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Memorandum

Agenda Changes/Supplemental Packet

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Brief Legislative report for L.A.B. August 20th 🇺🇸 (voting Day) 2024

Resource is Mike Robinson at the UAA Consortium Library/Alaska Library Network *

1-At the last minute Gov Dunleavy, line-item vetoed library budget \$, that had passed through the legislature, AGAIN. This year it was championed by Sen. Tobin (north Anch area)—not our local representatives. The S.L.E.D (Statewide Library Electronic Doorway) data bases will be cut! Those include : Learning Express (students college prep), Job skills training (ie: small engine and auto repair), Hobby resources, and Home improvement reference center

There will still be 3 more budget cycles under Gov. Dunleavy—so there is strategizing for new budget passing tactics underway.

2-State libraries are being more tightly administered now under the Dept. of Education (which now takes a share of the money).

3-Late last Friday, the Director of Libraries, Archives and Museums, Amy Phillips-Chan, announced that the annual Public Libraries Assistance Grant is being cut. The PLA Grant typically allots \$6-7,000 annually to each public library in the state. This year the amount will be \$1,829!!

___Mike suggests that once it is decided how HPL is going to adjust to this impact of lost money, we can have some impact by contacting people below and let them know how these cuts will directly limit services to our community :

1- Dr. Amy Phillips-Chan, Director of Libraries, Archives and Museums.

e-mail: amy.chan@alaska.gov; 907-465-4837

2- Deena Bishop, Commissioner of DEEP (Department of Education and Early Development) 907-465-2802; **Email:** eed.contact@alaska.gov;

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3- Governor Dunleavy: 907-465-3500; Office of the Governor POBox 110001 Juneau, AK 99811-0001; Must go to governor's website and use the link there to send an e-mail.

4- Local people who, individually or collectively could have loud voices in support of local libraries.

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