



Haines Borough Public Library

January Statistics

Visits: 5,700

Monthly Circulation: 7,995

Internet Use: 1,175; Wi-Fi: 1,098

Library Programs: 45, Attendance: 521

Non-Library Programs: 3, Attendance: 9

Meeting Room Reservations: 20; Attendance: 122

February 17, 2016

Director's Report

Updates:

- We held a Capital Campaign planning workshop on Saturday, February 6 with Ann and Cecily. The agenda included an overview of the project so far, a SWOT exercise, discussion of the new plans and a decision point determination. We will talk more about this at our meeting on Wednesday. Thanks to Dick and JoAnn for sending me their comments and insights about the project.
- Work on the Joint Library Catalog (JLC) migration continues. All of the staff completed required online trainings for the new system. I've been working with one JLC staff member to complete policy mapping for circulation and fines, location and item types, and circulation rules. The test server will be up this week to allow the staff to begin to use the new system. We will need to look ahead to plan for closed days in April prior to our "go live" date. The Haines library is currently scheduled for downtime on April 26-27. There will be no OPACS for library patrons and no work client for the staff. These dates may change as we get closer to the date. I would like to recommend that we tentatively schedule April 26, 27, and possibly 28 as closed dates.
- Following the virtual desktop assessment, it was determined that it is not financially feasible for the Borough to move ahead with a thin client system at this time.
- Both the *Alaska Reads!* Program with Ernestine Hays and the author event with Detective Glen Klinkhart were well attended programs. Glen had 4 books to sell and decided to auction them off and donate the money to the Friends of the Library. The auction brought in \$170.
- Thanks to Heather for hosting Ernestine while she was in Haines (for much longer than intended) and for leading an interview with Ernestine that encouraged much more dialogue and questions from the audience. We will be participating in a panel at the Alaska Library Association conference in March to evaluate this first statewide program and determine the *Alaska Reads* event for next year.

Staff:

- John Hagen has joined the staff for the next 90 days as a special hire. John's position will be paid for by Enhancement grant funds. He and Jessie will be working on creating a series of photography and tech programs and planning field trips. Jessie has also been working with the Chilkoot Indian Association's youth program in planning special events for the summer.

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- Holly, Jessie, and I will be traveling to Fairbanks for the Alaska Library Conference, *Library as Leaders*, March 8-13.
- Holly will be presenting a session with Julie Niederhauser, Alaska State Library public library coordinator on preparing for the upcoming Summer Reading Program. She will also join Patience Frederiksen, State Library development staff, on a panel with other libraries that received Early Literacy Minigrants.
- Jessie received a scholarship from ANLAM (Alaska Native Libraries, Archives, and Museums) for travel and lodging to attend a preconference on Digital Heritage Preservation for Alaska Native Libraries, Archives, and Museums. I was asked to participate as a presenter in this 2 day workshop. I'll probably be drafting Jessie to help out with this.

Programs:

- Lee Heinmiller will be our presenter at this month's Culture Day program on Thursday, February 25th. Lee was kind enough to reschedule his program time when we had the unexpected author program with Glen Klinkhart.

Other

- During the past month, I have also been busy with Alaska Library Association elections, handbook changes, conference planning, and scholarship and awards committees. At the conference in March, I "pass on the gavel" and take on the duties of Past President.

In the News:

For those of you unable to attend the Capital Campaign meeting, you missed an important announcement. The Haines Borough Public Library has been selected as a finalist for the 2016 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The medal is the nation's highest honor for museums and libraries that make exceptional contributions to their communities. Our library is one of 30 finalists this year.

"The 2016 National Medal finalists make lasting differences in their communities by serving and inspiring the public," said Dr. Kathryn K. Matthew, director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. "We proudly recognize these museums and libraries for their invaluable work to provide Americans with educational resources, 21st century skills, and opportunities for lifelong learning. As key stewards of our nation's future, we salute the 30 finalists for their excellence in engaging our citizenry and expanding learning of all kinds."

IMLS is encouraging those who have visited finalist libraries and museums to share their story on the IMLS Facebook page. To *Share Your Story*, please visit www.facebook.com/USIMLS (link is external).