



Libraries

Transform

Because

of

You

Report to the Assembly

by the
Matanuska-Susitna Borough Library Board

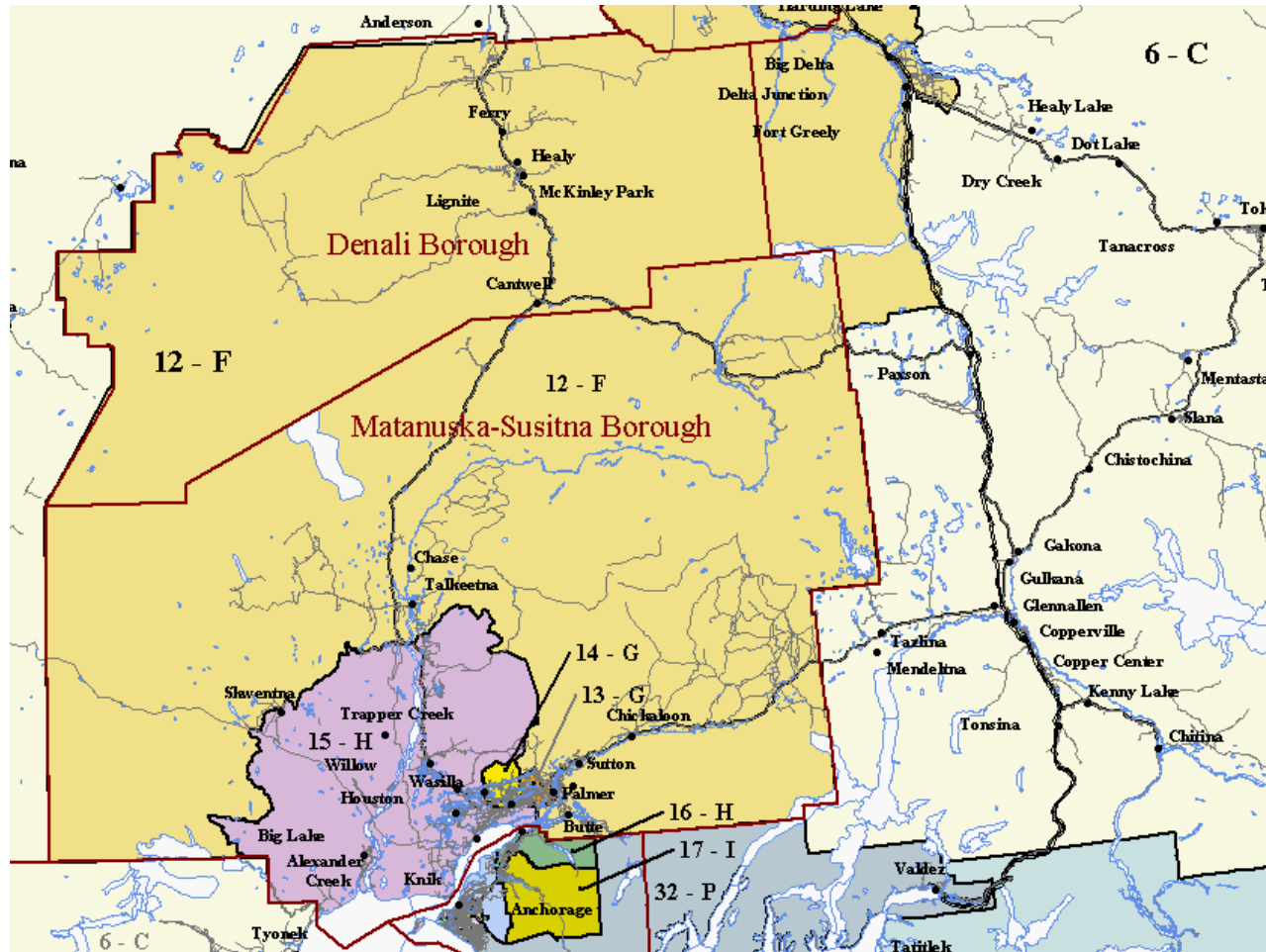
**BECAUSE OF YOU,
LIBRARIES TRANSFORM.**

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
April 9-15, 2017

**LIBRARIES
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ALA American Library Association  Library of Congress



The Borough is transforming...





By NEAL FRIED, Economist

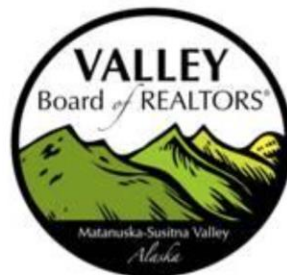
The Matanuska-Susitna Boom

Borough's growth continues to eclipse rest of state

“The Matanuska-Susitna Borough has been a continual economic standout in Alaska. Even in 2009 when employment stalled in Anchorage and the rest of the state, Mat-Su continued to add jobs.”

