

Report to the Assembly - Borough Public Libraries



Mat-Su Borough Public Libraries multifaceted and responsive to their communities

Support a love of
reading, personal
growth and lifelong
learning

Serve as focal points
and resource hubs for
the Borough and their
communities



Play a central role in
education for adults
and children

Maintain collections and
present programming that
meet community needs

LIBRARIES = STRONG COMMUNITIES





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LIBRARIES ARE HIGHLY VALUABLE IN DISASTER RESPONSE

Library staffs are skilled at assisting the general public in locating information

Librarians are masters at mobilizing and distributing information

Public libraries are a comforting place for disaster victims

Multi-purpose spaces in public libraries can be adapted for many uses

Most public libraries are wired

Libraries serve more than local residents

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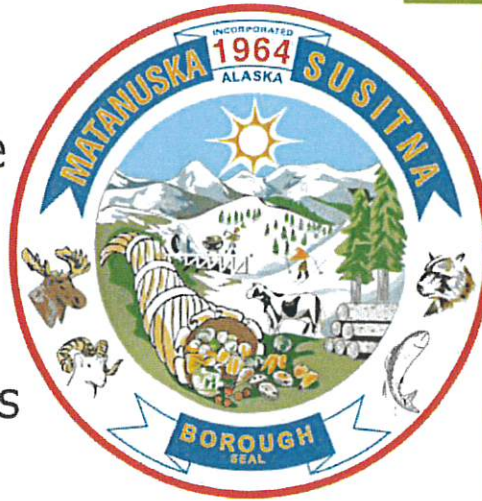
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LIBRARIES ARE AMERICA'S MOST DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

Libraries ensure people have access to information and lifelong learning regardless of age, education, ethnicity, gender, language, income, physical limitations or geographic barriers.

Libraries strengthen communities and help create a more literate and just society.

Libraries
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of the
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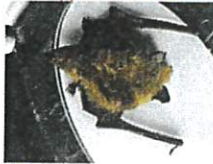
Storytime instills
literacy skills
before babies and
toddlers reach
school age



STEM and STEAM programs – after school, homeschool, and during summer for toddlers, tweens, and teens



**Go Batty @
the Trapper Creek Library**



Kids grade K-2 join us after school **Wednesday October 25** & learn about Bats. We have a real bat specimen for you to examine with a magnifying glass. Bat facts, activities & snacks are all on the agenda.

Program runs from 3:30 - 4:30

Kids will need a bus pass to the Library. Parents, we will need a phone number on file at the library for you and please pick up your children promptly unless other arrangements have been made.

3rd — 5th GRADERS!!!

Big Lake Library has a new after school program:

STEAM KIDS!!

TUESDAYS AT 4PM

SNACKS! BOOKS! ACTIVITIES! GAMES! CRAFTS!

Call the library at 861-7635 to secure your place!



Eagle River Nature Center naturalist talks with kids and adults about parasites, highlighting the dangers AND benefits of parasites.

Public Libraries host informational talks, workshops, and training.



Spruce beetles in your forest? What to know to protect the health of your trees and forests

An increase in spruce beetle damage has occurred in the Eagle River area during the last few years. The Cooperative Extension Service and the Alaska Division of Forestry are partnering to bring you a free workshop. Learn about:

- spruce beetle damage and how to identify it
- when to call for help
- how to get your questions answered

FREE WORKSHOP

Big Lake Public Library

For more information, contact:
Brenda Murray
UM Cooperative Extension
907-286-6100
brenda@alaska.edu

www.uald.edu
877-932-5811



Sutton Public Library
April 5 at 4:30pm

Calling all kids from 5th to 8th grade.....join us for these programs planned just for you!



Electric Tweens

FRIDAY, APRIL 14 @ 4:00 P.M.

Sutton Public Library

Joseph Davis introduces us to Chibronics and creating a electrical circuit. Imagine, make and craft a unique light-up project.

Tweens programs at the Sutton Library are for kids from 5th-8th grade. Call the library at 261-1940 today to sign up for one of Smith's library fun, hands on events!

Flower Boxes

FRIDAY, MAY 12 @ 4:30 P.M.

Sutton Public Library

Bill from Matsumaki Woodworks will be here to help us construct and plant our flower boxes.

