

Advocacy
for
Collection Development
Growth in Staff

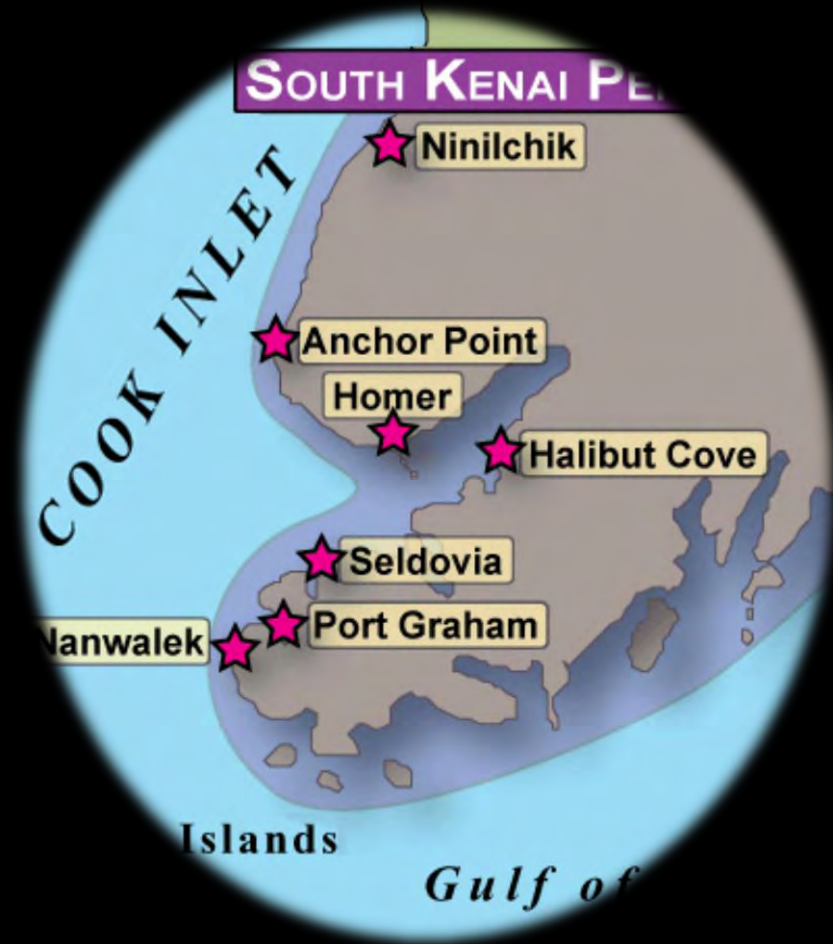
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A Presentation by the Library Advisory Board

