and removal of exhibits must be accomplished during library open hours and in such a manner that causes the least possible disruption or material interference with library business. Exhibit items may not be unpacked or repackaged within the library proper. Hanging order and/or arrangement is to be arranged prior to installation by the exhibitor. Items for hanging may be leaned against elevator core walls in preparation for hanging, but may not be spread out on the floor, leaned against book shelves, service desks or be placed in such a way so as to interfere with normal traffic flow. Any children accompanying individuals involved in installation/removal of an exhibit must be directly supervised by an adult not involved with the installation/removal of the exhibit.	3. Installation and removal of exhibits must be coordinated with library staff at the appropriate location and in such a manner that causes the least possible disruption or material interference with library business. Hanging order and/or arrangement is to be arranged prior to installation by the exhibitor.
4. Exhibit photos, artworks etc., must be framed, mounted or packaged and displayed in a safe and attractive manner. No heavy items may be placed over entrance, exit or elevator doors. Any electrical connections are to be hidden from public view as far as possible and may not be placed so as to cause or create a safety hazard.	4. Exhibit photos, artworks etc., must be framed, mounted or packaged and displayed in a safe manner. Exhibits may not cover or prevent access to fire alarms.
3. Labels, posters and or signs, used to identify items or the exhibit, must be clear and legible, preferably accomplished by computer or neat calligraphy. Each exhibit must contain an informative explanation to assist the general public in discerning subject material or purpose of the exhibit. This information may be provided	3. Labels, posters and or signs, used to identify items or the exhibit, must be clear and legible. The exhibit must contain an explanation to assist the general public in discerning subject material or purpose of the exhibit. This information may be provided by

Current	Proposed
by explanatory labels on individual items, in poster or sign form or be contained within the exhibit itself. Exhibitors are encouraged to provide a contact phone number as part of the exhibit on label, posters or signage for members of the general public who may wish more information about the exhibit.	explanatory labels on individual items, in poster or sign form or be contained within the exhibit itself.
5. Events associated with the exhibit or items in the exhibit that may be for sale may not be advertised with the exhibit. Exhibits that include informational brochures pertaining to the exhibit are acceptable. In addition the Library encourages the use of bibliographies and books relating to the subject matter of the exhibit as part of the exhibit.	5. Items in the exhibit that may be for sale may not be advertised with the exhibit.
6. When space allows the Library will include the exhibit title and description information from the "Exhibit Request" form in the "Activities Calendar" as a means of notifying the public of the exhibit.	--
7. Filming must be in line with the Photography policy. Video taping, cameras setup on tripods, television filming or interviewing arranged or accomplished by the exhibitor is not allowed within the library proper without the express advance written permission of the Municipal Librarian.	--
4. Arrangement must be made in advance, with the library display coordinator, for exhibit(s) and/or items that are too large to be hand carried into the library, to be brought into the library through shipping and receiving during normal shipping and receiving hours.	4. Arrangement must be made in advance, with staff, for exhibit(s) and/or items that are too large to be hand carried into the library, to be brought into the library through shipping and receiving during normal shipping and receiving hours.
5. No exhibit item or packaging may be stored in any area of the library pre, post or during an exhibit. No exhibit, items or material used in installation may be shipped directly to the library.	5. No exhibit item or packaging may be stored in any area of the library pre, post or during an exhibit. No exhibit, items or material used in installation may be shipped directly to the library.
No part of this policy prohibits exhibits, on level one of the Z.J. Loussac Public Library, in conjunction with the scheduled booking of a meeting room.	--

