

JULY 1, 2020



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## **LIBRARY COVID-19 RESPONSE: MAY-JUNE\***

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY & MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS**

- Many staff worked for the city's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), contributing valuable support with municipal finances and communications, and services for people experiencing homelessness.
- Continue to update a COVID-19 Information Center on our website with vetted information and education.

### **EDUCATION**

- Created an online Racial Equity Resource Center and increased our titles on topics of equity, diversity and inclusion in the physical collection and the Alaska Digital Library.
- Launched Summer Reading with Virtual Reading Rendezvous BINGO - over 669 Summer Reading participants have logged 217,496 minutes towards the goal of 250,000 minutes by Aug 31 to benefit The Children's Lunch Box.
- Partnered with Anchorage School District Food Service to share information on their summer feeding sites in every curbside pick-up.
- Created Programs to Go - supplies for educational activities for children and families to do at home, such as sidewalk chalk art and plant identification - 1,000 distributed in June.
- Continue to offer online storytimes and free online learning resources to help children keep up in school.
- Added World Book eBook suite titles into the catalog to help students with research and learning.
- Staff logged 870+ hours of training between March and July.

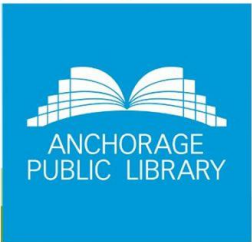
### **CONNECTIONS TO INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

- Library staff returned to buildings on June 1 to offer curbside pick-ups and accept returned items:
  - 32,407 items returned in June (all returned items are quarantined according to current CDC and industry guidelines).
  - Checked out over 19,255 items in June through the new curbside service.
  - Pulled 14,313 items for new holds in June (4,600 in the in the first week of June!).
  - Processed 6,700 new materials to meet demand (the normal monthly average is 3,000).
- Launched new "personal librarian" service with librarians providing curated materials based on patron interests - people have asked for books on equity and understanding racism, dinosaurs, spaceships, historical westerns, and lots more. Provided 717 items for 82 requests in June.
- Promoted financial and rent assistance programs through social media.
- Created an information literacy hub to help people spot fake news and evaluate media sources:  
[www.anchoragelibrary.org/resources/learn-explore/fact-or-fake/](http://www.anchoragelibrary.org/resources/learn-explore/fact-or-fake/)

\*See *Library COVID-19 Response: March-April* for additional services provided.

# BUILDING COMMUNITY

- 408 people donated \$26,000 to the Library's campaign for new digital materials - \$20,000 was raised in the first 24 hours.
- Created outdoor story walks at Gerrish Girdwood and Loussac libraries.
- Hosted online poetry open mic nights at Mountain View Library.
- Added new members to Chugiak-Eagle River's *Between the Covers Romance Book Club* through virtual meetings.
- Created a video of LGBTQ+ book recommendation for Pride month.



Camilla Seifert Surprise package from personal librarian shopper!! Such a great service, thank you Claire and Martina at Gerrish.



Lee Miller Your mask made me laugh aloud! I thank the library, Hoopla, and Libby services for helping keep me sane the past few months.



Shannon Mullinax Thomas APL's librarians are PHENOMENAL, especially the children's librarians. They are sure to pick great books for your kids.

**Anchorage Public Library**  
June 28 at 9:09 PM

Join Ms. Linda for songs, stories, and more! Monday, June 29, 10:30am. If video does not start right away, please scroll up.

210 Views

