



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 28, 2021  
**TO:** Chris Hladick, Interim City Manager  
**FROM:** Sonja Marx, Librarian  
**SUBJECT:** Department Report

### STAFF REPORT

Thanks to all the staff at the Dillingham Public Library who did a great job serving our patrons in my absence. I returned September 20<sup>th</sup> to the library to find it in good order. In spite of more Covid cases in the surrounding areas, the library was able to remain open to the public. As seen in the stats below, patrons used the library and its resources, including the computers, internet and WiFi, regularly. Notice the difference in WiFi usage this summer compared to that in 2020 in the attached chart. It's amazing!

The BBEDC youth internship ended September 24<sup>th</sup>. Ellie Hink filled this position at the Dillingham Public Library for the past three summers. She was able to experience a normal summer (2019), a closed summer due to the pandemic (2020), and a slower yet open to the public summer (2021). Our hopes are that next summer we will be back to normal with visitors and fishermen and our annual in-person Summer Reading Program. We are already gearing up for it through staff training & webinars.

The Library Advisory Board conducted their meeting via zoom on September 21<sup>st</sup> with a full, seven member board. The UAF Bristol Bay Campus appointed Sandra Long as their representative. Sandra has been on the board before, so it's good to have her back. The Dillingham City School District also appointed Ginger White to the LAB. New officers were elected, as the board members have changed.

The 14-hour-a-week Library Aide/Clerk position was advertised throughout the summer. Last week, we interviewed and hired Jonas Tweet, who started Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. He is in training now, working at the library after school and on Saturdays. We welcome him to our library team!

#### Library Stat report August 23<sup>rd</sup> – September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021:

**Patron Visits: 367 Computer Use: 117 Wireless Use: 367 Story Hour: 12**  
**Other Visits (including Classes): 3 Museum Use: 14 Movies Shown: 0**  
**AWE Station Use: 5 Volunteer Hours Logged: 1**

**Next Library Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2021 at 5:30 pm.**  
**Library will be closed October 11, 2021 for Indigenous People's Day.**