(Mother's Day & May 14th)







We Need You

Big Lake Library Teen Advisory Board (BLT+T) Needs YOU!
EXCLUSIVELY FOR TEENS AGES 11-16
Help us plan activities for your age group
Share ideas, work with hands, and help the community
Where: Fridays from 4:30 to 5:30 starting April 28
Where: Big Lake Library Meeting Room
Bring your friends!

Big Lake Library (972) 861-7635



Script to
Screen using
One Button
Studio

Free Lunch at the Library
Eat and Read!



Time: Wednesday 12:00-12:05 Mon 12-August-18
Location: Upper Credit Public Library

An amazing, special lunch and reading program for all ages! This free lunch and reading program is held at the library. The lunch is served by the library staff and the reading program is held by the library staff. The lunch is served by the library staff and the reading program is held by the library staff.

For more information, contact: Upper Credit Public Library at 208-141-1111 or email: uppercredit@uppercreditlibrary.org

Need a ride? Sunshine Transit is offering a free ride to the library lunch. Please call the Sunshine Transit office at 208-141-1111 for more information.

 The Foraker Group
August 11, 2017 

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Collaboration is key! We love this example of organizations coming together to serve their community. Awesome work Talkeetna Public Library & Sunshine Transit - transportation for the Susitna Valley -- with support from Food Bank of Alaska & Mat-Su Health Foundation.



ALASKAPUBLIC.ORG
How books and buses are fighting summer hunger in rural Alaska

Summer reading programs prevent "summer slide." Adding transportation and lunch showcases collaboration with other organizations.



K-3 Reading Mentor Program is a collaboration between the Talkeetna Public Library, Talkeetna Elementary, Friends of the Talkeetna Library, Sunshine Transit, Upper Susitna Food Bank, and community volunteers

LOOKING FOR A CAREER?
Join us in this one of a kind job fair where you really do become your own boss!

Monday, April 24 4:30 - 6:30 PM
PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY
655 S Valley Way Palmer, Alaska, AK 99643

ENTERALD PLANNING Present: *Breaking the Ceiling, Dispelling the Myths of Direct Sales*

- ✓ Find out how you, too, can get away from the 9-5 rat race and get paid **what you deserve to be paid!**
- ✓ Get accurate and reliable information from online business owners about products, compensation, pay structure, organization... And more!
- ✓ Learn about leader's best practices
- ✓ Be involved and get training from the industry's growing leaders!
- ✓ The **ONLY** job fair where you do not need to bring your resume, come as you are!
- ✓ No experience required... We are here to share with you **WHY** you don't have to be "good in sales" to be able to make a sale!

***No inventory sales on site. We are here to share only the LSCAL business opportunity available for everyone!

Call / Text (907) 221-9923 for more information

❖ Job hunting?
❖ Need to enroll for a government program?
❖ Need a tax form?
❖ Want help filling out your PFD online?

You can find help at Borough Public Libraries

DON'T LET TIME RUN OUT!
Medicare open enrollment for 2019 coverage ends
DECEMBER 7, 2018

Britney Travis, from the Medicare Information Office, will be at the **Big Lake Public Library** to help you enroll
Tuesday, November 20, from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Please call **907-373-3632** for a time slot

Alaska's Medicare Information Office
SMP
medicare.alaska.gov

Find us on 

Several Borough libraries are polling locations for absentee-in-person voting for federal, state, and Borough elections.

Talkeetna and Sutton Public Libraries are election day polls.



Libraries do still
check out books,
videos, and
audiobooks!

