

Municipality of Anchorage
Library Advisory Board Minutes
Microsoft Teams Virtual & In-Person Meeting
Loussac Library

December 18, 2024

(Subject to approval at the 1.15.25 LAB meeting)

Attendance

<u> E </u>	Debra Bronson
<u> X </u>	Megan Cacciola
<u> E </u>	Olivia Garrett
<u> X </u>	Jen Griffis
<u>Remote</u>	Marc Johnson
<u> PH </u>	Rachel Odom
<u> X </u>	Meneka Thiru
<u> X </u>	Cristy Willer

X = Present, E = Excused, U = Unexcused, PH = Phone, remote = Teams

Staff Present

Elizabeth Nicolai, (Acting Director); Mollie Roache (Budget Coordinator); Sarah Preskitt (Adult Services Coordinator); Misty Rose Nesvick (Communications Coordinator); Andi Haley (Adult Services Librarian); Rebecca Lampert (Time Administrator)

Guests Present: None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Cristy Willer at 5:33 pm.

Land Acknowledgment

Cristy Willer acknowledged that the Board meets on the traditional lands of the Upper Cook Inlet Dena'ina Athabascan people.

Approvals:

- Action: The agenda was approved as presented (Member Thiru motioned, Member Cacciola seconded).

- Action: Minutes from the November 20, 2024 LAB meeting were approved (Member Griffis motioned, Member Thiru seconded).

Staff Presentations:

- Sarah Preskitt, Adult Services Coordinator, provided an update on the Alaska Wing renovation.
- Andi Haley, adult Services Librarian, presented on the Library's Resource Database for News. The presentation included information about the collections national and international holdings; there is a searchable database for the Alaska Daily News from 1985-2018.
- Misty Rose Nesvick, Communications Coordinator, presented on several awards received by APL staff:
 - 2024 John Cotton Dana Award, as recognition for strategic communication efforts.
 - Booch for Books—Library Love in a Can Campaign.
[2024 John Cotton Dana Awards Announced | ALA](#)
- Mollie Roache, Budget Coordinator, presented on the Strategic Plan Survey and led a discussion of Survey results from Library Advisory Board members.

Director's Report:

The December Director's Report was distributed and is on file. Elizabeth Nicolai, Acting Director, reviewed highlights of the Report.

Board Comments: None.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. (Member Cacciola motioned, Member Griffis seconded.)