



SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

Library Advisory Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 5:30 PM

City Hall Cowles Council Chambers In-Person & Via Zoom Webinar

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Supplement to Library Director's Report for April 2023

Special Events at the Library April-November 2023

- **Apr.-Jun.:** The Art in the Library program displays photographs by R. J. Nelson.
- **Apr. 1:** Monthly checkout limit on Kanopy is raised to 5 videos per patron.
- Apr. 4, 3:00-4:00: Virtual author talk by Kate Beaton, author of *Hark! A Vagrant!*
- **Apr. 6, 6:00-7:30: Community Poetry Reading.**
- Apr. 7: Final memorial plaque for Duffy Murnane installed in the front entryway of the library.
- **Apr. 10, 13, 17 and 20, 4:30-6:00: Workshops teach participants how to make an accordion book-in-a-box out of a poem and pictures.**
- **Apr. 21, 6:30-7:30: Reading by local poet Peter Kaufmann.**
- Apr. 26, 12:00-1:00: Ceremonial lighting of the lotus lamp marks the completion of the Duffy Memorial Bench.
- Apr. 27, 4:00-5:00: Virtual author talk by William Kent Krueger, author of *Ordinary Grace*.
- May 3, 9:00-10:00: Virtual author talk by Britt Hawthorne, author of *Raising Anti-Racist Children*.
- May 4: May the Fourth Be With You! *Star Wars* Day at the Library.
- **May 5-6: Spring Book and Plant Sale.**
- **May 6, 11:00-2:00: Bookmobile at the Safe and Healthy Kids Fair.**
- May 9, 12:00-1:00: Lunch with Councilmember Shelly Erickson.
- May 10, 4:00-5:00: Virtual author talk by Jena Friedman, author of *Not Funny*.
- May 11, 1:30-2:30: K-2 Reading Group.
- May 20, 10:00-11:00: Virtual author talk by Courtney Summers, author of *Sadie*.
- **Jun. 3, 10:30-12:30: Summer@HPL kicks off with crafts, games and storytime.**
- Tuesdays, Jun. 6-Aug. 1, 1:00-2:30: Outdoor Adventures and Stories in partnership with the Center for Alaska Coastal Studies (8-week program).
- Jun. 6-8, 4:30-5:30: In partnership with Challenger Learning Center of Alaska, Science in the Summer: Be a Physicist teaches kids about science and science careers.
- Jun. 7, 12:00-1:00: Virtual author talk by Mike Rucker, author of *The Fun Habit*.

- Jun. 8, 1:30-2:30: Young Readers Group brings in children and families to talk about books and choose books to keep.
- Jun. 12: In partnership with Pier One Theatre, kids perform a book.
- Jun. 13, 4:30-6:00: Teens and Tweens Get Crafty!
- Jun. 14, 10:30-11:30: Leap into Science explores light and shadow.
- Jun. 15, 10:00-11:00: Virtual author talk by Jamie Beck, author of *An American in Provence*.
- Jun. 17, 3:30-5:30: Cartoonist Lee Post teaches families and adults how to tell a story in cartoon form.
- Jun. 19-20, 11:00-1:00: Midsummer Magic takes kids on a trip to find Shakespearian sorcery both indoors and outside.
- Jun. 22 and 29, Jul. 6 and 14, 4:00-5:30: Teens collaborate to produce their own 'zine.
- Jun. 23, 4:00-6:00: Family karaoke at the library.
- Jun. 26, 4:30-5:30: Teens and Tweens book club.
- Jun. 27, 10:30-11:15: Storytime at Bishop's Beach pavilion.
- Jun. 28, 10:30-11:30: Leap into Science explores balance.
- Jun. 28, 4:00-5:00: Virtual author talk by Tananarive Due, author of *The Blood Colony* and others.
- **Jul.-Sept.: The Art in the Library program displays oil paintings by Achim Jahnke.**
- Jul. 3, 3:00-5:00: Pre-parade meet up to make megaphones and decorations for the bookmobile.
- Jul. 4: The bookmobile participates in the Independence Day parade.
- Thursdays, Jul. 6-27, 2:00-3:00: American Sign Language club.
- Jul. 7, 4:00-5:00: Intermediate Readers book club.
- Jul. 11, 10:30-11:15: Family storytime at the Boat House Pavilion near the harbor.
- **Jul. 11, 12, 13, 3:30-5:00; Jul. 18, 9:30-10:30: Mercedes Harness leads a writers club for young participants. Authors have the chance to add their books to the library's collection and read their work on KBBI.**
- Jul. 12, 10:30-11:30: Leap into Science explores wind.
- Jul. 15, 10:00-11:00: Virtual author talk by Charles Soule, author of *Daredevil* and *She-Hulk*.
- Jul. 18, 7:00-8:00: Evening storytime at Bishop's beach pavilion.
- **Jul. 19-22, 10:00-11:00: LEGO contest.**