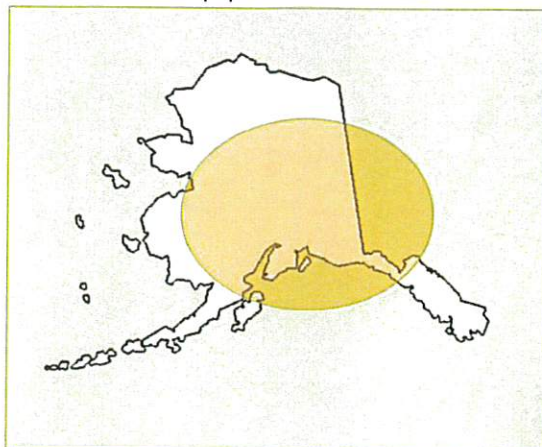


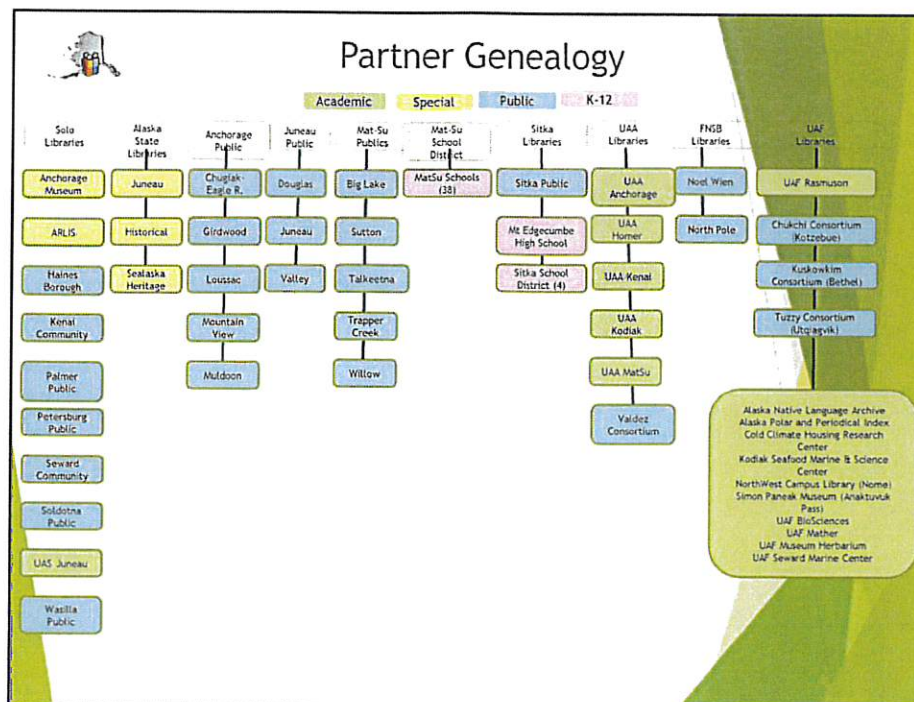
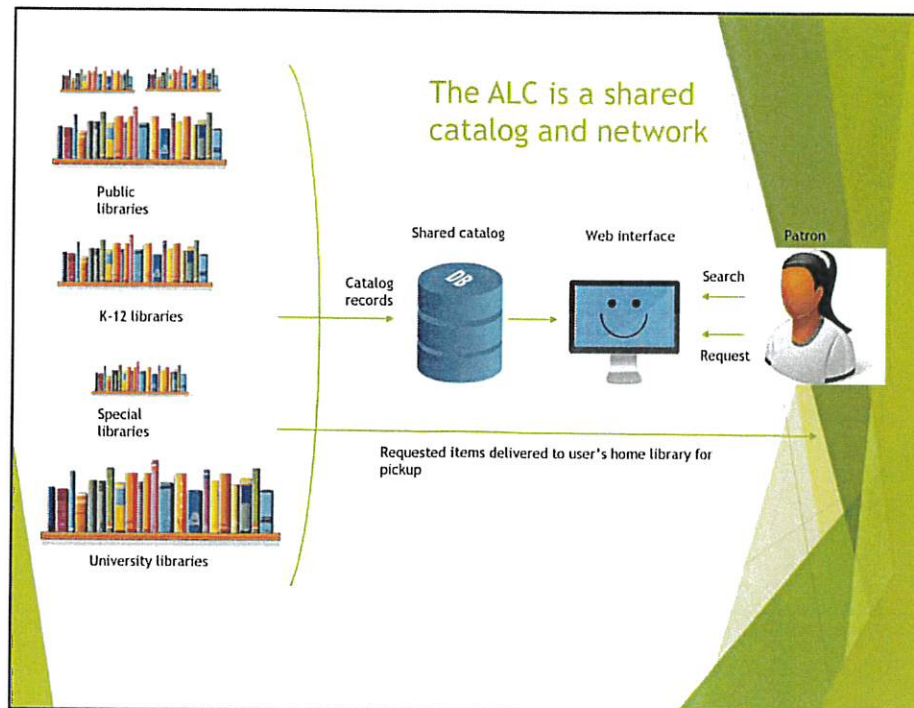
But they check out other things too!

