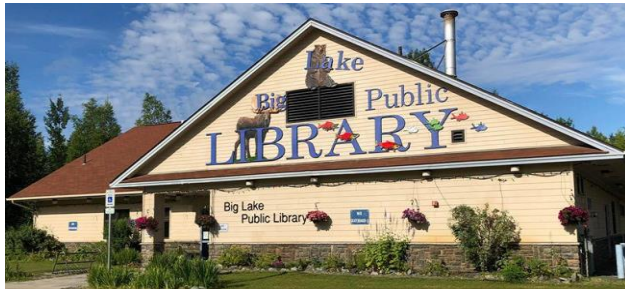


# Report to the Assembly – The “E’s” of Borough Public Libraries



Equalizer Engagement Equity  
Encompassing  
Education  
Enrichment Evolving Equality  
Employment E Economical  
Everyone Empowerment  
Encouragement





**LIBRARIES = ENGAGEMENT  
AND EMPOWERMENT  
FOR EVERYONE**



**LIBRARIES = ENGAGEMENT**



**Story time instills  
literacy skills  
before babies and  
toddlers reach  
school age.**



*“A neighbor invited me to the library’s story time. Not only did my children and I meet other moms and kids we started friendships that have lasted to this day. I am so thankful for the library’s programs!”*





*“All  
children  
should  
have a  
librarian  
in their  
life.”*





Summer  
reading  
programs  
present  
wide-  
ranging  
topics.  
They also  
prevent  
“summer  
slide.”





*“My kids met interesting people and learned about all kinds of topics through library programs. During summer reading programs, my kids and their friends were able to get an up-close look at wild birds, hear about squids and octopi, attend puppet shows, and all of this happened in a safe location.”*



*“I love reading now,  
and my little brother  
is so excited because  
next year when he’s  
in kindergarten he  
can come and read  
with me and my  
reading buddy.”*

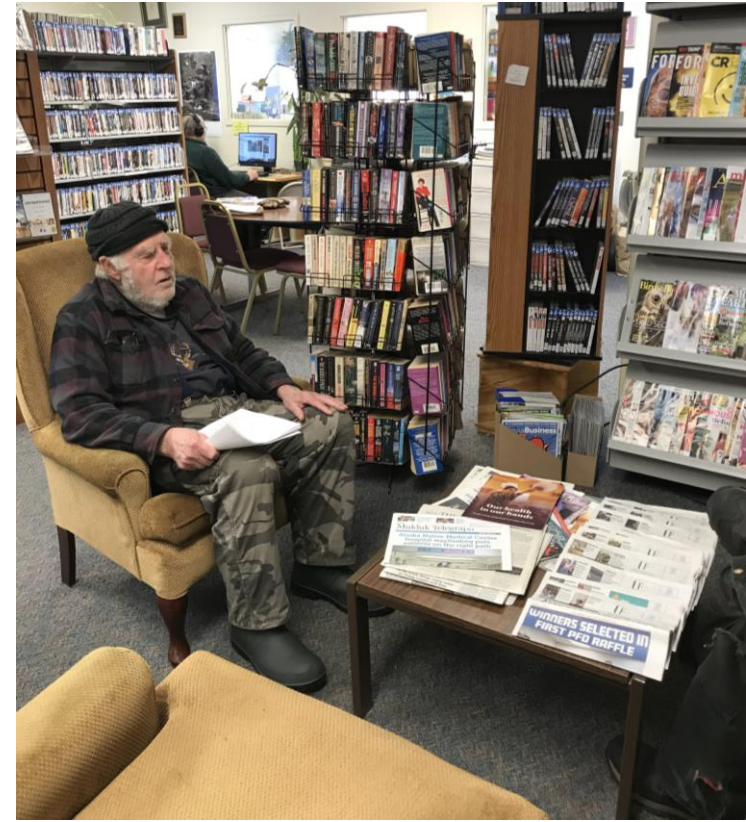


*“Statistics do back up the results of the Reading Mentor program, the thing I realized... was how much good this program does, not only for the children but, also the adults.”*