PROCEDURES

Current	Proposed
A completed "Exhibit Request" form is required for acceptance of a request to exhibit. The request must be consistent with the requirements and procedures stated in #5 of the General Terms and Conditions stated above.	A completed "Exhibit Request" form is required for acceptance of a request to exhibit. The request must be consistent with the eligibility & criteria requirements and procedures stated in the Library Exhibit Policy.
Exhibit requests are processed in the order received and with regard to other exhibits scheduled and/or planned. The Municipal Librarian or his/her designee reviews the request and proposed exhibit materials according to the Library Exhibit Policy criteria. The Municipal Librarian may accept or reject a proposed exhibit if inconsistent with the Anchorage Municipal Libraries Exhibit Policy. The Municipal Librarian may suggest alternate dates, appropriate locations and/or modifications. The requester is notified of the decision. An "Exhibit Request" is considered accepted when it has been signed by the Municipal Librarian or his/her designee and the “Release” form has been signed by the exhibitor and received by the Library display coordinator.	Exhibit requests are processed in the order received based on availability. The designated staff person at the exhibit location reviews the request and proposed exhibit materials according to the Library Exhibit Policy eligibility and criteria. The may accept or reject a proposed exhibit if inconsistent with the Anchorage Public Library Exhibit Policy. The Library Director may suggest alternate dates, appropriate locations and/or modifications. The requester is notified of the decision. An "Exhibit Request" is considered accepted when it has been signed by the Library Director or their designee and the has been signed by the exhibitor and received by the Library display coordinator.
Exhibit requests are processed in the order received and with regard to other exhibits scheduled and/or planned. The Municipal Librarian or his/her designee reviews the request and proposed exhibit materials according to the Library Exhibit Policy criteria. The Municipal Librarian may accept or reject a proposed exhibit if inconsistent with the Anchorage Municipal Libraries Exhibit Policy. The Municipal Librarian may suggest alternate dates, appropriate locations and/or modifications. The requester is notified of the decision. An "Exhibit Request" is considered accepted when it has been signed by the Municipal Librarian or his/her designee and the "Release" form has been signed by the exhibitor and received by the Library display coordinator.	--

MODIFICATION OF EXHIBIT POLICY

Current	Proposed
The exhibit policy may be reviewed for possible amendment at any time at the request of the Assembly, the municipal Administration or the Library Advisory Board. The Library Advisory Board shall consider the request and may accept, deny or modify the proposed change. The Library Advisory Board shall communicate this action to the Administration.	The exhibit policy may be reviewed for possible amendment at any time at the request of the Assembly, the municipal Administration or the Anchorage Public Library. The Library Advisory Board shall consider the request and may accept, deny or modify the proposed change. The Library Advisory Board shall communicate this action to the Administration. *Comment – MH: ask legal.*

APPROVALS

Recommended for approval: Library Advisory Board. Date: 7/31/2001

Approved by: Anchorage Assembly

Date: 6/25/2002

Anchorage Municipal Libraries
Atten: Facility Use Coordinator
3600 Denali St.
Anchorage, Ak 99503-6093
(907) 343-2906

Anchorage Municipal Libraries
Exhibit Request

To:_____
Fax:_____
From:_____
Fax: 907-343-2930 Pages___

Date Submitted:_____

EXHIBIT TITLE:_____

EXHIBIT PURPOSE:_____

EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION*: (attach extra sheets if needed)_____

_____

_____

_____

*The exhibit description should include detailed information sufficient to determine whether the exhibit complies with the Library Exhibit Policy. Additional information, such as drawings, diagrams and photographs may be attached to and submitted with this form. Exhibit requests that fail to adequately describe the exhibit will not be approved.

EXHIBIT DATES REQUESTED: from _____ to_____

Exhibit to be put up on_____ and taken down on_____ during library open hours.

EXHIBIT LOCATION:

_____ Chugiak / Eagle River Branch Display Case

_____Muldoon Branch Display Case

ARE YOU A(N): (Check one) ___ INDIVIDUAL ___Unincorporated Association
___Non-Profit Corporation or Entity ___ For Profit Corporation or Entity

Exhibit requests must be received at least 30 days before the exhibit is to be installed

ORGANIZATION NAME: (if applicable)_____

CONTACT NAME:_____

TELEPHONE:_____FAX NUMBER:_____

MAILING ADDRESS:_____ZIP CODE:_____

By signature applicant indicates the intent to provide, install and maintain the above mentioned exhibit, if approved, according to the Library Exhibit Policy. Notwithstanding approval of this request, all exhibits must comply with Municipal policy. If an exhibit as installed does not comply with policy, Anchorage Municipal Libraries reserves the right to require that the exhibit be immediately altered to bring the exhibit into compliance. If it is not reasonably possible to bring the exhibit into compliance with Municipal policy, Anchorage Municipal Libraries may immediately remove the exhibit or require its removal.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the Library Exhibit Policy.