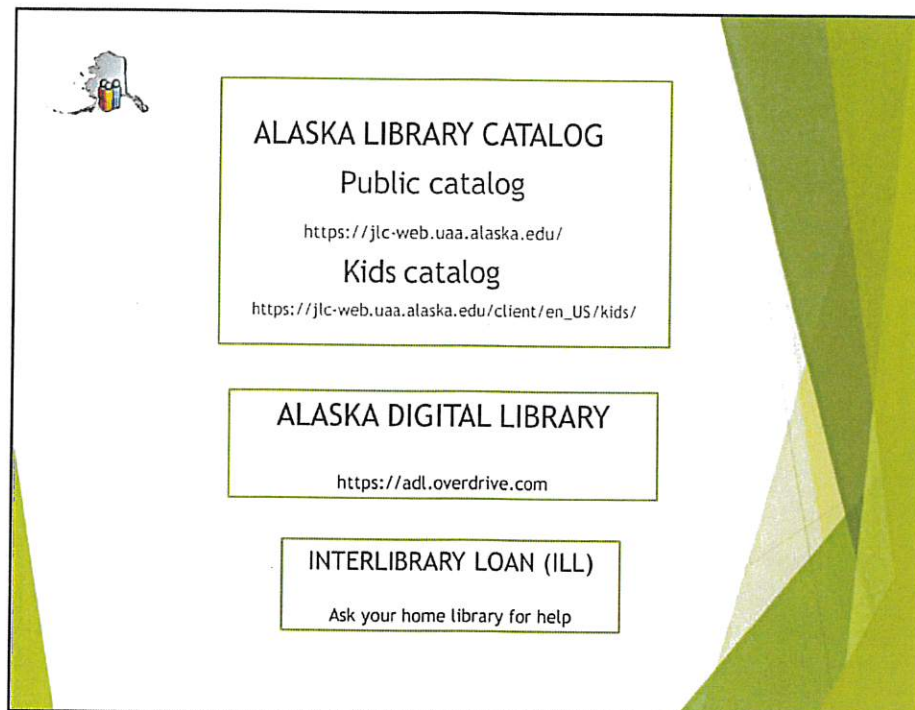


The Alaska Library Catalog (ALC)

The ALC or Alaska Library Catalog (formerly known as the Joint Library Catalog), is a consortium/network of Public, Academic, and school libraries within the State of Alaska. Currently, it covers "87 public, academic, special, and K-12 libraries and serves 92% of the population of Alaska."







This slide provides information about Alaska's library resources. It features a small graphic of Alaska in the top left corner. The main content is organized into three distinct boxes, each with a title and a URL. The first box contains links to the public and kids catalogs. The second box links to the digital library. The third box provides information about interlibrary loan services.



ALASKA LIBRARY CATALOG
Public catalog
<https://jlc-web.uaa.alaska.edu/>
Kids catalog
https://jlc-web.uaa.alaska.edu/client/en_US/kids/

ALASKA DIGITAL LIBRARY
<https://adl.overdrive.com>

INTERLIBRARY LOAN (ILL)
Ask your home library for help



This graphic features a word cloud of positive attributes associated with staff. The word 'STAFF' is prominently displayed on the left side in large, bold, black letters. To the right, various adjectives are arranged in a cloud-like pattern, including 'knowledgeable', 'accepting', 'kind', 'helpful', 'caring', 'multitasking', 'friendly', 'dedicated', 'efficient', 'smiles', 'committed', 'understanding', and 'patient'. The background is a solid light beige color.

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**COLLABORATION
PARTNERSHIPS
COMPROMISE
RESPECT
PROVIDE FACTUAL INFORMATION
PROVIDE DIGITAL TRAINING
RESEARCH
TEAMWORK
HARD WORK
DOING WHAT'S BEST
FOR THE COMMUNITY**

Assessment: Staffing

- Staff are the most important part of library service for patrons
- Staff get high marks from patrons
- For safety, work toward a minimum of two staff members during all operational hours



library
systems
services

community
meeting small
safe code unsafe
FACILITIES
meet light warm
crowded emergency
beautiful cramped

WordCloud

Recommendations: Facilities

Willow:
Leverage Mat-Su
Health Foundation
grant



Willow Library Replacement/Community Center Upgrade

Budget	\$5,666,000
MSB Appropriation	(1,900,000)
Mat-Su Health Foundation Grant	(1,698,000)
Mayor Vern Halter Contribution	(14,000)
Willow Community Contribution	(75,000)
Pending Rasmuson Foundation Grant	(500,000)
Subtotal	\$1,473,000
State of Alaska – (Talkeetna Reappropriation \$423,029 + State General Fund Appropriation \$576,971)	(\$1,000,000)
Balance to be Raised	\$473,000

