



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 23, 2021
TO: Gregg Brelsford, Interim City Manager
FROM: Sonja Marx, Librarian
SUBJECT: Department Report

STAFF REPORT

Our low risk level beginning in January was short-lived, but thankfully, many classes made it over to the library before the school went back to remote learning. With the Dillingham City School District closing its doors to on-site learning on February 3rd, the Dillingham Public Library also went into the high risk category. However, the library continued curbside services for patrons who would call, text, or email their requests; picking up their materials during the library's opening hours. This has been quite a successful alternative for our community; allowing us to continue serving our patrons in the midst of this pandemic. And of course, WiFi access has always been available, and continues to be, from outside 24/7, along with our ILL services. Our Friends of the Library's grand plans for "Love Your Library in February" and "Blind Date with a Book" were also impacted due to the unforeseen closure this month.

During this time, all of the staff (excluding me) were in quarantine over a period of three weeks due to travel and the school's closure. Thankfully we did not have to close down our entire library services; however, I did put in more hours than usual in order to remain open. At the time of writing this report, we are back to in-person library services; however, two more of our school and library staff continue to be in quarantine. We have received an application for the Assistant Librarian position this week. I am also in the process of applying for the Seasonal Librarian Assistant position and the Youth Internship position for this summer offered by the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation.

Library Stat report January 26th - February 22nd, 2021:

Patron Visits: 231 Computer Use: 17 Wireless Use: 126 Story Hour: 0
Other Visits (including Classes): 35 Museum Use: 0 Movies Shown: 0
AWE Station Use: 1 Volunteer Hours Logged: 7

Library Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10th, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

**The Library will be closed Friday, March 12th, 2021 for Beaver Round Up
and Monday, March 29th, 2021 for Seward's Day.**