

Municipality of Anchorage
Library Advisory Board Agenda
Microsoft Teams Virtual & In-Person Meeting
Loussac Library (Moose Room)
April 15, 2026

Board Members

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	Staff	
a. Resource: <i>STEM Kits</i>	Lisa Bricker Youth Services Librarian	6:05
b. Service: Winter Reading Challenge	Andi Haley Adult Services Supervisor	6:20
7. Disclosures	TBA	6:35
8. Unfinished Business – None	LAB Chair	---
9. New Business – None	LAB Chair	---
10. Monthly Board Report	APL Director	6:40
11. Board Comments	LAB Chair	6:50
12. Adjournment	LAB Chair	7:00

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

1. Call to Order

Chair Willer convened the meeting at 5:31p.m. in Anchorage Public Library, 3600 Denali Street, Beluga Room, Anchorage, Alaska.

2. Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Also in attendance were Marjorie Harrison, Library Director, Rebecca Lampert, Junior Admin Officer, and Jon Ebron, Collection Development 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 March 18, 2026,
and the motion passed without objection.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Library Advisory Board Meeting of February 18, 2026

Jen Griffis moved, Wade Hampton Miller seconded,
To approve the minutes of the Library Advisory Board Meeting of February 18, 2026,
and the motion passed without objection.

5. Public Participation – TBA

Public Participation – *None.*

6. Library Spotlight

Resource – Collection Development

Jon Ebron, Collection Development Librarian, discussed the five W's (and an H) of collection development.

Service – Core Values

Marjorie Harrison, Library Director, shared the new core values of the Anchorage Public Library.

7. **Disclosures** - *None*
8. **Old Business** – *None*.
9. **New Business** – *None*
10. **Reports**

Director Harrison discussed highlights of the March Board Report.

11. **Member Comments** – *None*.
12. **Adjournment**

Chair Willer adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

The next Library Advisory Board will be held on April 15, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

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

- Library youth staff hosted several school tours for students to visit, learn about library resources, sign up for cards, and check out books:
 - Red Coffey (Youth Services Librarian, Muldoon Library) hosted two separate visits from Muldoon Library for 44 students.
 - Lisa Bricker (Youth Services Librarian, Loussac Library) hosted a class tour for 37 fifth grade students from Inlet View Elementary School.
 - Keelin Baughman (Teen Services Librarian, Loussac Library) hosted a tour for 20 students from the Cook Inlet Tribal Council's Spring Break Camp.
 - Keelin Baughman (Teen Services Librarian, Loussac Library) hosted a tour for 15 students from the Kusilvak Career Academy
- Kendall Millman (Early Literacy Outreach Librarian, Loussac Library) did 11 outreach storytimes for 191 people. This work is funded by the Municipality of Anchorage alcohol tax.
- Keelin Baughman (Teen Services Librarian, Loussac Library) did three school outreach visits in March where she showed off STEM kits and other library resources and signed up students, families, and faculty for library cards:
 - Central Middle School Student Showcase (200 people)
 - East High School Living Library (300 people)
 - Bartlett High School Family Literacy Night (20 people)

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Kendall Millman (Early Literacy Outreach Librarian, Loussac Library) met with staff from Covenant House and is planning to restart storytimes at their Passage House mother and baby program. She is also planning to offer future outreach storytime to families at AWAIC.

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- None at this time.

Information

Recent Accomplishments

- The Community Resource Group (CRG) hosted their second series of resource fairs at branch libraires, this month focusing on housing. These events served 47 patrons with connection to public assistance continuing to be a big draw. A success story was shared from our Chugiak-Eagle

River library where an unhoused person found exactly what they needed to secure a place to stay and access other vital services.

- AARP Tax-Aides were present at multiple locations including at Chugiak-Eagle River Library for the first time (51 applications between February and March), Mountain View Library (90 returns filed over three sessions), and Loussac Library.
- APL launched a “Lucky Day” collection at Loussac Library on Tuesday, March 17. Within the first 72 hours of launch, all of the initial collection items had been checked out requiring a quick response from library staff to refill the shelves. (photo below)
 - Emily Paige (Collection Management Services Coordinator) secured all items in the collection, including some same day trips to local stores for refills.
 - Technical Services addressed new cataloging and processing needs with extra effort during the first 7 days of launch; Patron Services assisted with some processing tasks and will provide ongoing shelving
 - This collection, which currently has 207 books, is designed to provide high-demand, popular materials immediately available to patrons without holds, allowing patrons on long wait lists to “skip the line” and enjoy a popular book sooner.
 - This collection features Adult Fiction, Adult Non-Fiction, and a few Young Adult titles.
 - Communications provided promotional launch support via social media and Alaska Public Media (radio)
 - Funding is provided by the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- In partnership with the Anchorage Assembly, a CivicAnchor space will open on April 14 in the Loussac Library atrium. This highly visible installation will highlight ways for the public to interact with and influence their local government. Each month will feature projects from Municipal Departments for increased public engagement and feedback opportunities.
- The CRG April Resource Fairs will focus on employment during events April 28-May 1.