Contact Signature: _____Date:_____

Municipal Librarian or Designee of the Municipal Librarian:_____

Date Approved:_____

Complete and return

Please describe in detail the educational, cultural, intellectual or charitable activies of your organization: (attach extra sheets if needed)

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

Does this exhibit advertise events associated with this event? _____

Does this exhibit advertise items for sale? _____

Does this exhibit contain an informative explanation to assist the general public in discerning the subject material or purpose of the exhibit? If so please attach a copy of the text of the informative explanation to be used in the exhibit.

Release

Release made by the undersigned member(s) of _____, to the Municipality of Anchorage, to display the exhibit titled _____ at Anchorage Municipal Libraries, Anchorage, Alaska. We the undersigned, hereby and forever discharge and release the Municipality of Anchorage, its successors and assigns, from all debts, claims, demands, damages, actions and causes of actions whatsoever, which we may now have or may hereafter have, as a result of our use of Anchorage Municipal Libraries, Anchorage, Alaska during the period beginning _____ and ending on _____, including but not limited to damage or loss as a result of theft, vandalism, acts of God, and intentional, reckless, or neligent acts of municipal employees.

We the undersigned, have read this release and understand all of its terms. We execute it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

In witness whereof, we, the undersigned have executed this release at the place on the day and year appearing after each of our signature.

Signature	Address	Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Complete and return

ANCHORAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Anchorage Public Library
Board Report, November 2026
Activities for October 2026

Our mission is connecting people to education, information, and community. Each month we share our wins, our challenges, and public information, in service of the Municipality of Anchorage.

Education

Recent Accomplishments

- Mountain View Library continued outreach visits at Clark Middle School, engaging 45 students in library activities and services during October.
- Kendall Millman (Early Literacy Outreach Librarian, Loussac Library) did 12 outreach storytimes for 284 people at locations including Head Start, parks, AWAIC, and more. This work is funded by the Municipal Alcohol Tax.
- Keelin Baughman (Teen Services Librarian, Loussac Library) hosted UAA Engineering for a binary code bracelet program. 30 people learned about binary code and different paths to becoming engineers.
- Keelin Baughman (Teen Services Librarian, Loussac Library) hosted the first session of a new teen book club. October's horror theme drew in four interested teens, two of whom mentioned it was their first time coming to a library program and they were excited for the November club meeting.
- Samantha Blanquart (Youth Services Coordinator, Loussac Library) hosted an event for award-winning author and illustrator Michaela Goade, who shared her books and illustration process with 90 rapt attendees. (photos below)
- Loussac Library youth staff attended several outreach opportunities in October, highlighting many library services and resources, particularly the STEM kit collection:
    - Lisa Bricker (Youth Services Supervising Librarian) attended two school events: STEM Night at Rogers Park Elementary (73 people) and Susitna Elementary's Family Literacy Night (75 people).
    - Kelsey Skrobis (Youth Services Librarian) attended Halloween at the Anchorage Museum (259 people, including one library card sign up).
    - Keelin Baughman (Teen Services Librarian) attended the Magic and Myth Fantasy Ball hosted by the Alaska Children's Museum (40 teens).

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Kelsey Skrobis (Youth Services Librarian, Loussac Library) will start a new monthly youth book club in November for independent readers ages eight and older.

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- None at this time.

Information

Recent Accomplishments

- October marks the first year of weekly Application Assistance drop-in programing at the Loussac and Mountain View libraries from the Community Resource Group. Felicite Toney (former Community

Resource Specialist), Elizabeth Kleweno (Community Resource Specialist) and David Kreiss-Tomkins (Community Resource Librarian) made contact with 150 library patrons over the year during 48 iterations the Loussac Library program, helping with 51 non-job applications, 11 job applications, and six resumes; and made contact with 218 library patrons over the year during 43 iterations of the Mountain View Library program, helping with 60 non-job applications, five job applications, and five resumes.

