

Director's Report, Homer Public Library

January 28, 2020

General Notes

The Library Director met with Christine Thorsrud, the head of the KBC Library, to talk over possible partnership opportunities. In the same vein, I met with Sarah Brewer, who is coordinating the monthly Shakespeare readings at KBC, to explore creating a joint program based around *King Lear* in May. The City IT Director and I also tried to make some progress on upgrading the security cameras in the building. On Jan. 24 we provided a behind-the-scenes tour of the library for two city councilors, one staff, one reporter from KBBI and a member of the general public.

Director's Meetings in January 2020					
Library Advisory Board (LAB)	Friends of the Homer Library (FHL)	Staff	City Council	Department Heads	Other
1	0	5	1	1	Sarah Brewer re: Shakespeare readings; Christine Thorsrud re: partnerships with KBC; tour of the library for city staff, councilors and the public

Staff Notes

Staff discussed a number of topics during the past month: acquiring lamps for the tables; collaborating with FHL to set up a "business incubator" program, using money from a Google grant; expanding the unverified card program to encourage more students to sign up; and various other smaller projects.

Facility

There continue to be problems with lighting in the library. Building Services has replaced many of the bulbs with LEDs and experimented with rewiring some switches. The highest lights, hanging from the ceiling in the Fireplace Lounge, will be difficult to reach.

Library Advisory Board (LAB)

The LAB attended a worksession with the City Council on Jan. 13 and presented the proposal for an endowment fund. There was no regular LAB meeting. City Manager Koester revised the proposed ordinance and discussed it with both the Library Director and the Chair of the LAB.

Friends of the Homer Library (FHL)

There was no regular FHL board meeting in January.

Events in January 2020		
Date	Time	Event
Thursdays through Feb. 13	5:00-7:30	Aha! Club
1/8	11:45-2:30	Homer Family and Community Education
1/9	11:00-12:00	USDA soil presentations
1/23	12:00-1:00	
1/9	12:00-2:00	Women's March of Homer
1/20	12:00-1:15	
1/10	11:00-12:30	Kenai Peninsula Votes
1/10	1:30-2:30	Battle of the Books (Kenai Peninsula Borough School District)
1/21	1:30-3:00	
1/23	1:15-2:45	
1/24	1:30-2:30	
1/30	12:45-2:30	
1/31	1:30-2:30	
1/16	4:00-5:00	Great Decisions
1/17	1:00-3:00	Homer Garden Club
1/21	11:00-12:30	Trails IRC
1/24	12:15-1:15	Tour of the library for interested public
1/25	6:00-7:00	Author Reading: Mia Heavener

Events in January 2020		
1/28	4:30-6:30	Pushing the Limits Book Discussion: <i>Gathering Moss</i> , by Robin Kimmerer
1/30	4:00-5:00	Board Games for Middle Schoolers

Upcoming Events in February 2020		
Date	Time	Event
2/6, 2/20	12:00-1:00	USDA soil presentations
2/6, 2/20, 2/27	4:00-5:00	Board Games for Middle Schoolers
2/7, 2/14	1:30-2:30	Battle of the Books (Kenai Peninsula Borough School District)
2/8	2:30-5:30	Homer Rocks
2/13	11:45-1:15	League of Women Voters
2/18	4:00-5:30	NOAA Stewards Book Club
2/27	6:30-7:30	Tela O'Donnell on Pakistan

Ongoing Events		
Date	Time	Event
Mondays	1:30-4:30	Knitting
Tuesdays	3:00-4:30	Kids' Chess
Wednesdays	10:00-11:00	Family Storytime (Ages 3-5)
Thursdays	11:30-12:30	Small Fry Storytime (Ages 0-2)
Fridays	3:00-5:45	Live-Action Role-Playing (LARP) Ages 10-18

Ongoing Events		
First Mondays	12:00-1:00	Lunch with a Councilmember
First Tuesdays	6:30-7:45	SPARC Radio Club
First and Third Saturdays	10:00-12:15	Walk-in Tech Help
First Thursdays	1:00-3:00	Literary Ladies Book Club
Second Tuesdays	6:00-7:45	Genealogy Peer Support Group
Second Thursdays	3:00-4:30	Lego Lab (Ages 8-11)
Third Tuesdays	6:00-8:00	Writer's Refuge
Fourth Tuesdays	4:30-6:30	Book Club
Early school release	2:00-3:30	Maker Club