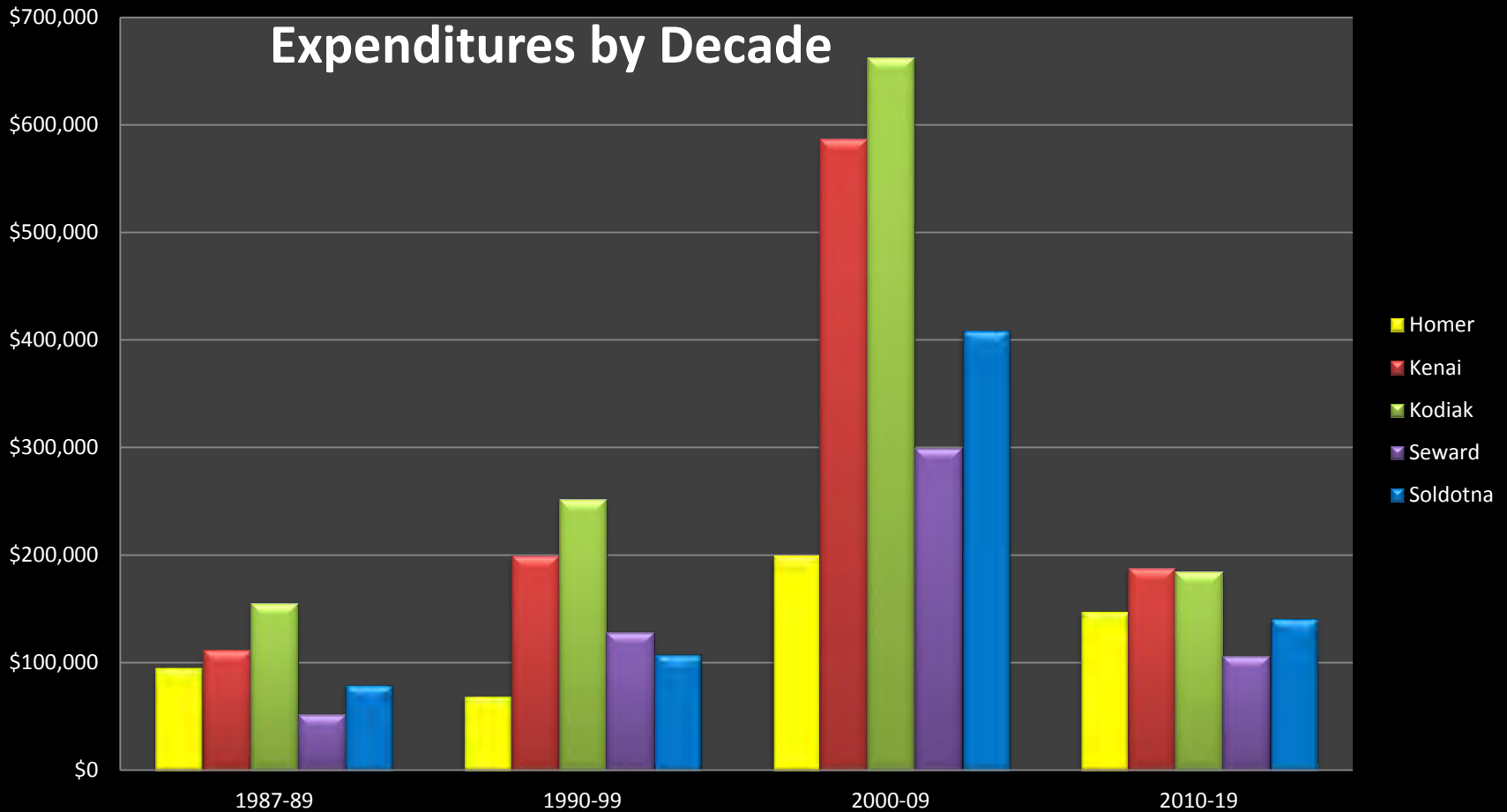
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Our Library serves the communities of the Southern Kenai Peninsula from Ninilchik south to across the Bay as far as Nanwalek.