"Many public libraries do need renovations, particularly the neighborhood branches. But the problem libraries face isn't that people no longer visit them or take out books. On the contrary: so many people are using them, for such a wide variety of purposes,"

Eric Klinenberg from "...Why libraries are more than books."
<https://edifytrends.com/-why-libraries-are-more-than-just-books/>

Today, we may have every reason to feel atomized and alienated, distrustful and afraid. But some places have the power to bring us together, and social bonding happens in thousands of libraries throughout the year.

Our communities are full of children whose future... will be formed in the places where they go to learn about themselves and the world they'll inherit.

<https://amp.theguardian.com/cities/2018/sep/24/-at-the-library-everyone-is-welcome>

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CONCLUSION

Borough Public Libraries programs and services:

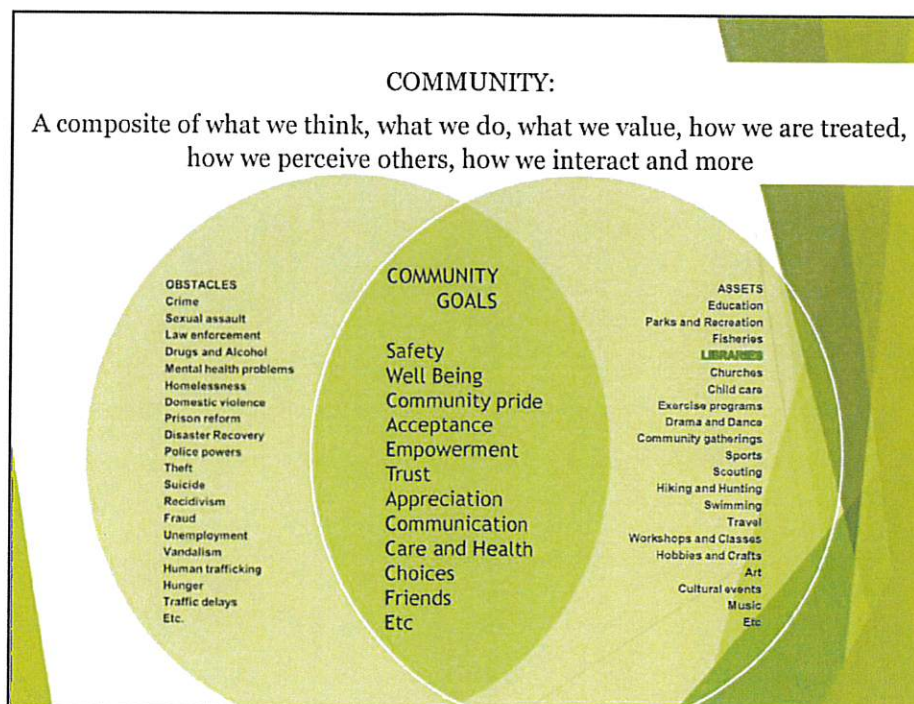
- Vibrant and strong
- Responsive to community needs and more

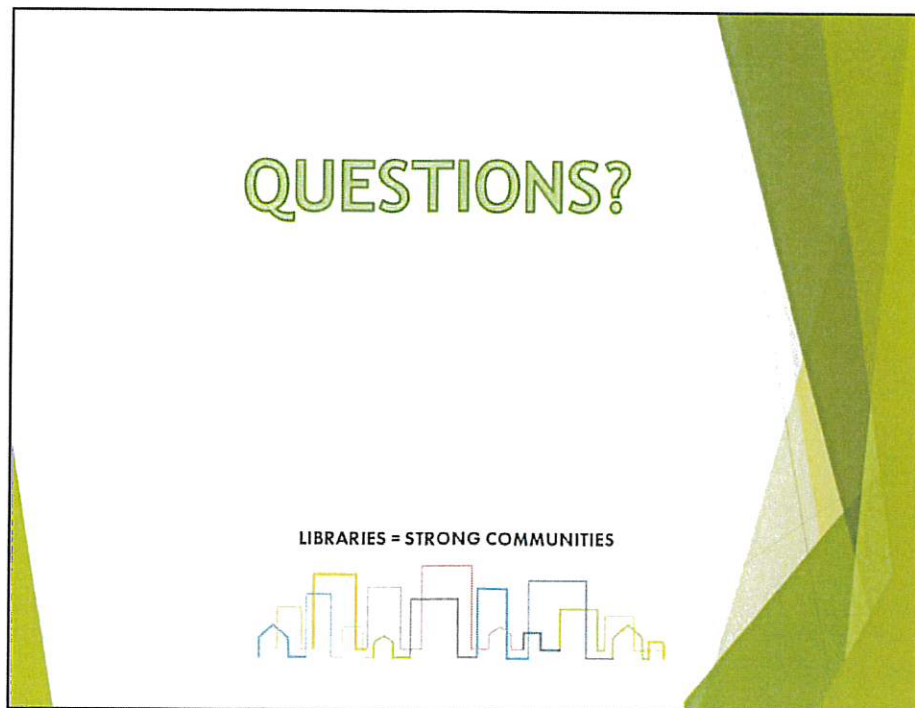
Borough Public Library staff:

- Exceptional

Borough Public Library facilities:

- Newer ones are providing more needed resources
- Aging ones need to be improved as soon as possible





BIG LAKE LIBRARY

3140 S. Big Lake Rd., PO Box 520829
Big Lake, 99652 ~ 861-7635

HOURS

Mon/Wed/Fri 10:00 AM-6:00 PM
Tues/Thurs 10:00 AM-8:00 PM
Saturday 11:00 AM-6:00 PM

PALMER LIBRARY

655 South Valley Way
Palmer, 99645 ~ 745-4690

HOURS

Mon/Wed 10:00-8:00 PM
Tues/Thurs 10:00-6:00 PM
Fri/Sat 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

SUTTON LIBRARY

11301 N Chickaloon Way, PO Box 266
Sutton, 99674 ~ 861-7640

HOURS

Tues/Thurs 11:00 AM-8:00 PM
Wed/Fri 10:00 AM-7:00 PM
Saturday 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

TALKEETNA LIBRARY

24645 S. Talkeetna Spur Road, PO Box 768
Talkeetna, 99676 ~ 861-7645

HOURS

Mon-Sat 11:00 AM-6:00 PM

TRAPPER CREEK LIBRARY

8901 E. Devonshire Dr., PO Box 13388
Trapper Creek, 99683 ~ 861-7650

HOURS

Mon/Wed 10:00 AM-7:00 PM
Thurs 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
Sat 12 Noon-6:00 PM

WASILLA PUBLIC LIBRARY

500 North Crusey Street,
Wasilla, 99654 ~ 376-5913

HOURS

Mon 2:00 PM-6:00 PM
Tues/Thurs 10:30 AM-7:00 PM
Wed/Fri 10:30 AM-6:00 PM
Saturday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

WILLOW LIBRARY

23557 W. Willow Community Center ~ PO Box 129
Willow, 99688 ~ 861-7655

HOURS

Mon/Tues/Thurs 12 Noon-8:00 PM
Wed/Fri/ 10:00 AM-6:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM-3:30 PM

ATTEND A PROGRAM

Programs are available for all ages at the Borough Public Libraries. Storytimes, summer and winter reading programs, family reading programs, teen and tween programs, informational briefings, workshops, computer classes, special events, videoconferencing via On Line With Libraries (OWL), and much more.

Do you have a special skill? Volunteer at your library to host a class or special event.

It's all available at the Borough Public Libraries! Each library offers different programs – so check their websites or library fliers for more information:

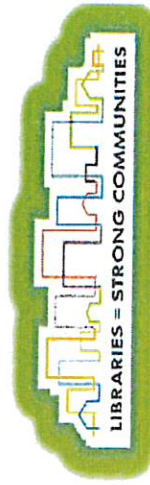
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OTHER SERVICES

Borough Public Libraries provide their communities with a multitude of other services including but not limited to (check the websites or call your library for more information and availability):

- 📌 Meeting rooms
- 📌 Wireless internet
- 📌 Public computers
- 📌 Notary
- 📌 Borough forms
- 📌 IRS forms
- 📌 PFD forms
- 📌 Various permits
- 📌 In-house check-out of:
 - Computers
 - Piano
 - Check at your library for what's available
- 📌 Check out of
 - Bicycles (Sutton)
 - Frisbee golf sets
 - Hiking/nature packs
 - Projector
 - Check at your library for what's available
- 📌 Photocopiers
- 📌 Printers
- 📌 and much more!

