



MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 28, 2021
TO: Mark Lynch, Interim City Manager
FROM: Sonja Marx, Librarian
SUBJECT: Department Report

STAFF REPORT

The Dillingham Public Library has had many closures this month due to the weather and the holidays. Throughout the community, the power was out the week of December 6th. Many couldn't make it to work or school. The library, along with other city facilities, was closed Monday, December 6th and Thursday, December 9th to the public. I was also stranded in Anchorage for a week after going in for doctor appointments and not able to get back home because flights were cancelled due to the weather.

As can be seen from the stats below, the numbers were low for the library this month. Due to the weather and closures, many patrons were unable to come in to check out materials or use the computers. However, we did have Story Time on three Fridays. A big "Thank You" to Suzie Nunn who volunteers one Friday a month for Story Time. It would be great if we could return to our pre-Covid days when we had many more volunteers for this important event at our library. Our library staff has been covering the other Fridays of the month to read books, sing, and provide crafts for the children.

I have taken off two weeks during the end of December and the beginning of January for the wedding of my daughter on December 31st here in Dillingham. One Library Aide was gone on vacation during the Christmas break, but the other two employees have steadily been here working over the holidays.

Our library staff would like to thank the Mayor and the City Council for their generous gift to us this year again in the form of paid Administrative Leave for Thursday, December 23rd and Thursday, December 30th. We appreciate that you appreciate us and value us as city employees. Thanks again!

Library Stat report November 29th - December 26th, 2021:

Patron Visits: 151 Computer Use: 42 Wireless Use: 153 Story Hour: 15
Other Visits (including Classes): 0 Museum Use: 0 Movies Shown: 0
AWE Station Use: 0 Volunteer Hours Logged: 1

Next Library Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

Library was closed Thursday - Saturday, December 23 - 25, 2021 for Christmas.
Library will be closed Thursday - Saturday, December 30, 2021 - January 1, 2022 for New Year's.