- Jul. 19, 6:00-7:30: Movie showing in the library.
- Jul. 20, 9:00-10:00: Virtual author talk by Ethan Kross, author of *Chatter*.
- Jul. 24, 4:00-5:30: Teens and Tweens Get Crafty!
- Jul. 25, 12:00-1:00: Virtual author talk by Erika Sánchez, author of *Crying in the Bathroom*.
- Jul. 27, 3:30-4:30 and Jul. 28, 3:30-5:30: In partnership with Challenger Learning Center of Alaska, Science in the Summer: Be a Physicist teaches kids about science and science careers.
- **Jul. 29, 5:00-7:00: End of summer reading party includes music, games, ice cream and hot dogs, with prizes for reading-challenge participants and LEGO contest winners.**
- **Sept. 8-9: Fall Book and Plant Sale.**
- **Nov. 9, 6:30-7:30: Author talk by local writer Robert Stark, author of *Warflower*.**

HOMER FOUNDATION

Quarterly Report

January 1 through March 31, 2023

Fund Contact: City of Homer Manager

Fund: Library Endowment Fund

Fund Type: Field of Interest

Portfolio Share (Corpus)

Beginning Balance	\$42,460.95
Quarterly Portfolio Change	\$2,619.40
Contributions/Donations*	\$500.00
Fund Decreases	-
Ending Balance	\$45,580.35

Amount Available to Spend (ATS)

Beginning Balance	\$2,625.91
Increases to ATS	-
Grants and Withdrawals	-
Ending Balance	\$2,625.91

*Donation from National Philanthropic Trust for \$500.00

Library Endowment Fund

Q&A

What is the Library Endowment Fund?

The Library Endowment Fund is a Field of Interest Fund with The Homer Foundation, a local 501(c)(3) community foundation. Established in 2020, the Fund offers people who care about access to information, literacy and life-long learning in our community the opportunity to make a major tax-deductible gift to ensure the legacy of the Homer Public Library continues for everyone and forever.

Why does the Library need an Endowment? Doesn't the city budget cover all the Library's expense?

The Homer City Council funds the operation of City departments, including the public library. Over the years, individuals have supplemented those funds with donations to the Library for numerous reasons -- in appreciation, to build a new building, to enhance services, to acquire materials, and more.

Many public library systems across the nation, including those in Fairbanks, Juneau, Seward and Sitka, have found that an endowment fund is a simple and effective means to accommodate such financial assistance and ensure gifts are used for their intended purpose.

The Library Endowment Fund also creates a mechanism to bridge funding gaps that could occur during an economic downturn or due to an unplanned need. This helps ensure the sustainability of a top-notch library collection and high-quality library services over time.

How does the Library Endowment Fund work?

The principal of the Library Endowment Fund was initially funded by the City of Homer from gifts made to the library over time. More donations have been made to add to the principal through The Homer Foundation. The principal value of the fund will be kept intact and invested. Each year, investment income from the fund is distributed to the library or reinvested in the fund, based on the needs of the library. This creates a permanent and continuous stream of supplemental funds for the library.

Who decides how the money is spent?