*“I like living where I do – I chose it. There are times, when the cold has lingered, and the days are dark, and I’ve had no one to talk to but my dog and cat.... I load up the woodstove ..., start up the snowgo, and head to the library. There’s light, warmth and human contact. The librarians smile and are friendly. There’s a comfortable chair, it’s warm... and I can read or talk with a neighbor. I’m thankful for the library.”*





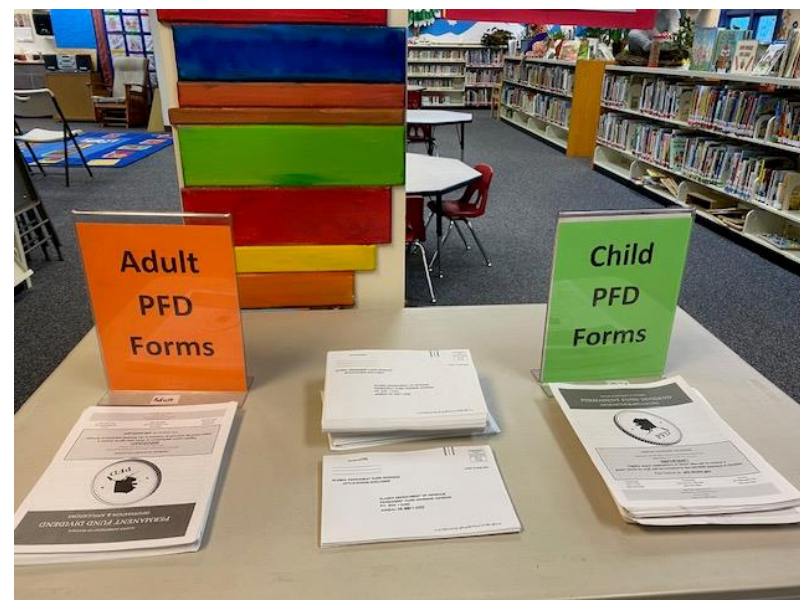
**LIBRARIES = EMPOWERMENT**

*“One patron doesn't speak much English but has been coming to writing group and computer classes. Her husband just died. Someone at the hospital had told her that she no longer had ANY medical coverage or much income. In a panic, she came to the library. By the time she left, librarians had reassured her, and given her resources to check into, and set up an appointment with a patient advocate.”*





*“I don’t use the computer to fill out forms and so when it’s PFD time, I go to the library and the staff is always willing to help me – they’ve helped me retrieve passwords and submit the form. And they do it without talking down to me!”*



*“I really appreciate the computer classes in Willow because otherwise I would have to drive into town and still might not get my questions answered.”*

*“Before I started taking the computer classes at the library, I could only turn my computer on. Now I am surfing the Internet and communicating with my grandkids!”*





*“We Empower our youth by giving them local, age appropriate, structured activities in the summer.”*





