



MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 30, 2021
TO: Mark Lynch, Interim City Manager
FROM: Sonja Marx, Librarian
SUBJECT: Department Report

STAFF REPORT

The Dillingham Public Library was closed the entire four-day Thanksgiving holiday weekend this year. The janitorial crew cleaned and shampooed the carpets as per their annual contract. Since it required moving furniture from the library area to the museum to clean, and then allow the carpets to dry before putting everything back in place, the library needed to be closed to the public on Saturday, Nov. 27th.

We had our first in-person Library Advisory Board meeting on November 9th at the library since Covid hit, with half of the members in person and half via zoom. There was great discussion as they did their job of advising and making future plans. I informed them that the Alaska State Library reviewed our ARPA Easy Grant application and awarded \$6,000 in Federal funds to the Dillingham Public Library to be spent between Oct. 1, 2021 and Sept. 30, 2022. This revenue will help with our current FY 22 budget. However, we did not receive the other competitive ARPA Grant of \$10,000 that we applied for, so those anticipated funds have been removed from our current budget as possible revenue.

Also, during the LAB meeting, I informed the board members the library received that very day, a box of books from Bob and Carol Cherry. They donated 24 books of four different titles that Bob had written. All the books have already been processed for checkout. Two of the titles have multiple copies that can be read as a Book Club. We are so thankful for this generous donation from a couple who were an important part of our community and schools for many years. We appreciate that Dillingham still holds a special place in their hearts. Attached are pictures of the front covers of the donated books.

On Nov. 29th, the librarian met with the new interim city manager, Mark Lynch, to give an update of the Dillingham Public Library. I enjoy sharing with others how special our library is to this community.

Library Stat report October 24th – November 28th, 2021:

**Patron Visits: 309 Computer Use: 41 Wireless Use: 277 Story Hour: 15
Other Visits (including Classes): 8 Museum Use: 24 Movies Shown: 0
AWE Station Use: 2 Volunteer Hours Logged: 10**

Next Library Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

**Library will be closed Friday, December 24th, 2021 for the Christmas Day holiday.
Library will be closed Friday, December 31st for the New Year's Day holiday.**



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