Guidelines for how income from the Library Endowment Fund is spent were established at its founding. Donations supplement materials for the library's collection, purchases or upgrades for library equipment, and improvements or repairs to library facilities and services. The Library Director, in consultation with the Library Advisory Board, directs the earnings within these guidelines.

Is there a goal in mind for the endowment?

The goal is to establish a principal of \$100,000, which will generate an annual supplemental income stream to the library of several thousand dollars. The response to the Library Endowment Fund has been strong, and we already are more than 45% of that goal. The principal and resulting income will continue to grow over time.

The Friends of the Library have an endowment, too. What's the difference? How do I decide which to give to?

Both endowments through The Homer Foundation benefit the library. Donations to the Library Endowment Fund supplement materials for the library's collections, purchases or upgrades for library equipment, and improvements and repairs to library facilities and services.

Donations to the Friends of the Homer Public Library Endowment Fund benefit the Friends' mission to support library programs and services, enrich the library experience, and promote use and enjoyment of the library.

You can be confident that a donation to either fund is tax-deductible and will greatly benefit the library.

How do I make a donation?

To make a gift to either the Library Endowment Fund or the Friends of the Homer Public Library Endowment Fund, visit The Homer Foundation (<https://www.homerfoundation.org/give-now/>), click the black Donate button, and select the fund your donation is for from the drop-down menu.

Can I give in installments?

Donors to the Library Endowment Fund enjoy a wide range of giving options. The Homer Foundation works to make giving as simple and flexible as possible and can discuss giving options to determine the best plan to meet your philanthropic goals.

Can I make a gift from my estate and know it will go to the library?

Through a bequest, you can establish an enduring commitment to the library and the Homer community. A bequest helps ensure the things you supported and cared about can continue. A bequest can be made easily by naming the "Library Endowment Fund at The Homer Foundation" or the "Friends of the Homer Public Library Endowment Fund at The Homer Foundation" as a beneficiary in your estate planning documents. This ensures that your wishes are honored. For more information and to get started, visit <https://www.homerfoundation.org/planned-giving/>

How are gifts reported and acknowledged?

The Homer Foundation provides the Library Director and designated LAB member a quarterly report gifts received with donor information (unless anonymous). The Homer Foundation immediately acknowledges all gifts upon receipt. The LAB sends Thank Yous to donors quarterly based on The Homer Foundation reporting. In addition, donors are recognized yearly on the Library's Fish Wall outside the front entrance. Gifts of \$500+ are recognized with a small fish. Gifts of \$2500+ are recognized with a big fish.

Outreach for Major/Planned Gifts to Benefit the Homer Public Library

The Library Advisory Board (LAB) and the Friends of the Homer Public Library (FHL) have agreed to collaborate to build financial support for the ultimate benefit of the Homer Public Library, primarily through major/planned gifts. This collaboration is based on our shared common vision and core values:

Shared Vision: to ensure that the community has an outstanding public library, today and into the future.

Shared Core Values:

- Free Access to Information
- Literacy
- Lifelong Learning
- Community Engagement

The purpose of the Common Messaging Framework is so anyone participating in this effort can speak and write knowledgeably, with one voice and a common message for the target audiences.

Common Messaging Framework for Significant Gifts to Benefit HPL, V2.2 11/19/2021

Short Message	If you care about access to information, literacy and life-long learning in this unique community we call home, a gift to benefit the Homer Public Library is a smart choice.	
Extended Message	In the 1940s, the Homer Women’s Club founded our first library in a 600-square-foot log cabin. Later generations invested in new buildings, pioneered new services and programs, adopted innovative technologies, and found creative ways to meet our community’s needs. Now it’s our turn. A significant gift for the Library will help ensure the legacy of the Homer Public Library continues for everyone and forever.	
Target Audiences	Individuals who are strong library supporters, enthusiasts, and frequent library users. Individuals who care about quality of life and opportunity in the local community. Local influencers who are helping individuals in their financial and estate planning.	
Top Audience Motivations	Individuals: To use their capacity to give to benefit the causes they believe in and the community they love. To express appreciation for the significance of libraries and literacy in their lives and pass forward the promise of libraries to future generations. Influencers: To provide meaningful and relevant giving options in their financial and estate planning advice.	
Missions	Homer Public Library	Friends of the Homer Public Library
	The Homer Public Library serves the diverse needs of our community members by providing access to information, promoting literacy, and facilitating lifelong learning. We foster education, personal well-being, cultural creativity, community engagement, and economic development. Our resources are offered without charge to people of all ages and abilities within our service area.	Our mission is to provide support for the Homer Public Library programs and services, to raise funds that enrich the library experience, and to promote the use and enjoyment of the library.