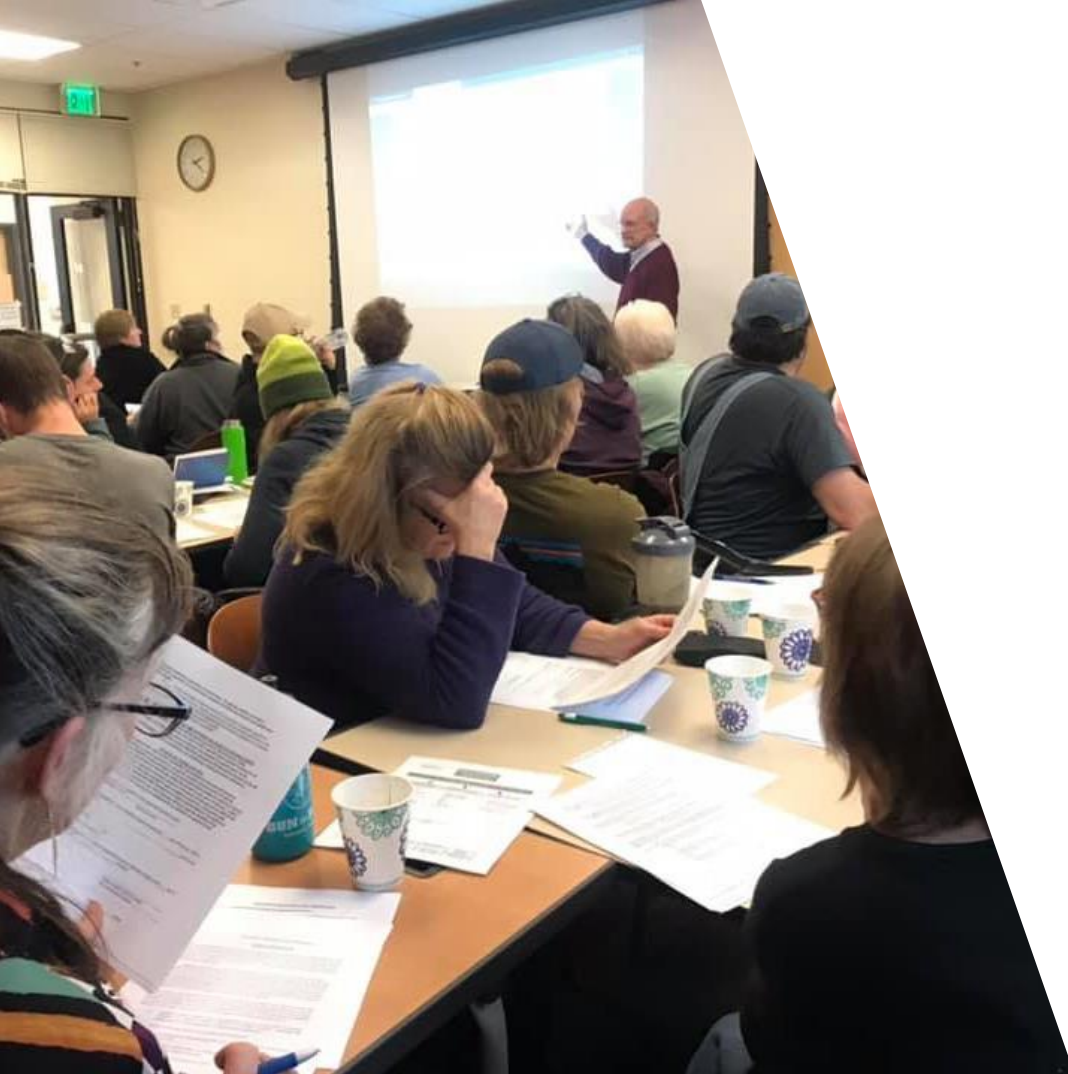
**Borough libraries are polling locations for federal, state, and Borough elections as well as local community councils, plus absentee-in-person voting.**



*“The library, and the service provided by the librarians, is a wonderful needed venue which aids in keeping the community thriving.*

*Our sincere thank you on behalf of the  
Board of Directors,  
Trapper Creek Community Council  
Trapper Creek Community Services Assoc., Inc.”*





*“We’ve wanted to get these documents completed for a long time, but don’t have an attorney. How great to be able to do it locally, and all in one step. I love this library!”*







**LIBRARIES FOR EVERYONE**



*Libraries are there  
for the community  
and responders  
during emergencies.*



*"I love that we have a place in our community that can house so many different types of events. I think it is so important to have a space that is welcoming to Everyone and provides such a place for community."*







