



MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 30, 2022
TO: Robert Mawson, City Manager
FROM: Sonja Marx, Librarian
SUBJECT: Department Report

STAFF REPORT

Our 8-week Summer Reading Program ended August 12, 2022. A total of 142 attended this summer. Sarah Bailey helped teach and also provided two story times Monday – Thursday (2 pm and 3 pm). Our ***grant-funded hydroponics STEM project will continue even after the Summer Reading Program ends to further educate students on the science and fun of growing and harvesting produce. Currently, we are growing basil and various varieties of lettuce. It's amazing how quickly the plants are growing. August 12th was also our BBEDC youth intern's last day of work; Jamal Romie headed back to school.

Currently the library is advertising for a 14-hour a week Librarian Assistant position offered through the LINKED grant with the Dillingham City School District. Bookcases for the library and museum area were also purchased to shelve the books coming in through the grant and to store our current Alaska collection in the museum area. Buford Woodworking made the beautifully designed, high quality bookcases and shelves. Come see this addition to our library and check out the growing produce!

I will be on vacation in Oregon from September 1st through 18th visiting family.

Library Stats report July 25th - August 28th, 2022:

Patron Visits: 702 Computer Use: 69 *Wireless Use: 241 Story Hour: 29
Other Visits (including SRP): 44 Museum Use: 113 Movies Shown: 0
AWE Station Use: 11 Volunteer Hours Logged: 9

Next Library Advisory Board meeting to be scheduled; two open seats need to be filled.

The Library will be closed Monday, October 10th, 2022 for Indigenous People's Day.

***The WiFi usage report continued to be offline for August; thus not accurate usage shown.**

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