

Senior Center

Accomplishments and Opportunities for August 18th - September 14th, 2025

Accomplishments

- Days opened when meals were served: 16, with 303 meals served during that time.
- Days the van ran: 19, with 173 people given rides and 303 home-delivered meals.
- There's been an increase in the Senior Center Room Rentals for birthday parties, baby showers, community potlucks, funeral potlucks, and other events.
- Volunteers helped during the last week of August when both the Kitchen Manager and the Community Services Coordinator were gone. Local food vendors provided 2 days of congregate meals in the dining room along with 5 days of home deliveries.

Staffing Update

- During the September 4th City Council meeting, Resolution No. 2025-34 was passed and adopted, changing the staffing hours. Starting September 29th, the Kitchen Manager will work 6-hour days, and the Senior Center Van Driver will work 4-hour days; both changing from full-time to part-time positions. Also, the Librarian/Community Services Coordinator position will change from hourly to salaried. Each position also changed in salary levels.
- Due to these changes, the Senior Center hours will also be shortened. It will be open from 8 am to 2 pm Monday through Friday, starting September 29, 2025. The Shuttle Services will be available from 10 am to 2 pm except when the van/.driver is making home deliveries or taking the donations for lunch at the senior center.
- With this cut in staffing, volunteers are needed to keep the senior center open longer to provide the necessary services our elders and those in need have been receiving in our community.

News

- Twice a month a volunteer work group from the Bristol Bay Counseling Center at BBAHC comes to help at the senior center by cleaning, washing dishes, emptying trash, etc.

Grant Reporting

- Working on the various grants that help fund the senior center.

Needs:

- The senior center continues to need subsistence food donations. Some moose was recently donated.
- Members are needed to fill the Senior Advisory Board seats for meetings to be set.

Library

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Library Stats for August 18 – September 14, 2025	
626 Patron count	60 Desktop computer usage
229 WiFi session count (offline for 15 days so usage was not recorded accurately)	70 Museum visitors
7 AWE station usage	1 Volunteer hours
451 items checked out in August and 251 from September 1-19, 2025	20 Storytime attendees
Library was closed on Monday, September 1 st for the Labor Day holiday.	

Staffing Changes

- The Dillingham Public Library hours will change from 39 to 25 hours a week starting September 29th. The LAB set the new hours as follows:
 - Closed Sunday and Monday
 - Open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 12 noon to 4 pm
 - Open Friday from 10 am to 6 pm with Story Time at 10:30 am
 - Open Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm

Grant Reporting

- The E-rate funding process has begun for FY 27.
- Beginning the final year of the five-year LINKED grant on October 1st.
- Applied for the FY26 OWL award for the 10% internet costs not covered by e-rate.

Library Advisory Board News

- Two LAB seats are expiring at the end of September. Letters of interest are needed from them to be re-instated as members. One open seat still needs to be filled.

FOL updates:

- The FOL often post interesting things on their Facebook page about libraries, reading, etc., and they are always looking for new members to join their group. Membership forms are available at the front desk area.

Needs:

- Volunteers are needed in every area; Storytime readers, learning how to check out materials to patrons, shelving items, etc. Application forms are available at the desk.

Sincerely,

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Acting Librarian/ Community Services Coordinator