



MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 25, 2022
TO: Mark Lynch, Interim City Manager
FROM: Sonja Marx, Librarian
SUBJECT: Department Report

STAFF REPORT

January marks the beginning of another new year here at the Dillingham Public Library. With school now in session and people back to work after the holidays, we are seeing more patrons come into the library. This time also begins the process of applying for library grants, e-rate for internet services, and budgeting for the next fiscal year. We are on track as we are now half way through our FY22 year.

The Dillingham Library Advisory Board met via zoom on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 to review and update the Donation Policy. This project will remain on the agenda for the next meeting. At that time, we hope to have filled the current empty seat. We want to thank Shelly Lutes for being on the LAB since last spring. We have appreciated her support for the library. Seat A is now open. Those interested may submit a letter to Mayor Alice Ruby requesting to serve on the LAB.

The Librarian will be on vacation the first three weeks of February. Unfortunately, there are not any "Love Your Library Month" events planned in February for this year as we normally had in the past. The Dillingham Friends of the Library board and its members have not been able to meet for over a year. This Covid pandemic has certainly affected our library. As one can see below in the Library Stats, we only had 177 patrons visit the library last month. We use to have that many visit in a single day to check out materials and use the computers, internet, and WiFi. Hopefully the numbers will increase as we enter the warmer spring and summer season.

Library Stats report December 27th, 2021 - January 23rd, 2022:

Patron Visits: 177 Computer Use: 29 Wireless Use: 167 Story Hour: 9
Other Visits (including Classes): 0 Museum Use: 1 Movies Shown: 0
AWE Station Use: 4 Volunteer Hours Logged: 0

Next Library Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

Library will be closed Monday, February 21, 2022 for President's Day.