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- None at this time.

Community

Recent Accomplishments

- The Gerrish (Girdwood) Library had outstanding attendance for its Magical Tea Party program, 55 participants, where children dressed in their fanciest attire and grown-ups gathered to enjoy treats, tea, read magical themed books, and play and dance. **(photos below)**
- Seed exchange programs launched at the Gerrish (Girdwood) Library, in collaboration with the Girdwood Library and Community Room Boosters, at Chugiak-Eagle River in collaboration with the Greater Eagle River Gardening Club, and at Mountain View Library with support from the Friends of The Library and Anchor Gardens.
- Adult Services wrapped up the 2026 Winter Reading Challenge for Grown Ups on March 15. We had over 300 bingo finishers (28 staff members and 284 patrons) a 43% increase from 2025.

- Rayette Sterling (Branch Manager, Mountain View Library), with support from Blake Sauer (Library Assistant II, Mountain View Library), Joelle Ghosn (Library Assistant III, Mountain View Library), Teresa Churchel (Rover, Associate Librarian), and Kendall Millman (Early Literacy Outreach Coordinator), conducted Spring into Summer off-site outreach at Clark Middle School engaging 297 community members with information about library programs, services, and resources.
- Spring Break programming drew many youth and their families to all library locations.
 - Lee Post brought his hands-on Comics Workshop to several branch libraries, reaching 50 people at Loussac Library, 30 people at Chugiak-Eagle River Library, and 11 at Mountain View Library.
 - Lisa Bricker (Youth Services Librarian, Loussac Library) hosted a winter science program with Campbell Creek Science Center for 34 people to learn about animal adaptations and ways to be safe outdoors.
 - Kelsey Skrobis (Youth Services Librarian, Loussac Library) hosted a Build a Board Game program for 18 children who used their creativity to design and play their own board games.
 - Kelsey Skrobis (Youth Services Librarian, Loussac Library) hosted a second Speed Puzzling Challenge. Two teams competed for puzzle glory drawing in additional people who enjoyed some library puzzles while they watched the teams compete.
 - Sue Sommers (Youth Services Librarian, Chugiak-Eagle River Library) hosted a MAR10 (Mario Day) program for families to play Mario Kart and try different crafts for 50 enthusiastic attendees.
- Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility (AWWU) joined us for a special departmental storytime at two library locations to read with families and talk about the work of their department. 23 people joined the Loussac Library storytime and 35 joined the Gerrish (Girdwood) Library storytime. After enjoying books and songs, families explored a letter truck.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Kristie Nelsen (Virtual Services Librarian, Loussac) will be hosting two events featuring Peeps Dioramas. The first event on April 18 will include supplies and materials to build the dioramas and the second event on April 25 will showcase the completed dioramas and allow the public to vote for their favorite.

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 –
 - 131,436 items circulated
 - 51,788 digital items
 - 79,648 print items

- 2,474 new items added, 1,310 items maintained
 - Knowledgeable and approachable staff
 - 47 staff training hours for March
 - Access to internet connectivity
 - 6,071 Wifi sessions
 - 4,346 Computer sessions
 - Professional reference and research assistance
 - 8,850 Reference questions answered
 - Spaces for individual or group use - visitor count by location
 - Loussac Library: 27,442
 - Chugiak-Eagle River Library: 7,001
 - Gerrish (Girdwood) Library: 2,347
 - Mountain View Library: 11,298
 - Muldoon Library: number unavailable due to equipment malfunction
 - Programming and outreach to support the mission and vision of the library
 - 74 Total Adult Programs for March
 - 128 Total Youth programs for March
- Safety and Security standing update
 - 34 Total incidents
 - 24 Loussac Library trespasses and 1 other incident
 - 6 Mountain View Library trespasses and 2 other incidents
 - 1 Muldoon Library trespass
- Leadership Team is working on a system-wide reorganization to better align duties within work groups.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- In April, a new printing system will be launched allowing for improved and more reliable printing service for the public and efficiency for staff.
- After a thorough review, an updated Code of Conduct will launch soon. Staff will receive training on it during staff day on April 16, before it goes into effect for the public.
- Library staff are currently reviewing and updating the policies and procedures governing exhibits, events and programs, circulation, and volunteers.
- Sam Dinges (Reference Librarian, Loussac) is working with Shu Mayer (Senior Library Assistant, Loussac) on moving several magazine titles from the Alaska Collection general magazine collection for better circulation and display. Retention of certain Alaskan titles will remain the same.

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- We have experienced a delay in obtaining the software needed to complete larger scale PDF remediation that is used for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Library Board Updates

Recent Accomplishments

- Three Board Social (Friends of the Library Board, Library Advisory Board, and Anchorage Library Foundation Board) held on March 26, 2026

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- New LAB appointees have been submitted and are pending assembly confirmation.

Social Media/Photos

Recent Accomplishments



Lucky Day Collection, first floor at Loussac Library



Magical Tea Party at Gerrish (Girdwood) Library

