



City and Borough of Sitka

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Library Director Report: March 2018

Highlights: Sitka Public Library was featured in *Atlas Obscura* magazine in an article titled, "The Libraries that Preserve the History of Small Islands." Joanna Perensovich was interviewed for the article, which included a photo of Castle Hill from the Romaine Hardcastle Collection housed at SPL. The first episode of the new podcast service, *Sitka Sounds*, has been uploaded and linked to the Library's website. The Sitka Sound Science Center presentations drew 78 people to the event on March 2. The Power of Story program presented by Tuli.Aan is intended to become a monthly storytelling program. The revised Library Code of Conduct & Multipurpose Room policies were approved by the Assembly on March 27 and updated on the Library's website. SPD and SFD are working with the Library to develop formal emergency evacuation procedures & provide ALICE training to Library staff. The Friends of the Sitka Public Library renewed the Library's subscription to the digital service NewsBank at the expense of \$2435. Similarly, The Friends of the Library made a financial contribution that allowed SPL to host the Alaska Reads event on March 16.

Facility Update: New shelves have been ordered to replace the faulty DVD shelves. The crack in the Men's Restroom appears to have increased in length.

Stats:

12,255 people visited the Library in March
9305 physical materials checked out
750 digital materials checked out
905 renewed items, 1227 in-house used items
208 attendees at 7 Adult Programs
345 Attendees at 14 Youth Programs
520 total public computer sessions
118 combined hours of public computer time usage
36 Meeting Room uses
41 Study Room uses
30 Teen Lab uses
2 tests proctored

Notes: The new shelves were delayed shipment until May, 2018. Print Management software implementation has been delayed to explore alternate software options.