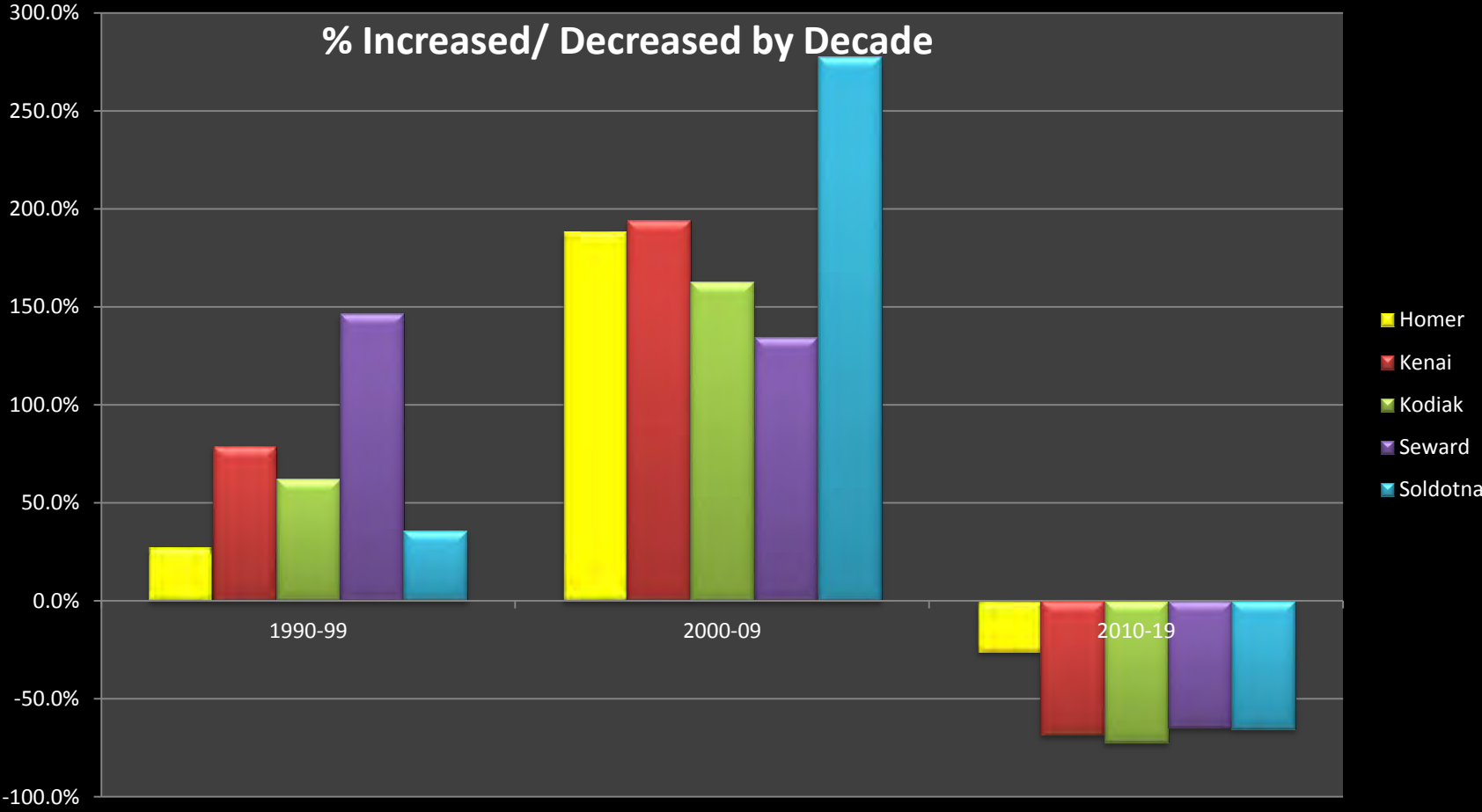
Comparison of Library Expenditures



Homer's
neighboring
communities
increased their
budgets with
inflation in the
preceding decade



Percentages by Decade



Decreased spending
fails to provide the
basic maintenance
of a service that our
community
deserves





The deficit shown in the 1990's cannot be repaired by the increase reflected in the 2000's.

The Library will continue to offer non-fiction materials two decades or more out of date if a steady growth is not continued.

This will prevent the Library from meeting the needs of the community.

Public Input

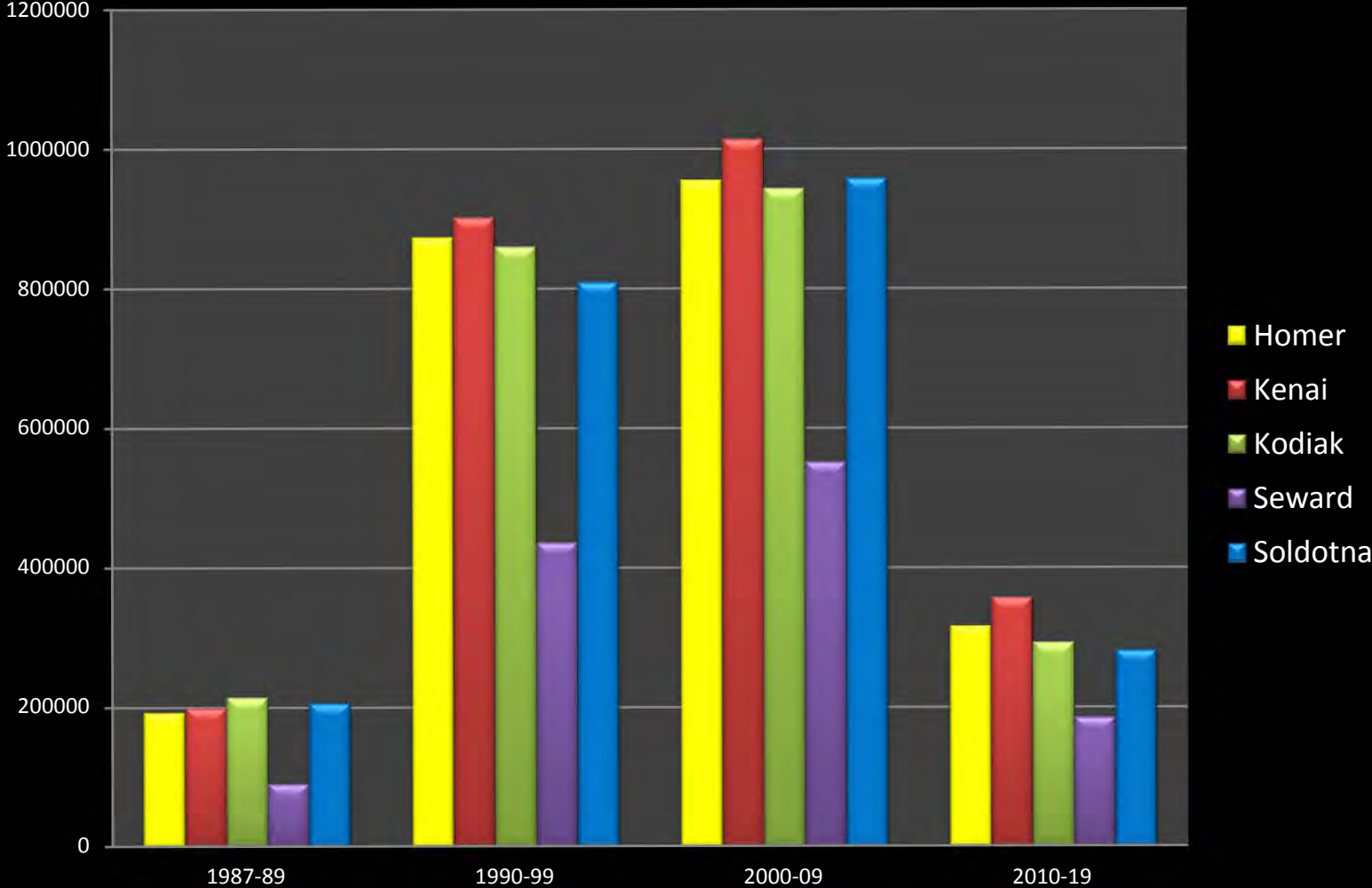
While the vast majority of the comments in our Library's guest book are really positive – “beautiful library” “wonderful librarians” and “thanks for the Internet”

