

Director's Report

Inventory Closure

The library's closure for inventory was a success. Staff completed a full inventory of the DVD and non-fiction collections and made great progress on several special projects. These efforts help us maintain an appealing, organized and accurate collection for our patrons.

Art Education Endowment Auction

The silent auction at the April book sale raised \$1,200 for the Art Education Endowment (AEE). Special thanks to Beth Flor for donating five beautiful paintings, which were instrumental in the auction's success. Beth has generously donated seven additional pieces for the October auction which we are considering doing online—stay tuned!

Safety Enhancements

We're pleased to share two major improvements to our safety infrastructure:

- The **911 emergency button** is now fully online! This important feature took time to implement, but it's now operational and provides a direct line for emergency response.
- A **building evacuation plan** is now posted throughout the library, clearly outlining exit routes and procedures to ensure everyone's safety in case of an emergency.
- Five staff members recently earned their **First Aid/CPR certifications**.

Out of State Interlibrary Loan Service

Due to federal funding cuts to the Institute of Museum & Library Services, we will no longer be able to offer out-of-state interlibrary loan (ILL) services after June 30. While this change affects only a small number of patrons, it marks the end of our long-standing practice of "we can get anything for everyone." We remain committed to providing excellent service and will continue to offer in-state ILL through the Alaska Library Consortium, as well as help patrons explore alternative options for accessing needed materials.

Library Programs Update from Barb Steltz

- February's **Teen Game Night** was a big success, especially the "Frankentoy" Maker Lab, where teens created imaginative stuffed creatures using glue guns and hand sewing. Pizza and games with Gus Pennington wrapped up the night.
- **Pia Reilly's Folk Art Painting Class** was a hit, and she'll return for a **Watercolor Workshop** on **April 25–26**.
- The **Year of Reading Challenge** continues with a small but enthusiastic group, who've enjoyed the monthly prize drawings.
- For **National Library Week**, we screened *FREE FOR ALL: The Public Library* in partnership with Alaska Public Media. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for refreshments and to Mary Ellen Anderson for introducing the film. It airs on PBS April 29, and we're exploring future film events.
- **Crafty Engineers** is on hold for now, but **maker workshops** are planned for kids this summer during the **Summer Reading Program**.