

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

Attendance

- _____ Megan Cacciola
- _____ Olivia Garrett
- _____ Jen Griffis
- _____ Marc Johnson
- _____ Wade Hampton Miller
- _____ Cristy Willer

Topic	Leader	Time
1. Call to Order	LAB Chair	5:30
2. Roll Call	LAB Chair	5:30
3. Approval of Agenda	LAB Chair	5:40
4. Approval of Minutes	LAB Chair	5:45
5. Public Participation	TBA	5:50
6. Library Spotlight:		
Resource: <i>Collection Development</i>	Jon Ebron Collection Development Librarian	6:05
Service: <i>Core Values</i>	Marjorie Harrison Library Director	6:20
7. Disclosures		6:35
8. Unfinished Business: None		--
9. New Business: None		--
10. Monthly Board Report	APL Director	6:40
11. Board Comments and Adjournment	LAB Chair	7:00

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**Municipality of Anchorage
Library Advisory Board
Minutes of the Meeting of February 18, 2026**

1. Call to Order

Chair Willer convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Anchorage Public Library, 3600 Denali Street, Moose Room, Anchorage, Alaska.

2. Roll Call

Present: Olivia Garrett, Jen Griffis, Marc Johnson, Wade Hampton Miller, and Cristy Willer.

Absent: Megan Cacciola

Also in attendance were Marjorie Harrison, Library Director, Rebecca Lampert, Junior Admin Officer, Amanda Andros, Professional Librarian 1, and Lina Kianipour, Associate Librarian.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Wade Hampton Miller moved, Marc Johnson seconded,
To approve of the Agenda of the Library Advisory Board Meeting of February 18, 2026.

and the motion passed without objection.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Library Advisory Board Meeting of January 21, 2026.

Marc Johnson moved, Olivia Garrett seconded,
To approve the Minutes of the Library Advisory Board Meeting of January 21, 2026.

and the motion passed without objection.

5. Public Participation – None

6. Library Spotlight

Resource – Lina Kianipour presented on the Interlibrary Loan (ILL).
[Interlibrary Loans - Anchorage Public Library](#)

Service – Amanda Andros presented on APL's Local Author Showcase. The showcase was held on October 11, 2025. Twenty-one authors participated in the event and approximately 100 patrons attended. Post-event surveys indicated that

people would like it to happen again. This was done in partnership with the Alaska Center for the Book.

7. **Disclosures** - *None*

8. **Old Business** – *None.*

9. **New Business** – *None*

10. **Reports** – Director Harrison presented the Board Report for February 2026, which was distributed and is on file.

11. **Member Comments**

Marc Johnson requested monthly updates on the progress of recruiting new board members.

12. **Adjournment**

Wade Hampton Miller moved, Marc Johnson seconded,

To adjourn the Library Advisory Board Meeting of February 18, 2026.

and the motion passed without objection.

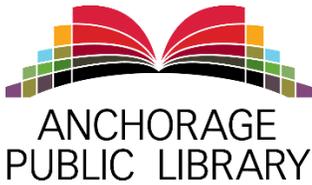
Chair Willer adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

The next Library Advisory Board will be held on March 18, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Lampert, Junior Admin Officer for
Marjorie Harrison, Library Director
MH/rl

To access detailed Board discussion, please refer to the recording of this meeting located on the Municipal Website at [Library Advisory Board - Anchorage Public Library](https://bit.ly/APLLABYouTube) <https://bit.ly/APLLABYouTube>



Anchorage Public Library Board Report, March 2026 Activities for February 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

- Sue Sommers (Youth Services Librarian, Chugiak-Eagle River Library) launched a Kids Book Club for five kids to discuss beginning chapter books and enjoy themed activities.
- Kendall Millman (Early Literacy Outreach Librarian, Loussac Library) hosted ten outreach storytimes across the municipality that reached 176 people. This position is funded by Municipality of Anchorage alcohol tax under Municipal Charter Article XIV. Section 14.0 as early literacy efforts contribute to addressing public safety, child abuse and domestic violence, addiction and behavioral health, and homelessness.
- Samantha Blanquart (Youth Services Coordinator, Loussac Library) co-hosted Music Together with Music Together Mountain Song (a free music class for children ages 2-5) for 52 attendees.
- Mountain View Library hosted a Countdown to Kindergarten session in partnership with the Anchorage School District, welcoming 13 attendees. The program supports children ages 3–5 and their caregivers in building school readiness skills through early learning activities

Next Steps/Coming Soon – None at this time

Limiting Factors/Concerns – None at this time

Information

Recent Accomplishments

- Chugiak-Eagle River Library became a new AARP Tax-Aide site this year. Over the past two weeks, 14 taxpayers were assisted and there are 12 appointments for the last Saturday of the month.
- The Community School Fair returned to Chugiak-Eagle River Library February 21. Sue Sommers (Youth Services Librarian, Chugiak-Eagle River Library) brought together 12 homeschool alternative, private schools, and Anchorage School District to share information with 65 attendees.
- Kendall Millman (Early Literacy Outreach Librarian, Loussac Library) provided multiple booklists for outside organizations including books on love and kindness for Best Beginning's newsletter and worked with Kelsey Skrobis (Youth Services Librarian, Loussac Library) on a list of titles for Women's History Month for the Anchorage School District's Indigenous Education newsletter. Youth librarians hope to continue to provide booklists for the Indigenous Education newsletter in the future.