- Chugiak-Eagle River Library partnered with Alaska Legal Services Corporation to offer a workshop on Power of Attorney & Healthcare Directives. Attendees left with fully completed and notarized documents.
- Keelin Baughman (Teen Services Librarian, Loussac Library) hosted two tours for 60 of Anchor Lutheran's 6th and 7th graders, showcasing the children's room, teen space, and library resources.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- None at this time.

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- None at this time.

Community

Recent Accomplishments

- Gerrish (Girdwood) Library had fantastic attendance of 35 people for its All About Belugas program in collaboration with the Alaska Beluga Monitoring Program with Michelle Trifari where they learned about the critically endangered Cook Inlet beluga and the importance of protecting them.
- Mountain View Library staff participated in the Mountain View Neighborhood Trunk or Treat, connecting with approximately 350 children and family members from the community.
- Mountain View Library continues to see increased use despite operating with limited services during building repairs. Computer sessions increased 23% in October, demonstrating continued demand for technology access and other library services.
- Multiple branches hosted crews from the Anchorage Fire Department and Girdwood Fire and Rescue for special firefighter-themed storytimes. After the storytime, families got to tour some of the trucks and equipment that keep the municipality safe. (photos below):
    - Loussac Library: 75 attendees
    - Muldoon Library: 44 attendees
    - Gerrish (Girdwood) Library: 45 attendees
    - Chugiak-Eagle River Library: 70 attendees
- Kendall Millman (Early Literacy Outreach Librarian, Loussac Library) attended the annual PIC-a-Truck event for families with the Mobile Library, talking to 311 people about library services and resources and checking out 60 books She also attended the Enchanted Trails event and spoke to 210 people about library services and resources and checked out 10 books.
- Haunted Mini Golf returned to the Loussac Library with 264 people putting around the children's room and celebrating the spooky season.
- A new partnership with the Eagle River Nature Center brought Archimedes the Great Horned Owl to Chugiak-Eagle River Library for 82 attendees to enjoy.
- Sue Sommers (Youth Services Librarian, Chugiak-Eagle River Library) joined Eagle River Nature Center's Halloween Hike and engaged with 125 participants.
- The Community Resource Group attended the annual Project Homeless Connect, making contact with 147 participants and signing up 16 people for library cards. (photo below)

- Sarah Preskitt (as Adult Services Coordinator, now Budget Coordinator) with support from Misty Rose Nesvick (Communications Coordinator) hosted the 2026 AS author Julia Quinn. The program *A Conversation With Julia Quin*n at Loussac Library had 125 patrons attending. The program was hosted the following day at Chugiak-Eagle River Library with 36 patrons attending. Every attendee was able to take a photo, have multiple items signed, and speak 1:1 with Julia. Patrons gushed over Julia and the impact her book had on their lives including deployments, newborn babies, and personal loss. **(photos below)**
- Sandy Lukes (Outreach Librarian) presented at the Alaska Prospector's Society to a very engaged crowd of 28 people who were excited about what the library had to offer and were interested in ways to support the library.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Gerrish (Girdwood) Library is working on acquiring a beluga whale skeleton to hang from the ceiling in the main part of the library with an estimated delivery date and installation in November/ early December.
- Gerrish (Girdwood) Library will have a program in November with Dr. Kathy Burek Huntington, board certified veterinary pathologist, to present about whale strandings.
- Loussac Library will host a magazine launch event for the new *Yaaruin Kids* magazine from the Yaaruin Collective. The magazine is d*esigned for everyone who wants to learn more about Alaska Native languages, cultures, and people.*Just as the yaaruin (story knife) has always brought tales to life — drawn into snow, shared between generations — *Yaaruin Kids* is a magazine made to put Alaska Native language, culture, and play into the hands of the next generation.
- Loussac Library youth staff will have a kids Voting Booth activity in the first week of November for children to vote for either Elephant or Piggie (from the Mo Willems beginning reader series) for office.