DIGITAL BOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS

Your library card provides access to digital content such as ebooks, audiobooks and music. For more information, ask your local librarian or go to:

adl.overdrive.com

For other digital resources try

<http://lam.alaska.gov/sled/home>

You'll find information sources by, for, and about Alaskans. There's a wealth of information including the following:

Need homework help? Try Live Homework Help.

Need historical Alaskan photographs? Try Alaska's Digital Archives.

Need to fix your car or snowmachine or generator or ATV? Try AutoMate or the Small Engine Repair Reference Center

CHECK OUT BOOKS, DVD'S, AUDIOBOOKS

All Borough Public Libraries are members of the Alaska Library Catalog (ALC). Cardholders may borrow from any of the ALC Libraries. You may request items from the ALC libraries, and place a request from the online catalog, (jlc-web.uaa.alaska.edu/client/) or at each library. Items may be checked out or returned at any of the ALC member libraries listed below:

Alaska State Historical Library, Alaska State Library-Juneau, Anchorage Museum, Anchorage Public Library-Chugiak/Eagle River, Anchorage Public Library-Girdwood, Anchorage Public Library-Loussac, Anchorage Public Library- Mountain View, Anchorage Public Library- Muldoon, ARLIS-Anchorage, Big Lake Public Library, Chukchi Consortium Library-Kotzebue, Fairbanks Public Library, Fairbanks Public Library-North Pole, Haines Borough Public Library, Juneau Public Library-Douglas, Juneau Public Library-Juneau, Juneau Public Library-Mendenhall Valley, Kenai Community Library, Kuskokwim Consortium Library-Bethel, Palmer Public Library, Petersburg Public Library, Sealaska Heritage Institute, Seward Community Library & Museum, Sitka Public Library, Soldotna Public Library, Sutton Public Library, Talkeetna Public Library, Trapper Creek Public Library, Tuzzy Consortium Library-Barrow, UAA Library-Homer, UAA Library-Kenai, UAA Library-Kodiak, UAA Library-MatSu, UAA/APU Consortium Library, UAF Libraries-Fairbanks, UAS-Egan-Juneau, Valdez Consortium Library, Wasilla Public Library, Willow Public Library

BECAUSE ACCESS EQUALS OPPORTUNITY.

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The September *Public Management (PM)* magazine's cover story "*Strengthening the Library's Strategic Role*." Authors Rashad Young, city administrator, Washington, D.C., and Susan Benton, president and CEO, Urban Libraries Council, Washington, D.C., explain how libraries are implementing action plans to do so.

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BECAUSE LIBRARIES INSPIRE
UNDERSTANDING AND
COMMUNITY HEALING.

Key Messages:

- ✚ Today's libraries are not just about what they have for people, but what they do for and with people.
- ✚ Libraries change lives.
- ✚ Libraries transform communities.
- ✚ Librarians are passionate advocates for lifelong learning.
- ✚ Libraries are a smart investment.
- ✚ Libraries have always been about access to information

Supplemental Messages:

- Libraries are at the heart of our communities—a resource for people of any age to find what they need to help improve their quality of life.
- Our society is at a critical juncture with regard to the changing information landscape and the skills needed to thrive in our digital world.
- Libraries are evolving with these changes in order to serve the public and to continue to fulfill their role in leveling the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies.
- Libraries also are expanding beyond their traditional roles and providing

more opportunities for community engagement and delivering new services that connect closely with patrons' needs.

- Library professionals facilitate individual opportunity and community progress.
- Libraries are committed to advancing their legacy of reading and developing a digitally inclusive society.
- Libraries add value in five key areas: education, employment, entrepreneurship, empowerment, and engagement.

Alaska Public Library Statistics FY1987-Date

Overview

Alaska's public libraries file an annual report each year with the Alaska State Library in order to remain eligible for the annual public library assistance grant. The state data can be downloaded at the link below. The Excel spreadsheets include the entire data set collected annually.

<https://library.alaska.gov/dev/plstats.html>

Data for Alaska Public Libraries for FY16 is at:

https://www.imls.gov/sites/default/files/pls_fy2016_sp_alaska.pdf

**Libraries =
Education,
Empowerment,
Entrepreneurship,
Engagement**

