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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 23, 2023
To: Robert Mawson, City Manager
From: Sonja Marx, Librarian
Subject: Monthly Report

Acknowledgments and Recognition:

During the Library Advisory Board Meeting on February 15th elections were held:

Lee Ann Andrew was re-elected as board chair
Amy Ruby was elected as vice chair
Sarah Bailey was elected as secretary

The LAB recommends moving from a board of seven seats to one with five seats since there is no longer a Consortium Library Agreement between the UAF – Bristol Bay Campus, the DCSD and the City of Dillingham. The Campus has pulled out this year; therefore not appointing a representative to the LAB. However, the School District continues to support the Library through the LINKED grant and has appointed Sarah Bailey to a seat.

Department Accomplishment and Opportunities:

During February (Love Your Library Month), the FOL provided a chocolate for each person who checked out a book. They were also working on developing a “Best Love Story” survey; another way to boost engagement at the library with patrons.

Two lucky winners received a free FOL book bag during the drawing on February 11th for the Shelfie Event. FOL book bags are still available at the library for \$20 or only \$15 with a paid annual individual FOL membership.

Projects – Progress and Public Impacts:

The Dillingham Public Library has new, new hours posted on the city's website, Facebook page, and advertised at the library. On Mondays and Fridays, we are open until 6 pm, with Game Night every other Friday night lasting until 8 pm. There has been a great response to the Game Nights, and we hope to continue this opportunity. See the new schedule after the List of Attachments.

The LAB has been working on getting the volunteer program up and running. Once the system is in place, we will be looking for volunteers to apply and be trained.

Upcoming Calendar Items:

See below for the dates of future meetings and building closures for the holidays.

The FOL are working on an Adult Spelling Bee – sounds fun & challenging!

Next FOL meeting Saturday, April 1st, 2023 at the Dillingham Public Library at 10 am.

Public Feedback:

Many are happy we have extended our hours to 6 pm on Mondays and Fridays for those who work during the weekdays until 5 pm and can't get to the library except during Saturdays. We've also heard positive responses to the game nights.

Two classes from the school came to the Dillingham Public Library and Sam Fox Museum this month. It was great to see the teachers share the rich resources we have in this community as they educate our children about our area.

List of Attachments:

Library Stats report January 23rd – February 19th, 2023

**Patron Visits: 555 Computer Use: 50 Wireless Use: 415
Story Hour: 13 Museum Use: 36 Game Night: 29
AWE Station Use: 1 Volunteer Hours Logged: 23**

Next Library Advisory Board meeting will be March 13th, 2023

**The Library will be closed March 3, 2023 for Beaver Round-Up
and Monday, March 27th for Seward's Day**

The Library was closed all day Friday, February 10th due to the weather