Core Values	Access to Information	Literacy	Lifelong Learning	Community Center
Gifts to the Library Supplement	Library Collection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free access to an up-to-date collection of more than 86,000 fiction, nonfiction and reference resources in a variety of print and digital formats. Special collections of local authors and Alaskana. Core Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free use of in-library computers and circulating laptops; wireless Internet in and outside the library. Reference services. 	Resources for All Ages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children’s Room and collection. Computer and computational literacy Annual Lit Lineup reading list Storytimes for all ages 	Resources for All Stages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homework help Entrepreneurial resources Language learning Tax prep resources Homebound services Accessible materials 	Library Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community meeting room. Study rooms. Photocopying and printing. Community art. Public-use computers, wifi.
Gifts to the Friends of the Homer Public Library Support		Programs for All Ages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Reading Program Bob the Bookmobile FHL Book Club Radio book reviews (Reading Between the Lines) Storytime for Grownups Author visits Big Read/Alaska Read Travelogues Exhibits Support for youth programs Book Boxes for local underserved schools 	Promoting Lifelong Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebration of Lifelong Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sue Gibson award for lifelong learning Adult lifelong learning award Student lifelong learning award Publicizing Library resources. Tech Help 	Enriching Library Experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning and maintenance of Library gardens. Storywalk. Book and plant sales. Outreach and advocacy. Sponsoring community groups (SPARC, Knitting, LARP, Chess Club) Seed Catalog Community Discussion/Civic Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch with a Councilmember Candidate Forums National Love Your Library Month! Rotating exhibits by local artists (Art in the Library)
Ways to Give	Homer Public Library		Friends of the Homer Public Library	
For Immediate or Specific Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make a gift to the Library for immediate or specific use, contact the Library Director at 907-435-3151 or dberry@ci.homer.ak.us. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make a gift to the Friends of the Homer Public Library for immediate or specific use, visit the Friends’ donate page (https://friendsofthehomerpubliclibrary.wildapricot.org/Donate). 	
For Sustained Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make a gift to the Library Endowment Fund to purchase materials, purchase or upgrade equipment, and improve or repair facilities and services, visit The Homer Foundation (https://www.homerfoundation.org/give-now/) and select Library Endowment Fund. See the Library Donation Acceptance Policy (https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library/donate) for full information about giving to the Library. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To learn how to support the Friends’ mission through Planned Giving, visit the Friends’ Planned Giving page https://friendsofthehomerpubliclibrary.wildapricot.org/Planned-Giving To make a gift to the Friends of the Homer Public Library Endowment Fund, visit The Homer Foundation (https://www.homerfoundation.org/give-now/) and select Friends of the Homer Public Library Endowment Fund. You also can support Friends through volunteer activities and fund-raisers such as book and plant sales throughout the year. 	



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Memorandum

TO: Library Advisory Board

FROM: David Berry, Library Director

DATE: May 11, 2023

SUBJECT: Attorney Comments on Library Policies

Some additional comments from the city attorney came in after the deadline for the LAB packet. These comments are summarized below.

The page numbers provided refer to the revised draft included in the LAB packet.

PAGE	RECOMMENDATION	STATUS
GRAMMAR AND STYLE		
	No comments	
MINOR ADDITIONS OR SUBTRACTIONS		
	No comments	
SUBSTANTIVE POLICY REVISIONS		
15-16	Add an additional appeal step to parallel the process created by the Planning Commission. After receiving notice of the LAB's final decision, the complainant has 30 days to appeal the decision to the superior court.	
16	For complaints regarding personnel, clarify that HR and the city manager may also be involved.	
24	A library card is not a "contract" in the legal sense. Remove this line.	
29-30	The privacy section is important, but ensure that language is consistent wherever privacy is mentioned throughout the document. This is especially important as regards exceptions, when information CAN be shared.	


RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

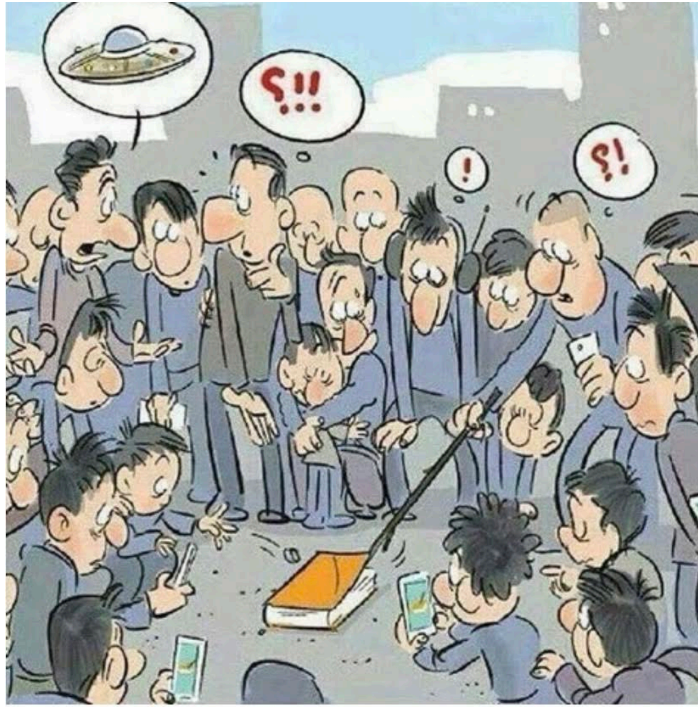
TDP 13 MOST CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2022

The American Library Association tracked **1,269 challenges** to library, school, and university materials and services in 2022. Of the **2,571 unique titles** that were challenged or banned in 2022, here are the top 13 most challenged.



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| <p>1</p>  <p>GENDER QUEER
by Maia Kobabe
REASONS: LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit</p> | <p>2</p>  <p>ALL BOYS AREN'T BLUE
by George M. Johnson
REASONS: LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit</p> | <p>3</p>  <p>THE BLUEST EYE
by Toni Morrison
REASONS: rape, incest, claimed to be sexually explicit, EDI content</p> | <p>4</p>  <p>FLAMER
by Mike Curato
REASONS: LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit</p> | <p>5</p>  <p>LOOKING FOR ALASKA
by John Green
REASONS: claimed to be sexually explicit, LGBTQIA+ content</p> | <p>5</p>  <p>THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER
by Stephen Chbosky
REASONS: claimed to be sexually explicit, LGBTQIA+ content, rape, drugs, profanity</p> | |
| <p>7</p>  <p>LAWN BOY
by Jonathan Evison
REASONS: LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit</p> | <p>8</p>  <p>THE ABSOLUTELY TRUE DIARY OF A PART-TIME INDIAN
by Sherman Alexie
REASONS: claimed to be sexually explicit, profanity</p> | <p>9</p>  <p>OUT OF DARKNESS
by Ashley Hope Perez
REASON: claimed to be sexually explicit</p> | <p>10</p>  <p>A COURT OF MIST AND FURY
by Sarah J. Maas
REASON: claimed to be sexually explicit</p> | <p>10</p>  <p>CRANK
by Ellen Hopkins
REASONS: claimed to be sexually explicit, drugs</p> | <p>10</p>  <p>ME AND EARL AND THE DYING GIRL
by Jesse Andrews
REASONS: claimed to be sexually explicit, profanity</p> | <p>10</p>  <p>THIS BOOK IS GAY
by Juno Dawson
REASONS: LGBTQIA+ content, sex education, claimed to be sexually explicit</p> |





OUCH!!!!



The many faces of Book
Mobiles

