

Director's Report (UPDATED)

Staff

- Adrian Ducat was hired to fill our vacant student library page position this summer
- Martha Cummins & Beth Loesch will be training to become passport acceptance agents and learn how to catalog new material this fall
- In October Kari Petersen began a four-month continuing education class with the Erickson Institute, Media Literacy in Early Childhood. She's learning curate apps and technology use for kids under the age of seven and how to help parents of young children develop their skills of decision-making around technology for kids based on the science of human development. The future of library storytime is evolving to include teaching literacy skills in all types of media.
- The Library Director attended the Alaska Library Director's Leadership Retreat in October. The meeting was held in Anchorage and was focused on creating a learning organization. The trip was paid for by the Alaska State Library.

Maintenance

The area in front of the library adjacent to the large landscaping bed in the front has been paved by Bob Olson & his crew. The project was funded by donations to the library. A few benches and planters are planned in the future.

Voices of Séet Ká Kwáan

This ARPA funded grant project wrapped up at the end of September. Twenty two radio shows/podcasts were recorded, a list is attached to show the scope of programs recorded. The goal of the project was "to increase awareness of the diverse experiences and contributions of our indigenous community". All who responded to our post-project survey agreed that this outcome was met, they both learned something from listening and overall awareness in our community was increased. The feedback we received from both participants and listeners was overwhelmingly positive. People who participated in the show reported being humbled by the amount of positive feedback they received from random community members which fostered a sense of community for participants and listeners alike. As a result of this endeavor KFSK radio has decided to continue with a local Indigenous time slot in its programming. We are grateful to the Content Committee who made this project possible.

Libraries in Community Systems

Our library will be participating in an 18 month Institute for Museum & Library Services funded research that will create a measure for the effectiveness of library services and partnerships, in terms of social wellbeing. This national research project seeks to create a clearer understanding of the unique role public libraries play within community systems,

and how this role can be maximized for improved social wellbeing outcomes. More information about the project can be found at <https://nnyln.org/about/imls-research21-24/>

Programs

- Summer STREAM & Baby Bookworms, the library's youth summer programs, wrapped up on July 10. 135 kids participated in the program, logging 78,750 minutes of reading and completing 1,423 educational challenges. 171 community members of all ages participated in library summer reading programs this year. Thank you to the community members, businesses and organizations who make our summer programs possible.
 - In August the library offered a pilot program for Sealaska Heritage Institute's *Baby Raven Reads* Program. Three story times were offered that featured Lingít culture and language. Jeanette Ness was our cultural specialist and local elders Debra O'Gara, Mary Ann Rainey, Mary Katasse-Miller and Karin McCullough contributed to the program. Nearly 40 community members participated in the story time events. This program will now be expanded to 12 additional communities and libraries in Southeast Alaska.
 - Weekly storytime is back and attendance is growing
 - 90 tickets were sold for the *Manhattan Short Global Film Festival* which ran for two nights. Next year the tentative plan is to have it at Northern Nights Theater
 - Yoga with Karen Malcom is being offered on Saturdays
 - *Estate Planning* with Juneau attorney Liz Smith
 - *Navigating the News* with Jill Lenhard offered tips to help you sharpen your vetting skills for navigating today's news environment
 - Orin Pierson returned this summer to teach his popular *Rainforest Writers Workshops*, more are planned for the fall
 - *Halloween Rocks!* A guitar class for kids with Dan Sullivan is currently under way
 - The *Petersburg Science Series* resumes Oct 21 with a presentation on the Bering Strait region
 - *Watercolor Painting* with Pia Reilly is scheduled for Oct 28-20, the class is full
 - *Robotics for Kids* starts November 4, this is a 4-session program using iPads and Lego kits purchased with funding from the Petersburg Community Foundation, Kris Norosz and the Rasmuson Foundation. The class will be led by student teachers Adrian Ducat & Nicole Durgan. According to Kari "It has been a delight to work with these teens as they developed a plan for the program, learned about the concept of learning through play, and how to best achieve this with the students they will have."
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- The GOAT teens did an on-air interview about their Friday afternoon radio show and the upcoming Robotics program for the KFSK fundraiser.
 - This year Head Start is bringing 20 students to the library every Friday before we open for a storytime with fingerplays, singing, dancing, and sign language. They also check out books for the classroom. It has been wonderful to see the kids begin to understand what the library is, have them become comfortable in the space, and anticipate Library time with great excitement.
 - Our new Seed Library is available and can be found in the gardening section section. Thank you to Volunteer Stephanie Aikins for organizing and maintaining
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