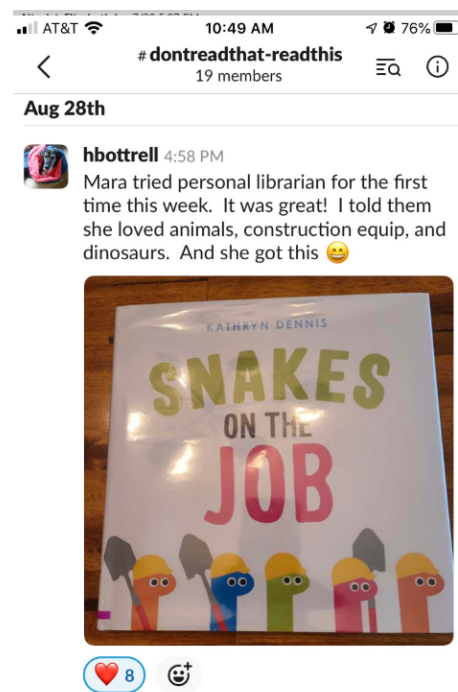


EDUCATION

- Created online **Student Resource Center** with extensive resources for elementary school to college students + added new physical and digital items for distance learning and homeschool.
- Launched **TumbleMath** and Scholastic's **BookFlix** online learning tools for young students.
- Launched **Back to Learning** virtual chats with tips for using library resources to excel in school.
- Added 88 new **STEM kits** for check-out (thanks to community donations!) with more on the way.
- Created new **Book Club Bags** on the theme of equity, diversity and inclusion – such as *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei and *Stamped from the Beginning* by Ibram X. Kendi.
- Relaunched **Virtual Job Lab** with YWCA with one-to-one support for job seekers.
- 455 children and adults completed **Summer Discovery** and earned a prize. Participants in summer reading are better prepared for the start of the school year and fight “summer slide.”
- Distributed 3,738 **Program-To-Go** kits for pre-K, elementary and teens (4,710 total since June).



“Last week I helped out a grandmother looking for books to read to her grandchildren over Zoom. I talked her through the holds, Personal Librarian, and curbside pickup processes so she could get fresh things to read for their daily Zoom calls. She was delighted by how easy it was to get started and how quickly she could get the books she wanted, and was overall very grateful for the service.”

– Ryan McNeil, Chugiak-Eagle River Library

*See Library COVID-19 Response reports: May-June and March-April for additional services provided.

CONNECTIONS TO INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Staff **quarantined, inspected, and shelved over 50K incoming items** from patrons and have spent these months cleaning and organizing the library shelves.
- Made **magazines available for checkout** through holds, including current issues.
- Processed **over 12,000 new items** to add to the shelves + instituted special handling of holds on new items to speed up delivery of new items to patrons on the wait list.
- 102,500 materials checked out + 119,394 digital checkouts + 5,677 curbside appointments + 4,862 attended online programs (and for the 3 weeks we opened in July - over 900 computer sessions).
- 251 **Interlibrary Loans** for patrons to get items not available at APL + 254 loans to other libraries.
- Filled 128 **Personal Librarian** requests with 1,327 items for youth and adults.
- Added new book slide shows on Instagram and began hosting online **Virtual Browsing** of new materials on Facebook so you can see what's new on the shelves.
- Launched the Anchorage Public Library **Civic Engagement Challenge** – five weekly emails sharing tasks and resources to prepare for the November election.



“As the librarian who selects adult print non-fiction, I have tried to keep in mind the issues of the day in my selection – not just the hot button issues, but titles that I think might inspire, enlighten, soothe, answer, and engage.”

- Stacy Gordon, Technical Services Librarian



“Knowing that we have a regular patron who loves magazines, we emailed her about the new ability to place holds on magazine issues. She immediately placed holds on the maximum number allowable and is so excited to have these materials to spend time with.”

- Chugiak-Eagle River Library

BUILDING COMMUNITY

- Hosted online **storytimes** and **bookclub discussions** to keep up connections in the pandemic.
- Chugiak-Eagle River Librarian Nancy Clark co-presented a webinar on diversifying library romance collections.
- Co-hosted **Community Connects: Stolen Land, Stolen Labor, Stolen Lives** virtual panel discussions featuring local voices followed by community reflections.
- Mountain View Library hosts bimonthly online **Poetry Socials** to share writing and conversation.
- Librarian Linda Klein represented Alaska in the national Ray Bradbury read-a-thon.
- Promoted Census completion and voting, including language access for non-English speakers.
- Launched virtual volunteer opportunity - book reviews and recommendations for teens by teens.

COMMUNITY SAFETY & MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

- Community Resource Coordinator Rebecca Barker assisted the Emergency Operations team and provided outreach to people on library grounds: **completed 82 Coordinated Entry housing assessments** and **52 consultations on housing and shelter**.
- Chugiak-Eagle River Librarian Nancy Clark was the guest presenter on earthquakes for a Master of Library Science class on disaster preparedness; she was also interviewed by University of North Carolina for a case study on earthquakes for an American Library Association disaster preparedness manual.
- Staff continued to support the Municipal Emergency Operations Center through July in the areas of finance and communications.
- Amplified state and municipal public health messages for contact tracing, mask-wearing and keeping social distance.

“While picking up books at Muldoon Library the other day, a patron told me that they were visiting that day to get books for her young son who had been inspired by his older brother who got books from his school library that day.

She added that we were the “bright spot in their day” and thanked us for all we do. Finally, she said that she wanted to send out love to the librarians.”

- Jim Curran, Muldoon Library

Contact Diary of Miss Elizabeth Bennet

Contact With	Date	Time	Location	Duration
Large gathering	July 7, 1813	8:00 pm	Hertfordshire Assembly Rooms	4 hours
Miss Caroline Bingley and Mrs. Hearst	same	8:45 pm	same	10 min.
Mr. Darcy & Mr. Lucas	same	9:20 pm	same	5 min.
Miss Charlotte Lucas	same	9:25	Same	2 hr.
Mr. Wickham	July 15, 1813	1:45 pm	Meryton	20 min.
Large gathering	July 20, 1813	8:00 pm	Netherfield Ball Room	4 hours
Mr. Collins	same	8:15	same	1 hr.
Mr. Darcy	same	9:15	same	10 min.
Mr. Collins	July 21, 1813	4:00 pm	Longbourn Garden	15 min.
Miss Charlotte Lucas	July 23, 1813	1:40 pm	Longbourn Garden	1 hr.
Extended stay	August 8, 1813	3:20 pm	Rosings Park	3 weeks



Help Stop The Spread. Keep a Contact Log.

Staff made literary-based examples to help the Health Department educate the community on keeping contact tracing logs. Find them all on our Facebook page.