-- from [Alaska Economic Trends](#), Feb. 2013

MatSu's Economic Indicators That Provide Some Insight Into The Future



January 11th, 2017
Neal Fried, Economist



Because the
Borough
transforms,
Mat-Su libraries
transform.





In turn, ⁺our
communities
respond and
support their
libraries





“We love the summer reading at our library” -- Debbie Snider, Trapper Creek.



“I have been a library patron since I was old enough to get a library card. Brick and mortar libraries are so important in today's electronic world. They are especially important in a community like Willow that lacks a city center. I go to the library every week to look at new books, read the paper and look at magazines.” – Susan Whiton

I checked out a book and fixed my car. – Talkeetna Library Patron

“Wow! There are a lot of people here. Just goes to show we need more of this type of thing out here.” - EL, mom of three from Palmer/Wasilla @ the art program

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!

+ Big Lake Public Library



Our preschool and elementary story times meet weekly.

They enjoyed Shark Month last month. We had stories, songs, and crafts all about sharks.





BIG LAKE LIBRARY EASTER EGG HUNT

Friday, April 14th

4:30 PM

Big Lake Library

Sponsored by: Big Lake Teens (BLT's)

Children 10 and under welcome
Bring Your Own Basket

Join us for fun!
(Dress for Outside)

For more information,
Call Big Lake Library 861-7635

Our **BLTs**
(**Big Lake Teens**)
are for kids 12 –
16. They, too, meet
weekly.





You gotta
love Easter
in Alaska!

Finding the Easter Eggs hidden by the teen
program: BLTs = Big Lake Teens.



Palmer Public Library



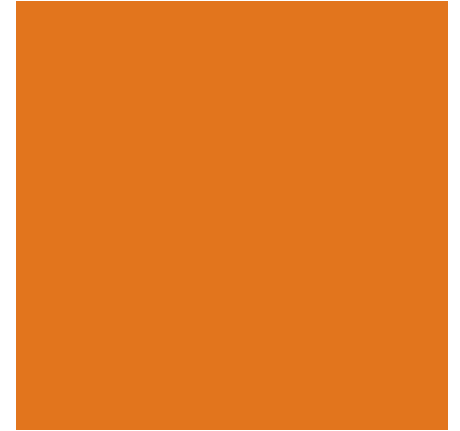


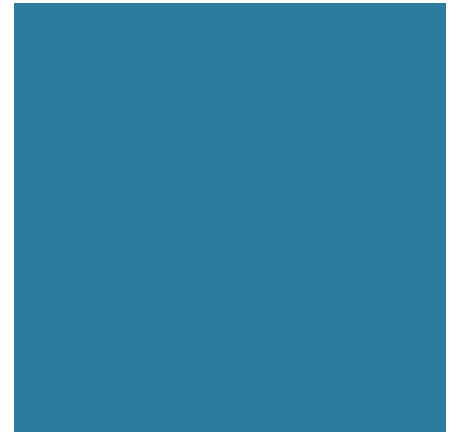
Eagle River Nature Center naturalist, Samantha, talks with kids and adults about parasites, highlighting the dangers AND benefits of parasites.



“The Palmer Public Library has something for everyone...The Palmer Public Library is a great resource for everyone in and around Palmer.”

-- PalmerAlaska.net, sponsored by Valley Market Real Estate





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Sutton Public Library



Sutton Public Library
April 5 at 4:51pm · 🌐

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 Chibitronics and creating a electrical circuit. Imagine, make and craft a unique light-up project.

Tween programs at the Sutton Library are for kids from 5th—8th grade. Call the library at 861-7640 today to sign up for one (or both) of these fun, hands-on events.

Flower Boxes

FRIDAY, MAY 12 @ 4:00 P.M.
Sutton Public Library

Bill from Matanuska Woodworks will be here to help us construct and plant cedar flower boxes.

(Mother's Day is May 14th!)





“The resource center
is the place in our
community where
bright ideas begin.”

-- Nancy Bertels, Head Librarian,
Sutton Public Library



Sutton Public Library

January 17 · 🌐

The Glenn Highway is plowed and it is not too cold yet. Join us at the Sutton Library tonight for this special event.

Presenting....

Eowyn Ivey

AUTHOR OF "THE SNOW CHILD"
AND "TO THE BRIGHT EDGE OF THE WORLD"

Tuesday, January 17

6-8 p.m.

Sutton Public Library

Eowyn will read from her new book,
To the Bright Edge of the World,
as well as answer questions and sign books.



FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED

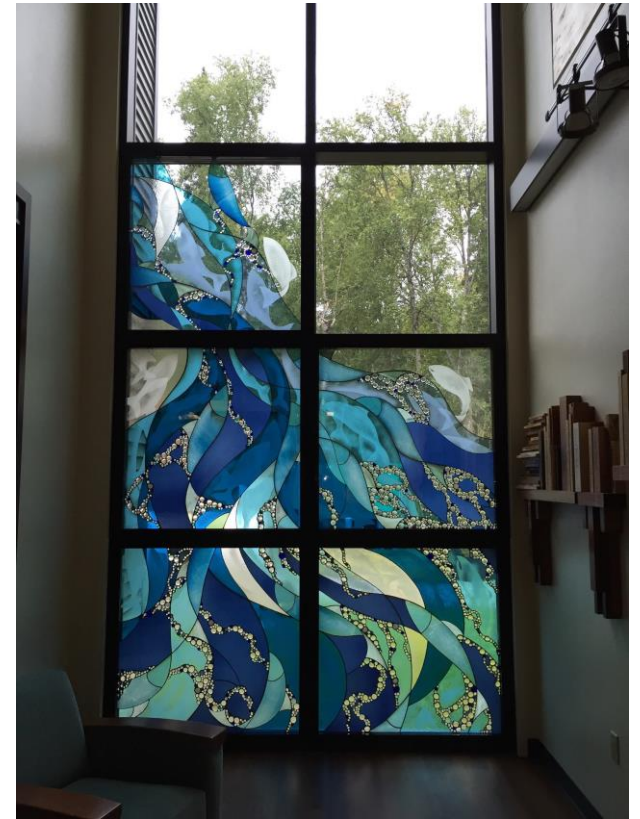
"Sutton library has a beautiful facility and a wonderful staff. It is a long standing community center that so many of us value. As an avid reader and writer, I don't know what I'd do without libraries like the Sutton Public Library."

- Eowyn Ivey



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Talkeetna Public Library





Knowing how to tie the right knot can save lives.
And, it's fun!



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Trapper Creek Public Library

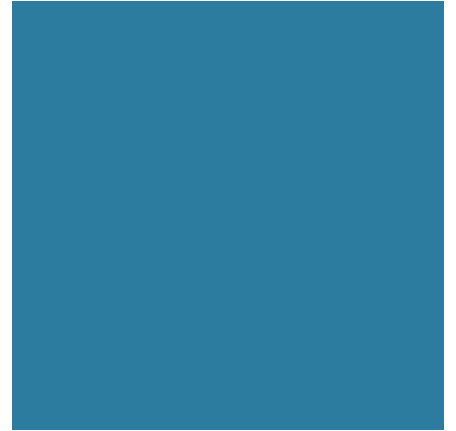


Science @ Trapper Creek Library!

It's explosively fun!

There's a cozy seat waiting just for you @ the Trapper Creek Library.





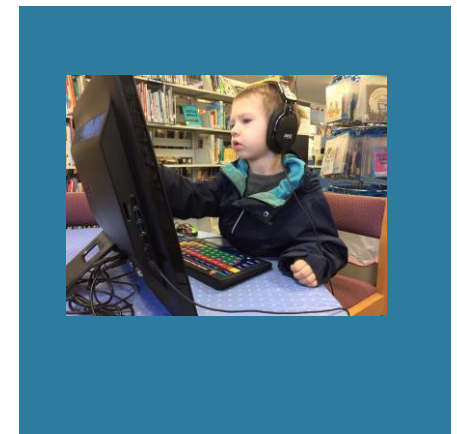
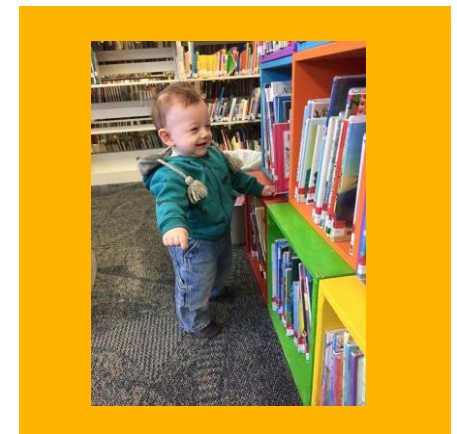
+ Wasilla Public Library



“This place is awesome!
We appreciate your
efforts. Now we have a
place to study and hang
out. Everyone at Wasilla
High thanks you!”



READING
gives us
SOMEPLACE
to go when
we have to
STAY where
we are



+ Willow Public Library



Libraries will get you through
times of no money better than
money will get you through
times of no libraries.

– ANNE HERBERT

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