There are comments asking for more materials:

- “Please, more books and videos. Thank you.”
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- “Why are there no books on the bottom shelves?”
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- “Need more Christian books.”
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- “Inadequate, outdated book collection.” (Ouch!)

Comparisons of All Library Materials Circulated

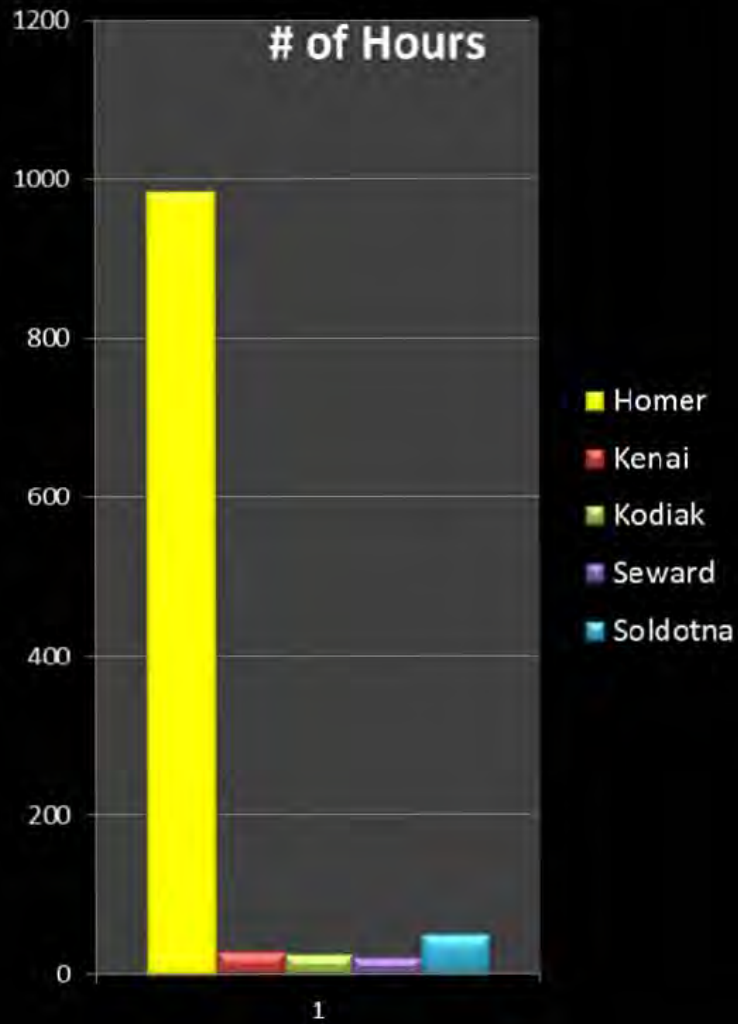
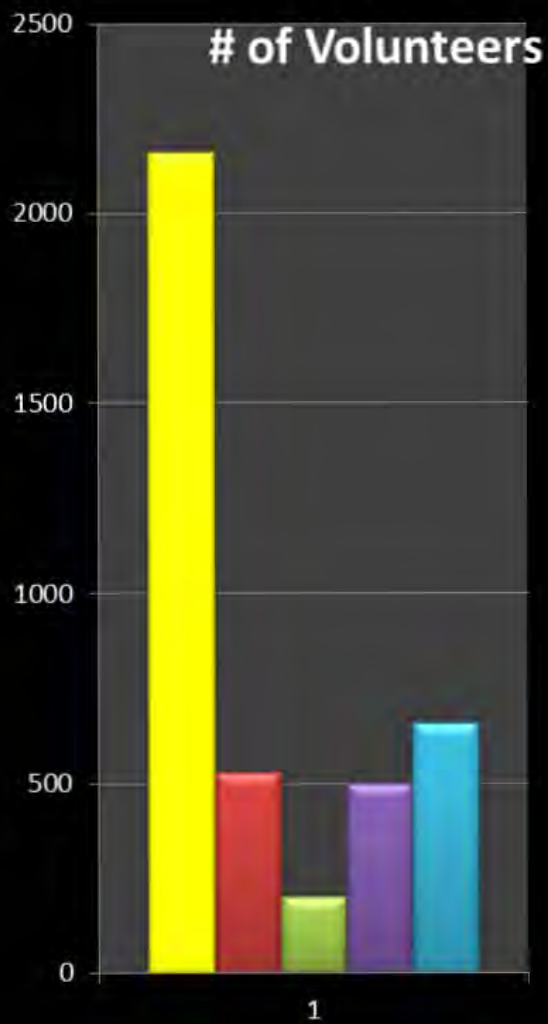
Circulation Totals By Decade



