



Education & Skills for Life

Recent Accomplishments

- Keelin Baughman (Teen Services Librarian, Loussac) completed an outreach event at Bettye Davis East High, speaking with teens about how to become a librarian and why a day in the life of a librarian looks like.
- Kelsey Skrobis (Youth Services Librarian, Loussac) visited KCI Willow Crest for an outreach storytime for 19 students and hosted an outreach table at Baxter Elementary School's Family Night (speaking with 26 people about library resources).

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Youth Services staff systemwide will soon be visiting schools across Anchorage to promote Reading Rendezvous and Summer Discovery.

Limiting Factors/Concerns- None at this time

Bridge to Information and Resources

Recent Accomplishments

- The Chugiak-Eagle River Library hosted a Community School Fair on March 2 with 14 schools (ASD/public, homeschool, private) represented. 48 People attended event.
- AARP Tax-Aid held two events at Mountain View Library, assisting over 50 individuals to file their taxes.
- Mountain View Library held a Seedy Saturday seed exchange. The seed exchange engaged **56 people** and served as the official season opening for the Mountain View Seed Library.
- Kelsey Skrobis (Youth Services Librarian I, Loussac) and Lisa Bricker (Youth Services Librarian II, Loussac) led several tours of the Loussac Library for **over 100 ASD Migrant Ed and Rabbit Creek Elementary students**, introducing them to the collection and resources offered.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- APL will be adding to new online resources, Transparent Language and OverDrive LawDepot. Transparent Language is a world language learning resource that covers 100+ languages and also teaches English to speakers of many other languages. OverDrive LawDepot provides free legal forms as well as online notary service, something in great demand in our community. **We thank the Friends of the Library for the funding for these resources.** (Collection Management Services)
- Keelin Baughman (Teen Services Librarian, Loussac) will attend a career exploration event at Dimond High School on April 22nd.
- Misty Rose Nesvick (Communications Coordinator) and Jim Curran (Muldoon Branch Manager) will be hosting a library table at the Mayor's Spring Job Fair April 11 to promote library resources for job seekers like resume builders in Learning Express Library and free access to courses in LinkedIn Learning.

Limiting Factors/Concerns - None at this time

Building Community

Recent Accomplishments

- The Gerrish Library had excellent attendance for its March programs. 31 people attended a Family Storytime, 20 people attended the author visit with Don Rearden and 45 people attended Magical Tea Party.
- The Gerrish Library has successfully re-opened its Seed Exchange for the season, in collaboration with Master Gardener Martina Steinmetz and the Girdwood Library Boosters.
- The Chugiak-Eagle River Library had a week-long Will Eisner Week display featuring graphic novels for all ages, both fiction and non-fiction. 144 DIY comic booklets were given away.
- The Chugiak-Eagle River hosted the local Boys & Girls Club for a Spring Break visit/Lego Build program 3/13 with 25 in attendance.
- Kim Cameron (Mountain View Youth Services Librarian), participated in the Community Resource Fair at Clark Middle School, sponsored by Anchorage School District, Title 1 Family Engagement.
- Kim Cameron (Mountain View Youth Services Librarian), met with students and parents at Wonder Park Elementary's Parent Night.
- Amanda Andros (Reference Librarian/ILL Supervisor, Loussac) held the first Dish! Cookbook Club meeting on March 6th. She had 5 participants in attendance for the first meeting and 7 other patrons registered for future meetings. Members introduced themselves and spoke about their backgrounds and experiences with cooking, often discussing food preparation techniques that they grew up with. The focus was on nutritional meals, highlighting National Nutrition Month. Members will have their first potluck meal on April 3rd at 5:30 in the Salmon room.
- The Winter Reading Challenge program from January 1st – March 16th was a great success. The numbers across the board increased for all APL locations, with a more than **91% increase** in unique participants and **117% increase** in completed blackouts. (See Recap)

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- The Gerrish Library is working on organizing an Author Visit with Arran Forbes, an Anchorage author who wrote *Pluto Cove*, a climate fiction novel set in very-remote Kenai Peninsula and David Brame, the Illustrator of *Safe Passage*, a teen graphic novel set in South Side of Chicago that follows Darius, his sister Cissy and his best friend Booger as they set out to find an armored truck that has lost a payload of cash.
- The Gerrish Library is also planning a Haiku Contest in April.
- The Chugiak-Eagle River Library plans to host a Sticky-Note Poetry asynchronous program for the month of April for National Poetry Month.
- The Chugiak-Eagle River Library has a "Weeds & Wildflowers" program scheduled with Alaska Botanical Gardens for April 30 at 4pm.
- APL will celebrate National Library Week April 7-13 with the premier of our patron designed outreach stickers, recognition by the Anchorage Assembly (April 9), and social media celebrating libraries and library workers.

Limiting Factors/Concerns- None at this time

Internal Goals and Strategies

Recent Accomplishments

- Collection Management Services by the numbers March:

Task	Number of Items
Collection Maintenance- Updates to existing items	2430
Donations- Added to the collection from community donations	66
New Item Processing- Books, movies etc, added to the collection	1665

- The final expenses were posted for the library 2023 general operating budget. The library spent out 99.19% of non-labor funds and 97.94% of labor funds. Because we were able to utilize our entire budget to fulfill the mission of the library and provide the best service to the community within the budget provided. Past years, we were not able to utilize the full budget due to staffing shortages and the public did not receive the best service as it meant less books available for checkout and reduction in quality of technology
- The library completed the IMLS Cares Act grant awarded in 2021 in the amount of \$69,602. The purpose of the grant was to provide technology access to and job support as part of COVID recovery. The library piloted a MiFi lending program in 2021-2022 to increase internet access, purchased laptops for patron use within the library, purchased a NorthStar Digital Literacy subscription which provides technology training and job assistance, and marketing for the NorthStar program. The final report for this grant will be available in August following the grant close out timeline.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Library senior leadership will be reviewing the Library's Capital Improvement Plan and working with partners to establish priorities.
- APL has officially scheduled for the installation of our new and improved self-checkouts and security gates for late May.
- Elizabeth Nicolai (Assistant Director) is working on redoing the statistical reporting for the library to the municipality through our PVR (Performance Value Results) reporting.

Limiting Factors/Concerns

- People trespassed from Anchorage Public Library: 16
 - 11 at Loussac Library, 3 at Mountain View Library, 2 at Muldoon Library
- A security camera was broken out of its casing at the Loussac Library.
- By March 22 Muldoon Library accepted the resignation of both of our wonderful Library Assistants. This impacted planning and some outreach; however, with staffing support from Mountain View, Chugiak-Eagle River, and Loussac we maintained our core services and programs. Thanks to the efforts of HR/Employment we posted our position, interviewed, and now have hired two new staff members who start April 8th and April 16th, respectively.

Library Board Updates

Recent Accomplishments

- Friends of the Library- Beyond the Stacks ticket sales are going very well with just a few tables left before the April 13 event. They offer thanks to APL for the marketing and messaging support.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Anchorage Library Foundation will run their spring appeal to coincide with Library Giving Day on April 4. This year's goal is \$10,000 for support the upgrade of the primary first floor service point at Loussac library which sees the highest number of patron interactions in the entire system for checking out materials, issuing buss passes, registering people to vote, issuing new library cards and maintaining library patron accounts.
- Anchorage Library Foundation is actively working on board member recruitment and will partner with APL to boost those messaging efforts.

Limiting Factors/Concerns- None at this time

Social Media/Photos

L) Instagram appreciation post for story kits. R) Muldoon Library Senior Saturday's technology help.

