



THE POWER OF COMMUNITY GIVING

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LIBRARY IMPACT REPORT SUMMER 2020

Photo above: The good ole days when Library staff could spend time with our patrons in person – hopefully, returning to a library near you soon!

When library champions come together, we are able to do more than any of us can do alone. For instance, when 409 of us donated to the digital materials campaign this spring, we raised \$26,000, which enabled the Library to extend the increased cap on hoopla digital downloads from 8 to 10 items per person through the end of the year – benefiting thousands of people across our community.

Our success came because each of us pitched in what we could. Our individual gifts come in all sizes, and when we join together with hundreds of our neighbors and friends who also give, it adds up fast.

We do this throughout the year, raising important funds for books, furniture, equipment and programs. We could not have a strong Library without widespread community support, so thank you for your commitment!

Plus, each new person donating demonstrates community support for the Library to our Mayor and Assembly Members. When they see such strong community support, it encourages them to put more public funding into the Library, so your personal donation can end up leveraging hundreds of thousands more dollars for the Library.



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2020 Beyond the Stacks Goes Virtual

Friends of the Library online rare book and literary auction: September 23-27

Mark your calendar for the first Friends of the Library Literary Auction, an online fundraiser featuring rare books and literary-themed auction packages! Bid on more than 50 items including a tour of the Library of Congress, vintage Alaskan books, 25,000 Alaska Airlines miles, a Charles Dickens novel with ownership tied to the Lincoln assassination, books celebrating the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, and much more. Follow Friends of the Library on Facebook and LibraryChampion.com, for more information as we get closer to this exciting online event. To make a donation to the event, please email us at aplfol@gmail.com.

Your Investment at Work

Library Highlights – You made this possible!

- **Launched new STEM Kits:** your donations allowed the Library to refresh existing STEM kits and add 26 new kits to the collection this summer, with another 40 coming soon thanks to a grant from Verizon.
- **Increased digital materials:** Library champions raised \$26,000 for new digital materials this spring.
- **Grant for laptops & MiFi:** the Library Foundation made an emergency grant in August to the Library to purchase laptops and MiFi for checkout to support patrons with limited technology access during COVID-19 closures and recovery efforts.
- **Early Literacy Labs at WIC office:** the Library's *Ready to Read Alaska* is creating spaces at four Anchorage offices of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children to provide books and puzzles for families waiting for appointments (once they reopen from COVID).
- **Supported the 2019-20 Tundra Vision talks:** an educational and civic space for Alaskans to gather and create a common history through participatory lectures, sponsored by the Atwood Foundation. Recordings of the 2019-20 series can be found at tundravision.digication.com/Tundra/home
- **Upgraded furniture and signage at libraries:** including a new family reading area at Loussac, a reading nook at Gerish Girdwood, new signs and chairs at Chugiak-Eagle River, and a study bar at Mountain View. Thanks to Aaltje Smith, Johna Rutz, the Van Wyck Family, the Chugiak-Eagle River Foundation, AlaskaUSA Credit Union, Wells Fargo and donors like you for making these projects possible!
- **Peer Navigators:** Rasmuson Foundation made a grant to support the Library's Community Resource program, specifically to launch a Peer Navigator program.



Photos: *Tundra Vision* talks outgrew the Mountain View Library (left, photo by Katie Ringsmuth) and moved to Loussac for the 2019-20 series; the fabulous children's librarian Linda Klein hosted the annual *I'm Ready for Kindergarten* storytime online this year (center); and thanks to donors, the Library is adding 60+ new STEM kits to the collection (right).

Pay it Forward - Join the Next Chapter Society

The Anchorage Library Foundation recently launched the *Next Chapter Society*, a community of neighbors who care about making the Library and Anchorage a better place, and who have pledged to continue their support of the Library through a gift in their Will, insurance or retirement plan.

By naming the Anchorage Library Foundation as a beneficiary in your Will or retirement plan, you can make a transformational gift to the Anchorage Public Library that costs you nothing during your lifetime. Any sized gift can make a big difference and ensure that our community has a vibrant public library for future generations.

Founding Members of the Next Chapter Society

We are grateful to the following donors who made gifts through their Will or named the Anchorage Library Foundation in their estate plans. If the Library is in your Will and you would like to become a member, please contact us.

Barbara Brown
Susanne Fleek-Green
Janet and John Goetz*
Alfred Hanisch*
Tabitha Karpow
Joan McKinnon*

Anne Nevaldine*
Virginia Peri*
Chelsea and Brian Riekkola
Clare and Chad Ross
Tay and Lowell Thomas, Jr.*
*recognized posthumously

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YES! I want to help the Anchorage Public Library build community.

Name: _____ City: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

☐ I'd like this gift to go to a specific library (please list):

☐ Please keep my name anonymous in recognition materials.

☐ Please send me information on The Next Chapter Society.



I'd like to support the Library's immediate needs for materials and programs with a gift in the amount of \$_____.

Make check payable to: **Friends of the Library**



I'd like to support the long-term growth of the Library and new library initiatives with a gift in the amount of \$_____.

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Sharing the Fruits of her Labor

We were saddened to hear of the passing of long-time donor Anne Nevaldine in 2018. As a well-known therapist, gardener, photographer and volunteer (and library lover), she touched many hearts and made our community a better place. A friend summed it up nicely on her online memorial page: “Annie, you traveled through Anchorage with so much grace. I hope your family can appreciate what a difference you made in so many lives.”

Not only did Anne make a difference in her lifetime, she will help our community for many years to come through sizable gifts she made to 16 nonprofits through her Will. We are incredibly grateful for her gift to the Anchorage Library Foundation, which inspired us to consider how we could make a similar impact through our own giving.

“Anne loved Anchorage and Alaska,” says her sister Linda. “When she became interested in a cause, she was passionate about it. In addition, Anne had no one who was dependent on an inheritance from her, freeing her up to follow her passions and do some good for the organizations she cared about.”

May you rest in peace Anne, and thank you for this incredible gift.



Anne Nevaldine in the kitchen after a successful canning project – the fruits of her labor likely to be shared with friends.