



MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 24, 2021
TO: Chris Hladick, Interim City Manager
FROM: Sonja Marx, Librarian
SUBJECT: Department Report

STAFF REPORT

According to the stats below, our numbers are really down during this three week period at the library. I currently happen to be out of town. In spite of being vaccinated, our family contracted Covid 19 during our travels to the Lower 48 to take our daughter to college in Chicago. My 90-year-old mother also tested positive while we were together in Colorado; so we have been in quarantine helping my younger brother care for her at home.

The BBEDC youth internship for Ellie Hink has been extended until September 24th, instead of ending on August 20th as stated in the last staff report. When school starts on August 26th, she can continue to work at the library after school during the week and on Saturdays. We are very glad she can remain working as the Library Aide/Clerk with her three summers of experience with us. Also, thanks to Erica Tweet, our LAB member, who has volunteered some time each week this month for Story Time, etc.

Because two American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant applications provided by the State Library are due on September 15th, the state extended the due date for the final report for the Public Library Assistance Grant (PLA) to October 1, 2021. We are thankful for these grant funding opportunities for the Dillingham Public Library that assist us in our budget and operations

We were awarded a FY2022 Interlibrary Cooperation Grant with funds of \$7,077.00 for the project, Dillingham Flex Farm Hydroponic Growing System. Since this grant is funded with State of Alaska money, the library will give credit to the State in all publicity and advertising concerning the impact of this grant project. This project includes curriculum for K-12 grades in teaching STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). The library looks forward to working with the school age patrons as we learn and teach how to grow plants hydroponically.

Library Stat report August 2nd- 21st, 2021:

Patron Visits: 246 Computer Use: 56 Wireless Use: 180 Story Hour: 13
Other Visits (including Classes): 0 Museum Use: 23 Movies Shown: 0
AWE Station Use: 1 Volunteer Hours Logged: 3

Library will be closed Monday, September 6th for the Labor Day holiday
Next Library Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2021 at 5:30 pm