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- Mountain View Library continues to operate with limited hours and services while building repairs are underway and is not currently able to provide regular library programming on site.

Internal Operations and Statistics

Recent Accomplishments

- Material for the Downtown Library has begun arriving at Technical Services. This was a large effort by selectors across the library system. In addition to purchases, donations such as the over one hundred books processed by Sam Dinges for the Alaskana collection are being added.
- Special effort was made to ensure that sufficient copies of the newest edition to the A Court of Thorns and Roses Series, *A Court of Splintered Harmony,* were available for check out the day of release both physically and digitally. All physical copies were immediately checked out, with a wait list of 23 patrons. Digitally there were 222 audiobook circulations in the first three days. All ebook copies were checked out with 101 people waiting on hold for them. This illustrates the need for a robust and responsive collection budget to meet the high demand in our community.
- Anya Kean (Collection Management Services Coordinator) began on October 5.
- Jo Ghosn (Adult Services Senior Library Assistant) will be moving from Adult Services to the Community Resource Group division. They will start in November.
- Sandy Lukes (Adult Services Outreach Librarian) is training additional AS staff on how to use the Mobile Library to expand staffing options to cover events.
- Interviews are being held to fill the Adult Services Coordinator position.
- Core Services By The Numbers

- Access to a diverse collection of materials in various formats –
  - Circulation total: 126,014
    - Digital: 49,546
    - Physical: 76,468
  - Tech services stat: (entered by Collection Management Coordinator)
    - New items added: 3,214
    - Items repaired/records updated: 464
- Knowledgeable and approachable staff
  - Staff training hours: 34
- Access to internet connectivity
  - Wifi sessions: 7,134
  - Computer sessions: 1,325
- Professional reference and research assistance
  - Reference questions answered: 2,584
- Spaces for individual or group use
  - Door Count Total:
    - Loussac Library: 27,441
    - Chugiak-Eagle River Library: 7,542
    - Gerrish (Girdwood) Library: 2,299
    - Mountain View Library: 18,814
    - Muldoon Library: 4,359
- Programming and outreach to support the mission and vision of the library
  - 53 Adult Programs, 745 attendees
  - 122 Youth programs, 5,820 attendees
  - 9 All Ages programs, 496 attendees

- Safety and Security Incidents Reported:
  - Loussac Library: 52
  - Chugiak-Eagle River Library: 0
  - Gerrish (Girdwood) Library: 0
  - Mountain View Library: 4
  - Muldoon Library: 2

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Sandy Lukes (Outreach Librarian), Katarina Pavic (Scott and Wesley Gerrish Library Branch Manager), and Ellie Kinney (Associate Librarian) formed the team planning the Adult Services 2027 Winter Reading Challenge. This will be the sixth year of the reading challenge.

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- None at this time.

Library Board Updates

Recent Accomplishments

- The Anchorage Library Foundation hosted an intimate donor tea. with Julia Quinn. between library public events. This ticketed event offered attendees the chance to sit with Julia at their tables, enjoy small bites, a silent auction, and bookish community.

- The Friends of the Library hosted their Annual Meeting in the Ann Stevens Room on October 14th. Longtime Alaskan journalist and novelist Stan Jones was the featured speaker where he presented on AI in writing--for research, editorial assistance, and just generally spit-balling ideas.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- The Friends of the Library Book Sale is taking place November 6, 7, and 8.

Social Media/Photos



Left: *An excited patron gets her book signed by Julia Quinn at Loussac Library.* ***Right:*** *A tea attendee posts their photos to Instagram to share excitement for the event.*





Left: Mountain View Library staff dressing on theme for Halloween in their temporary service space. Right: CRG staff at Project Homeless Connect





Left: Michaela Goade signs one of her books for enthusiastic fans. Right: Michaela Goade presents about her work and art process.







Left: The crew of Heavy Rescue 4 show off the truck in the rain at Loussac Library.

Center: The Girdwood Fire and Rescue crew take the Gerrish (Girdwood) Library attendees on a tour.

Right: The crew of Engine 11 have a fan at Chugiak-Eagle River Library.