

Director's Report, Homer Public Library

July 26, 2021

General Notes

The process of adding RFID tags to the collection is complete. The software to support self-checkout is scheduled to be installed at the end of July. Technicians will be here from Minnesota in early August to help with installing the security gates, setting up the self-checkout machines and training staff.

The July 4 parade was awesome, with the bookmobile cruising down Pioneer Avenue and many young volunteers handing out books to kids along the route. It's hard to say who was having more fun, the marchers or the spectators.

The library is collaborating with the Pratt Museum on a grant-funded project called "Cartography in the Community." We're reproducing some of the Pratt's historic maps and adding them to the library collection. Members of the public will be invited to contribute local knowledge, and the Pratt will compile the information to help fill in blanks in Homer's history. The maps were printed at the end of July.

Director's Meetings in July 2021					
Library Advisory Board (LAB)	Friends of Homer Library (FHL)	Staff	City Council	Department Heads	Other
2	2	2	1	4	Recreation group meetings; COVID task force; numerous IT meetings; grants and cybersecurity workshops

Staff Notes

The position of Youth Services Librarian remains open.

I completed a 12-week training course in cybersecurity for the National Association of Counties (NACo).

Facility

GCI completed installation of a 400 Mbit/sec fiber optic connection. The new data cable went live on July 22.

Server capacity has been slightly expanded to accommodate the software for self-checkout, but the equipment will still need overall replacement soon.

Library Advisory Board (LAB)

A rough Donor Recognition Policy has been drafted for the LAB meeting on July 27. The LAB will also be electing officers at this meeting.

Friends of the Homer Library (FHL)

FHL has helped enormously with the Summer Reading Program, which was tremendously successful despite ongoing COVID-related challenges.

The gardening volunteers have made great progress on overhauling the grounds. The May tree, elderberry tree and rosebush have all been pulled out of the flowerbeds on the south side of the building, and the rosebush in front will be removed on July 29.

Events in July 2021		
Date	Time	Event
7/4	4:30-5:30	Independence Day parade, including the bookmobile
7/5	All day	Library closed for Independence Day (observed)
7/6 7/13	3:00-5:00 3:00-4:00	Windsock Workshop for Teens (HCOA and Bishop's Beach)
7/7	10:00-11:00	Little Makers Summer (outside library)
7/8	11:00-12:00	Author talk with Vera Brosgol (via Zoom)
7/8 and 7/22	3:00-3:30	Kids Book Club (via Zoom)
7/12-7/16	11:00-12:00	Comics Workshop with Lee Post (hybrid Zoom/in-person)
7/21	10:00-10:30	StoryWalk Storytime

Upcoming Events in August 2021

Date	Time	Event
8/9	10:00-11:00	Meet and greet with Molly of Denali (in the children's room)
8/12	6:30-7:45	Kachemak Swim Club

Ongoing Events

Date	Time	Event
Mondays	1:30-4:30	Knitting Club (hybrid Zoom/in-person meeting)
Tuesdays	3:00-5:00	Chess Club
Fridays	1:00-4:00	Live Action Roleplaying (LARP)
Fridays	5:00-6:00	Storytime for Grownups (via Zoom)
First Tuesday	6:30-8:00	SPARC Radio Club (hybrid Zoom/in-person meeting)
First Thursday	1:00-3:00	Literary Ladies (hybrid Zoom/in-person meeting)
Fourth Tuesday	4:30-6:30	FHL/HPL Book Club (hybrid Zoom/in-person meeting)