



MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 3, 2021
TO: Chris Hladick, Interim City Manager
FROM: Sonja Marx, Librarian
SUBJECT: Department Report

STAFF REPORT

Starting July 1, 2021 the hours the Dillingham Public Library is open to the public have increased from 20 to 25 hours a week, with the Saturday hours extended by one. The new library hours are:

Open:

Monday and Friday from 10 am to 4 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday from 12 noon to 4 pm

Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm

Closed: Sunday and Thursday

Our Summer Reading Program didn't go as planned. Due to staffing shortages, etc., we did not have the usual in-person program at the library. Instead, we used the IMLS grant funds to purchase an AWE Learning Platinum Online subscription so our Summer Reading Program families can access online from home, or anywhere, on any device, hundreds of fun and exciting activities to enjoy.

The Library Advisory Board has two open seats to be appointed by the Dillingham City School District and the UAF-Bristol Bay Campus. A LAB representative for each is selected for the new school term.

Sarah Fuller, the Assistant Librarian, resigned July 30th to attend school this fall in Chicago. Jenice Cox, who has been the Library Aide/Clerk for the past year, has stepped up to fill the vacant position. Her first day was July 31st. Our BBEDC youth intern, Ellie Hink, will be ending her position for this summer, August 20th. She plans to step into the vacant Library Aide/Clerk position. The Librarian will be on vacation for the month of August as she takes her daughter to college.

Library Stat report May 24th – July 31st, 2021:

Patron Visits: 1,032 Computer Use: 151 Wireless Use: 1,338 Story Hour: 33
Other Visits (including Classes): 0 Museum Use: 41 Movies Shown: 0
AWE Station Use: 21 Volunteer Hours Logged: 0

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

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