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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** May 22, 2023

**To:** Lori Goodell, Acting City Manager

**From:** Sonja Marx, Librarian

**Subject:** Monthly Report

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### Acknowledgements and Recognitions:

We welcome back Rene Johnson to the Library. She was hired under the LINKED grant as our Librarian Assistant last fall, took a leave of absence from December to May, and rehired on May 8th. Both she and Helen Nelson are sharing the position for the summer.

This is the first year in many years that the Dillingham Public Library has not applied for the BBEDC Seasonal Employee position and the Youth Internship.

Jenice Cox has served on jury duty for two months. She also just completed the requirements for certification as an EMT-1, serving our community on the Dillingham Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad.

### Department Accomplishment and Opportunities:

Our Librarian Aide, Jonas Tweet, will be taking a leave of absence until the middle of July as he attends RAHI in Fairbanks at UAF. While he's doing this schooling, our other Librarian Aide, Lane Ito, will be covering his 14 hours a week in addition to his current 14 hours a week. We are thankful Jonas has this opportunity to attend this program to further his education. And we are glad Lane can take on the extra hours as a trained employee.

Jenice Cox will also make a change in her hours, going from 30 to 20 hours a week, during the summer, as she flags for the Nerka Road project from June to August.

### Projects – Progress and Public Impacts:

The Dillingham Public Library applied for e-rate funding again this year. We received many more bids this year than we have in the past. SpaceX was awarded as our vendor;

providing StarLink (Service plan 1 TB Priority Access). We are in the process of ordering the equipment to be set in place for our internet service with them to begin July 1, 2023.

We are also looking forward to LMJ Consulting coming in June to work on our computers in house; getting patron and staff computers up to speed.

### **Upcoming Calendar Items:**

The Friends of the Library will be having their annual gently used books and plant sale June 3, 2023 at the Old Territorial School building. See the attached flyer for the details.

The Summer Reading Program “Find Your Voice” will be held at the Dillingham Public Library during June and July for all ages. For more information, see the attachment.

The LINKED grant is also having a Community Literacy Treasure Hunt on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. The Dillingham Public Library is a participant for this event. Check out the flyer.

### **Public Feedback:**

We continue to see new visitors daily to the library checking out materials and using the provided internet. Come July 1<sup>st</sup>, we are looking forward to faster internet service!

### **List of Attachments:**

#### **Library Stats report April 24<sup>th</sup> - May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023:**

**Patron Visits: 601 Computer Use: 61 Wireless Use: 429  
Story Hour: 22 Museum Use: 35 Game Night: 17  
AWE Station Use: 5 Volunteer Hours Logged: 7**

**Next Library Advisory Board meeting scheduled for September 5, 2023.**

**Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm is the last Game Night until next Fall.**

# 2023 Summer Reading Program

FIND YOUR VOICE



June 6 - July 27

Dillingham Public Library

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesdays: Elementary Ages

Wednesdays: Middle/High School Ages

Thursdays: ages 0 thru 4

Adults: Individual Reading Challenge



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## Community Literacy Treasure Hunt

When: Saturday, May 27 @ 2 pm

Who: Anyone! Teams of 2 or more, a driver/wheels helps

Where: starts and ends at Dillingham Elementary Gym

What: Your team will use a map and a treasure hunt sheet to navigate the City of Dillingham to locate and complete tasks. The first team back with all their items & tasks completed wins the Grand Prize!

Snacks and drinks provided by:



Grand prize: \$100 Gift Card from



Participation Prizes from:



## Book & Plant Sale

JUNE 3

TERRITORIAL SCHOOL

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

10:00-2:00 P.M

Accepting donations at the library until June 2nd. Call 842-5610 for drop off times.

