

UNALASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, September 16, 2019
5:30 PM

Unalaska Public Library
Dan Masoni Conference Room

Mission:

Unalaska Public Library educates, enriches, and inspires community members by connecting them to the world and each other.

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
Present: Crane, Thompson, Hanson-Zueger, Hatfield
Absent: Ortiz, Hazen, Cummings
- II. Introduction of Visitors **None**
- III. Additions or Changes to the Agenda **Added Item C. OWL Funding under New Business.**
- IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items **None**
- V. Minutes of the May 6 meeting **Hatfield moved to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2019 meeting. Thompson seconded. Approved by consensus.**
- VI. Librarian's Report **City Librarian Karen Kresh reviewed the Librarian's Reports from May, June, July, and August of 2019. She noted that attendance had been down, and wireless use has also been down. Circulation has generally remained steady or gone up over the same time period. Cause is uncertain at this point, perhaps related to internet speeds, LTE availability, and/or reduction in processing facility work force.**
- VII. Old or Unfinished Business
 - A. Library Building Improvement Project **Project is approaching 90% design, at which point the City will be ready to open the project for construction bidding, which will happen in October 2019. ECI Architect Karen Zaccaro will visit the island September 18-19 to meet with library, maintenance, and IS staff, as well as the project team to make any final modifications to the design documents. Committee received a floor plan and elevation of the plans so far.**
 - B. Art Committee for Library Building Improvement Project **The Art Committee, a subcommittee of the Library Advisory Committee, met four times over the summer, and Kresh provided a summary of their work. Advisory Committee received the Final Report from the Art Committee, listing the selected artists and works that will be included in the Library Building Improvement Project. One piece will be funded by the Non-Profit Friends of the Unalaska Public Library. Hanson-Zueger noted a screen displaying art that she had seen and enjoyed on display in another public library.**
 - C. Summer Reading Program **The 2019 Summer Reading theme was "A Universe of Stories." As a result of the program, preschoolers enjoyed 440 books, elementary students read for nearly 50,000 minutes, teens turned in 85 book reviews, and adults turned in 43 book reviews. Every elementary**

student who read more than 500 minutes received a coupon to spend at the UCSD Fall Book Fair. The library sent a list of elementary readers who read 1,000 minutes or more to elementary school administration so they could be recognized in school.

VIII. New Business

- A. Library Staffing The library has added two On-Call Library Assistants to help cover the circulation desk during times of low staffing. In the future, the library will consider recommending the addition of an additional full-time position to accommodate growing service demands on library staff.**
- B. Banned Books Week Banned Books Week is September 22 – 28, 2019. During this time, KUCB will replay past recordings from banned books read by members of the community.**
- C. OWL Funding This funding in the approximate amount of \$27,000 was included in the Alaska State Legislature's FY20 budget, threatened with line item veto by the governor, and then not vetoed in the end. After some uncertainty about the future of this program, the city will receive these funds in FY20.**

IX. Announcements: Kresh will be out late December through mid-late February for maternity leave. Annual Make a Difference Dinner for Suicide Prevention will take place Friday, September 27, 6 – 8 PM. Aleutian Harvest event will take place Saturday, September 28.

X. Next Meeting: Monday, October 21, 5:30 PM

XI. Adjournment 6:40 PM

Committee Members and Terms:

M. Lynn Crane, Chair - 02/2021 Cyri Thompson, Vice Chair - 02/2022 Debbie Hanson-Zueger - 02/2020
Virginia Hatfield – 02/2022 Lucy Ortiz - 02/2022 Cat Hazen - 02/2021 Robert Cummings - 02/2021