



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 26, 2021  
**TO:** Chris Hladick, Interim City Manager  
**FROM:** Sonja Marx, Librarian  
**SUBJECT:** Department Report

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### STAFF REPORT

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The Dillingham Public Library hours have increased. We are now open 6 days a week to the public. See the attached flyer for the new schedule.

On October 18<sup>th</sup> in the DCSD office, a meeting was held with the Elementary and Middle/High School librarians, the Dillingham Public Library librarian, and the school district regarding a \$3.4 million literacy grant they received to boost reading skills. This is wonderful news for our community! Included in the 5-year budget for library services from this grant are library books for each of the library's collections. This will greatly help the Middle/High School library as they develop their collection for this first year back on the school grounds. Each library will also be a book distribution site throughout the year; the Dillingham Public Library during the summer months. Their book distribution goal is to get 100 books to every child in Dillingham over the 5 year period, at a rate of approximately two books per month. Two literacy specialists will be hired to carry out the logistics associated with book distribution at the different libraries and run after school tutoring programs, family literacy nights, and story times. This will be a great support for the Dillingham Public Library's annual Summer Reading Program. We are so excited to be part of this opportunity given to the children and families of our area.

The Librarian was pleased to give the two city manager candidates a tour of the Dillingham Public Library and the Sam Fox Museum while they were each here interviewing for the city manager position. Each department head was also invited to be part of the interviewing process held in the council chambers during that week.

#### **Library Stat report September 26<sup>th</sup> - October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021:**

**Patron Visits: 328 Computer Use: 87 Wireless Use: 191 Story Hour: 24**  
**Other Visits (including Classes): 15 Museum Use: 30 Movies Shown: 0**  
**AWE Station Use: 3 Volunteer Hours Logged: 3.25**

**Next Library Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2021 at 5:30 pm.**

**Library will be closed Thursday, November 11, 2021 for Veteran's Day.**  
**Library will be closed Thursday & Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for the**  
**Thanksgiving Day Holidays.**