



City and Borough of Sitka

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Library Director Report: May 2018

Highlights: UAF Fairbanks & Fairbanks Public Library joined the Alaska Library Consortium, adding over two million additional items to the shared catalog. The first four episodes of an oral history project with Nancy Ricketts were posted online on the Library's podcast service. The STA Cultural Resource Committee approved to support & collaborate with SPL for a carved art piece as part of the Library Expansion Project on 05/21/18. STA will explore an opportunity to obtain a log from Sealaska. The Library hosted the City Administrator on 05/30/18 for a public Q&A event titled, 'Ask the Administrator.'

Youth Services Highlights: The Babies and Books event on May 19 functioned as the early literacy kick-off event for the 2018 Summer Library Program. Baranof Elementary students visited the Library May 15-18 in the morning hours for an introduction to Summer Library Program, registration for the Reading Buddy program & to register for library cards. 26 adults have registered for the Reading Buddy program & will meet weekly to read with either a first or second grade student.

Facility Update: Plumbing work was conducted to resolve issues with the water hammer. The first phase of remaining Expansion Project work was presented to the Library, which includes installing new bike racks and benches on the east side of the building. Vandalism is suspected for damage discovered to the siding on the west side of the building.

Stats:

13,324 people visited the Library in May
8768 physical materials checked out
592 digital materials checked out
782 renewed items, 1107 in-house used items
108 attendees at 8 Adult Programs
493 Attendees at 12 Youth Programs
3417 total public computer sessions
1273 combined hours of public computer time usage
41 Meeting Room uses

50 Study Room uses

38 Teen Lab uses

2 tests proctored

4 policy infractions

Notes: The Library's vacant PTE positions were filled and the vacant FTE position will begin employment in June. The program attendance for youth programs includes the fieldtrip visits from Baranof Elementary.