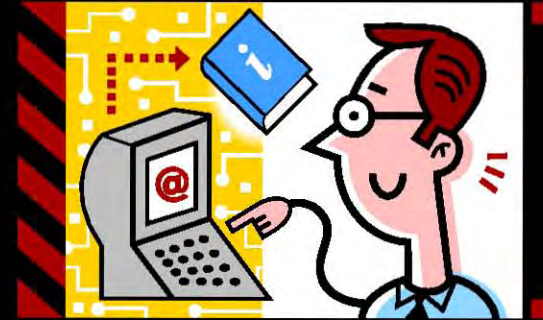
Volunteers & Friends



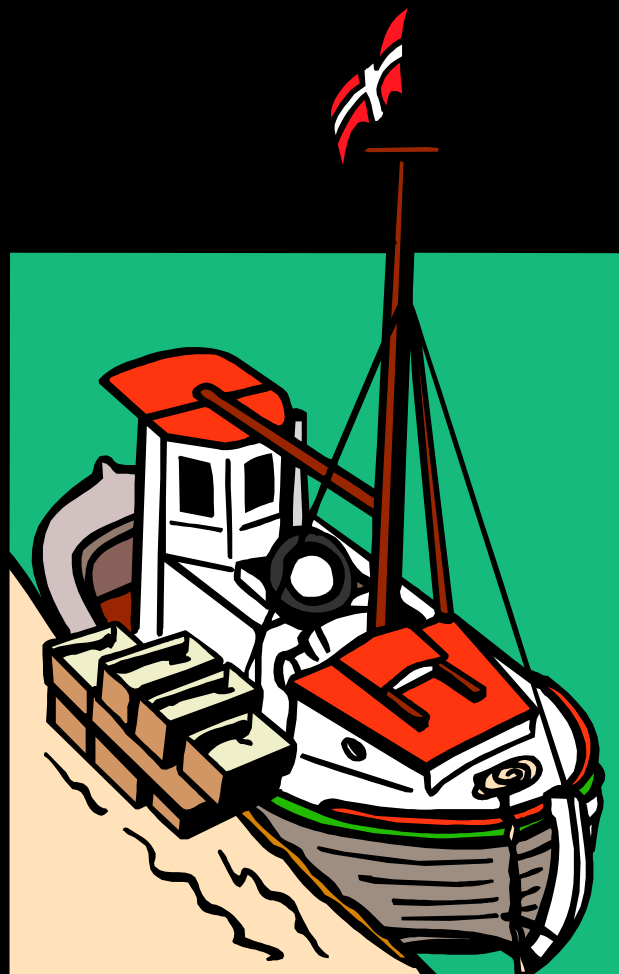
Volunteers



Staff



If the Homer Public Library were a Seiner



We'd have a
great crew,
a fine boat,
good location,
plenty of
equipment, and a
skookum
skiff...but...



Our nets would be 20 years old, riddled with holes and stretched way too thin