

Unalaska Public Library -- Daniel Masoni, Librarian
Monthly Report
August, 2013

Library use in August, 2013 totaled 9,558 patrons who checked out 22,019 items. Two hundred thirty-six Interlibrary Loan requests were originated by patrons. As of the end of the month 7,429 active library borrowers (who had used their library cards within the last 60 months) had been registered and 201 Reference Questions had been answered.

Online With Libraries statistics are being maintained for the OWL Project Staff. 5,672 OWL computer sessions were initiated during the month of August and 3,076 library patrons exclusively used computer-based resources.

The library recorded 29 hours of volunteer participation in public activity programming by 11 individuals during the month of August.

No major accidents or incidents took place at the library during the month of August.

The library deposited fines and fees totaling \$1,826.45 in August.

The Summer Reading Club "Cave" Party takes place on September 7. The staff has been very busy with the "Dig Into Reading" theme all summer. Several unique and enjoyable projects have taken place as part of the program, including growing small plants and excavating dinosaur bones from sand-based prizes.

The Library is now live with ListenAlaska/Overdrive, so as soon as Sirsi/Dynix completes update of our local Online Card Catalog, patrons will be able to link in to download e-books and audiobooks from the ListenAlaska site. Patrons will be able to access the site from any Internet connected computer or device and will need to enter their Unalaska Library Card Number and local PIN code in order to do downloads. The site is << <http://listenalaska.lib.overdrive.com/> >>.

The OWL Grant has been extended by the US Department of Commerce for one year. As a member of the OWL Advisory Committee, I am advocating for wider Broadband capability for remote libraries and additional equipment to serve children.

On the State legislative front, the Alaska Library association is again advocating for funding the Alaska School Library Grant in Aid Program. At its meeting on August 23rd, I submitted positive comment to the House DEED Subcommittee for Sustaining Education in favor of funding the program.