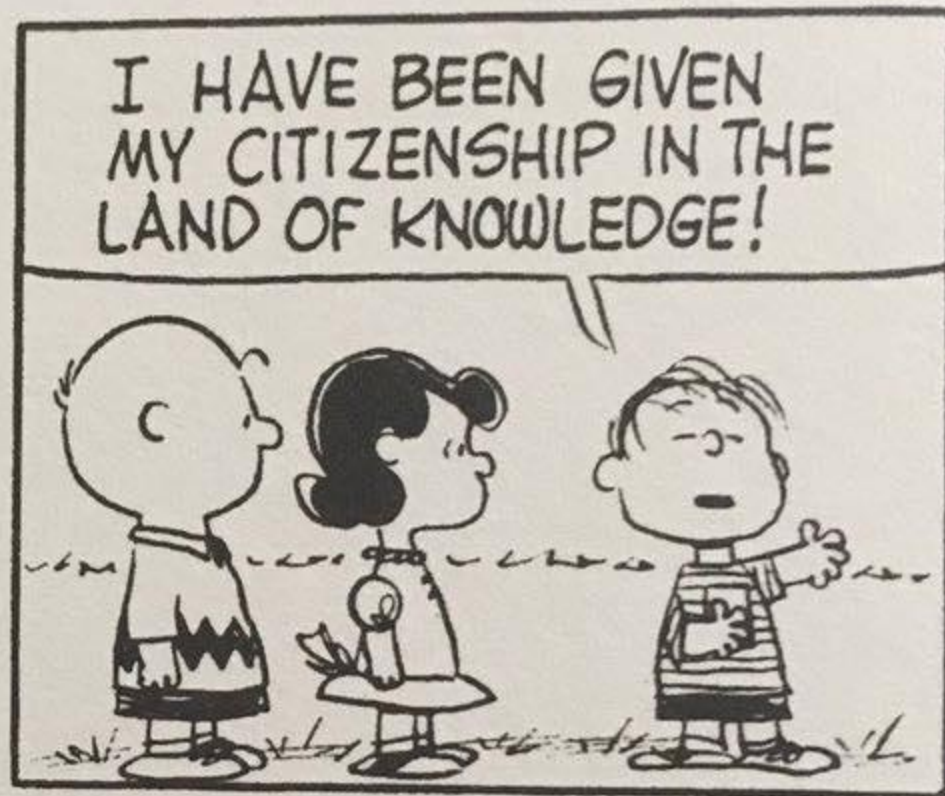
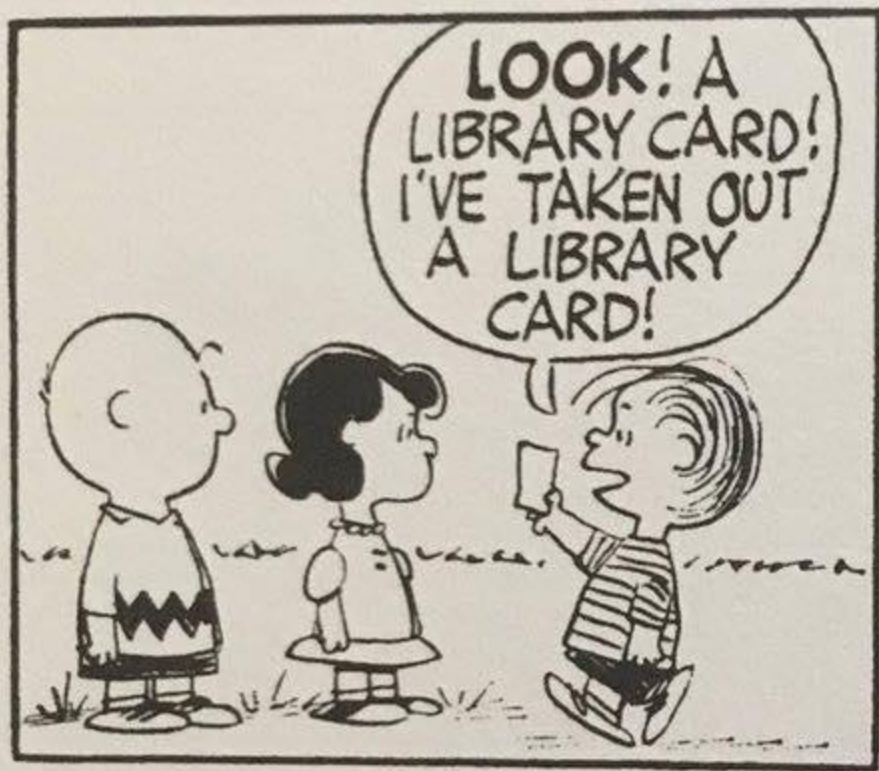




*“I went to the library twice today--I did ask about a book but my purpose the first time was to exercise (a group of us who do weight training for "mature women") and the second was to pick some dill from the herb garden. I was making a zucchini salad. How fun to do these things at the library!! A well-used facility in our town. “*









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Thank you for supporting  
your libraries!  
It changes lives.





Questions?