



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 25, 2022
TO: Robert Mawson, City Manager
FROM: Sonja Marx, Librarian
SUBJECT: Department Report

STAFF REPORT

Since the year 2006, there has been a Consortium Library Agreement amongst the City of Dillingham, the Dillingham City School District, and the UAF- Bristol Bay Campus. This was formed when the Dillingham Middle/High School no longer had a library within their building. In the agreement, the City of Dillingham provided the facility, furnishings and materials of the Dillingham Public Library for their use as a school library in addition to being a public library to the community. Over the years, each entity provided support (often financially) for this Consortium. The DCSD paid annually for a 20 hour a week school librarian, Monday through Friday, during the school year. They also sent funds of \$5,000 to the City of Dillingham for the Dillingham Public Library each year. In the very early years of the Consortium, the Campus provided IT support and often funds of \$3,000 for the library or they would purchase materials for our library collection in that amount annually.

Two years ago, the Dillingham Middle/High School began to operate a school library within their own building with books and shelves, staffing a school librarian. This year, the Campus decided to withdraw from the Consortium. We are waiting to hear what the DCSD decides regarding their participation this year. The Dillingham Public Library continues to be part of the LINKED grant with the DCSD and the City of Dillingham for 4 more years. This grant provides \$25,000 in pass through funds with a budget narrative for the library spending. The library is also a distribution site for the books the school is providing for the children year round. We also will receive help from the DCSD personnel during our annual Summer Reading Program.

Another part of this Consortium Library Agreement over the years, included two appointed seats by the school and the campus for our Library Advisory Board each school term. The LAB consists of 7 seats. With the Campus no longer part of the Consortium, they no longer have a seat on the LAB. However, the DCSD has appointed Sarah Bailey to be on the LAB as she is on staff through the LINKED grant for the library. Both Lee Ann Andrew and Amy Ruby's seats expired the end of September. They would like to remain on the LAB. We do still have a seat to fill as Erica Tweet moved from the LAB to be on the FOL board earlier this summer. We appreciate her continued involvement with the library.

Story Time numbers have greatly increased this month as many enjoy this event. We did change the time from 11 am to 10:30 am on Fridays to accommodate nap time and lunch schedules. The DCSD also brought over another set of books for children 0-18 for free. Many are taking advantage of this opportunity as the Dillingham Public Library is a pick-up point for these books under the LINKED grant.

Library Stats report September 26th – October 23rd, 2022:

**Patron Visits: 455 Computer Use: 55 *Wireless Use: 209
Story Hour: 22 Museum Use: 79
AWE Station Use: 0 Volunteer Hours Logged: 2**

Next Library Advisory Board meeting is scheduled in early November.

**The Library will be closed Thursday & Friday & Saturday, November 24th - 26th, 2022
for the Thanksgiving holiday and to have the museum/library carpets cleaned.**

***The problem with how the WiFi usage was being reported was fixed last week, so the numbers are going up. Next month's report will have an accurate count.**