- The Community Resource group initiated monthly resource fairs at the branch libraries, organized by Elizabeth Kleweno (Community Resource Specialist). The focus of the fairs in February was public assistance and included attendance from the Department of Public Assistance, Vital Statistics, Veterans Affairs, the Job Center, People Mover, and WIC. 74 library patrons participated at the four locations.
- The Gerrish (Girdwood) Library in collaboration with Turnagain Community Health hosted an Estate Planning event with AARP to 11 participants that learned how to protect their assets and plan their end of life wishes.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Keelin Baughman (Teen Services Librarian, Loussac Library) connected with the Center for Safe Alaskans to host distracted driving workshops for teens along with a driving simulator at Loussac Library starting in April and at the branches in June.
- Sandy Lukes (Outreach Librarian, Loussac) is working with the State of Alaska Dept. of Health and the American Heart Association to create blood pressure monitoring Library in a Box Kits.

Limiting Factors/Concerns- None at this time

Community

Recent Accomplishments

- The Community Resource Group went to Hiland Mountain Correctional Center to participate in their in-reach program. David Kreiss-Tomkins (Community Resource Librarian) presented information about library card sign up and library resources to 8 inmates who are about to get released. The work of the CRG is funded by Municipality of Anchorage alcohol tax under Municipal Charter Article XIV. Section 14.0 contributing to addressing public safety, child abuse and domestic violence, addiction and behavioral health, and homelessness.
- Stephanie Schott (Branch Manager, Chugiak-Eagle River Library) hosted a monthly meeting of the Chugiak-Eagle River Ministry Network for 22 attendees from local churches. David Kreiss-Tomkins and Felicite Toney (Community Resource Librarians) presented information about library resources and events like weekly Application Assistance and upcoming Resource Fairs.
- The Gerrish (Girdwood) Library had outstanding attendance for its Valentine's Day Craft where 23 people made themed crafts. The Gerrish Library also hosted an Author Visit with Casey Myers, author of *Please Don't Poop in the Tub*, to five attendees that participated in making a bathtub boat craft played Are You a Lucky Duck?
- The Mountain View Library hosted the Anchorage launch of Alaska's Week of Dreams, part of the national America 250 commemoration. The free, family-friendly event highlighted youth voices, community pride, shaping Alaska's future, and celebrating the history of baseball in Alaska. The event welcomed 57 enthusiastic attendees.
- The 2026 Winter Reading Challenge (led by Loussac Adult Services) continued through February. Participation is strong with bingo sheets needing to be reprinted multiple times across all locations. The number of finishers is on track to surpass 2025 levels.

Next Steps/Coming Soon – None at this time

Limiting Factors/Concerns – None at this time

Internal Operations and Statistics

Recent Accomplishments

- Core Services By The Numbers
 - Access to a diverse collection of materials in various formats –
 - Collection circulation: 115,115 items circulated (67,562 physical items, 47,553 digital items)
 - Collection maintenance: New items added 2,201; items repaired 1,149
 - Knowledgeable and approachable staff
 - Staff completed 11 trainings in February on topics such as Canva and working with the Mobile Crisis Team.
 - Access to internet connectivity
 - 5,458 Wifi sessions
 - 4,042 Computer sessions
 - Professional reference and research assistance
 - 2,486 Reference questions answered
 - Spaces for individual or group use : 44,805 visitors
 - Loussac Library: 22,654 visitors
 - Chugiak-Eagle River Library: 5,995 visitors
 - Gerrish (Girdwood) Library: 2,055 visitors
 - Mountain View Library: 14,101 visitors
 - Muldoon Library: visitor count unavailable due to broken equipment
 - Programming and outreach to support the mission and vision of the library
 - 83 Total Adult Programs attended by 739 people for February
 - 125 Total Youth programs attended by 3,347 people for February
 - 5 Total All Ages programs attended by 103 people for February
- APL received 95% drawings for the Downtown Library Project, selected finishes, and submitted comments to the project team. The project is on track with 100% drawings slated for submittal to the MOA on April 1, 2026.
- Elizabeth Nicolai (Assistant Director) and Shanna Allen (Executive Director, Anchorage Library Foundation) tabled at the Downtown Renaissance Open House to tell members of Visit Anchorage, downtown residents, and businesses about the coming library. **(see photo below)**

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- APL will launch a new pilot collection called “Lucky Day” supported with funds from the Friends of The Library. It will have two parts including a physical collection on the 1st floor of Loussac Library and a digital collection within the Alaska Digital Library via the Libby App. It will include in-demand titles for adult fiction and non-fiction.
- Marjorie Harrison (Library Director) will participate in an MOA event to inform the public about all the bonds on the April 7 ballot. The public is invited to attend March 19, 5:30-7:30 PM in the

Galleria/Ann Stevens room at Loussac Library. The Mayor and MOA departments with projects on the bond will be available to provide information and answer questions.

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- APL continues to work with the MOA and partners to address new and emerging safety and security issues. The MOA launched a Personal Safety Committee and Director Harrison serves on a few of its subcommittees. The Safety and Security Communication and Reporting subcommittee met in early February to share and work toward improved communications and incident reporting. APL has started conducting more after-action reviews identifying areas of improvement and refining internal procedures. Revisions to APL's Code of Conduct Policy and procedure guidelines were submitted to legal for a final review.

Library Board Updates

Recent Accomplishments – None at this time

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Beyond The Stacks – The Friends of the Library annual fundraiser for APL will be held April 11, 6-10PM at the Anchorage Marriott Downtown. Guest Author Presentation will be Don Rearden, author of “The Raven’s Gift.” Their goal is to raise \$140,000.
- The Anchorage Library Foundation is coordinating messaging for the upcoming municipal election to increase public engagement around Prop 5 which includes two library projects.

Social Media/Photos

L) Facebook post: A patron shares their appreciation for digital magazines on Libby. “Today I learned our Anchorage Public Library has Handwoven magazines (current and past issues) available on Libby! Check it out!”

R) APL and ALF participate in the MOA Downtown Renaissance Open House

