AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING February 15, 2020
OWL 10:00 am

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING
   A. January 18, 2020

VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS
   A. Hugh Leslie

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   A. FY2020 Report to the Assembly
   B. Handbook Review

IX. NEW BUSINESS
   A. Resolution 20-01: in support of the Recreation and Library Services Division annual
      budget for the libraries for FY21

X. ADVOCACY

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

XIII. NEXT MEETING
   A. March 21, 2020 - Palmer

XIV. ADJOURNMENT
REGULAR MEETING
January 18, 2020
Big Lake 10:00 am

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
During the January MSBLB meeting, the following actions/discussions occurred:

- Willow Project updates were reviewed
- 2020 Report to the Assembly presentation and discussion dates were put forth
- FY2021 budgets were discussed and will be discussed further at February’s meeting
- The open slot on the Governor’s Advisory Council was discussed
- AK Reads Act and library usage rates were discussed

I. CALL TO ORDER
Meeting was called to order at 9:59 am

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
Members present and establishing a quorum were: Ann Yadon, Carol Goltz, Diane Holl-Rambo, Paige Moore, Susan Pougher and Georgia Knazovich
Excused Absence: Ruth Strong
Staff Present: Hugh Leslie – Recreation and Library Services Division Manager
Beth Skow – Palmer Librarian
Zane Treesh – Wasilla Library Director
Guests Present: Robin Treesh

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion: Ms. Yadon moved to amend the agenda to include under Advocacy: A. Governor’s Advisory Council, B. Alaska Reads Act, C. Thank you from IMLS Director and D. “But Nobody Uses Libraries Anymore”. Also to include under Correspondence: C. Creative Writing Contest, D. Miscellaneous Newsletters.

Motion: Ms. Holl-Rambo moved to approve the agenda as amended, Ms. Pougher, 2nd.
All in favor.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING
A. November 16, 2019
Changes requested were:
VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Leslie reported that the mileage reimbursement forms have been updated for 2020. He requested that board members turn them in at every, or every other meeting. Mat Su Borough librarians have submitted their budgets. The architectural design firm for the Willow Library project should be decided by the next Assembly meeting. Mr. Leslie noted the possibility of using a portable building provided by the school district as temporary housing for the library.

Mr. Treesh reported that he has been on the job for seven days and been in training for several of them.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person

None.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. IT Letter of Support

This letter will not be sent.

B. FY2020 Report to the Assembly

The committee will be using “engagement, education and empowerment” as the three E’s of our library system. The committee will provide their final draft at the MSBLB OWL meeting in February. The presentation to the Assembly will be March 17th. Board members should collect stories and pictures from their libraries that support the three E’s.

Motion: Ms. Moore moved to table this item until the February meeting, Ms. Holl-Rambo, 2nd. All in favor.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Handbook Review

Motion: Ms. Holl-Rambo moved to table this until the February meeting, Ms. Pougher, 2nd. All in favor.

X. ADVOCACY

A. Governor’s Advisory Council
The Library User Representative position is open. It has a three-year term and is appointed by the Governor. The position is open to former staff, teachers, friends, trustees, volunteers and any other users.

B. Alaska Read Act

This was introduced by Governor Dunleavy and Senator Begich. This is a statewide reading program for grades K through 3 to help improve reading outcomes. As of yet, public libraries have not been included.

C. Thank you from IMLS Director

New IMLS Director is Crosby Kemper.

D. “But Nobody Uses Libraries”

Ms. Yadon will share the article “Comparative Role of Modern Public Libraries”.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter of Thanks

Discussed under Advocacy, C. Thank you from IMLS Director.

B. FY21 Budget Worksheets

Mr. Leslie outlined how the budgets are created by each library and approved first by himself and then by Eric Phillips, the Community Development Director. Budgets must be approved by John Moosey, the Borough Manager, after which they go to the Assembly. Mr. Leslie noted that unused funds are returned to the non-areawide fund at the end of the fiscal year.

Discussion followed, concerning the discontinuation of block grant money that used to come from the Borough to the cities for the Palmer and Wasilla libraries, since many of the users of those two libraries are not city residents.

C. Creative Writing Contest

The deadline is February 5, 2020.

D. Miscellaneous Newsletters

First Amendment issue concerning people entering public offices and filming. There is a concern that patron privacy will be impacted.

Circulation of hard books is down, but electronic books and audiobooks have increased. Programming attendance has also increased.

There is currently a bill in Missouri, due to be voted on that would create a Parental Review Board for libraries. There is a possibility that they would have the ability to make criminal complaints.

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Pougher reported the Palmer Library’s Bagpipes at Christmas program, put on by the Friends of the Library, had 150 attendees. In February, the Palmer Library Friends are sponsoring the Mat Su Symphony to come play at the Palmer Train Depot. Next meeting for them is February 20th.

Ms. Yadon reported that the Trapper Creek change of hours seems to be working well and that afterschool programming is also going well.

Ms. Knazovich reported that the Wasilla Library’s book sales have gone up.
Ms. Goltz reported that the Association is looking into liability insurance, although it may be covered under their 501c3 status.

Ms. Holl-Rambo reported that Talkeetna programming is going well, the Senior Matinee program is ongoing and the cookie decorating at Christmas was well attended. Coming in March is the birthday of the Talkeetna Library. The K through 3 mentoring program consistently has 14-16 kids in attendance. The transit authority provides transportation as the school busses cannot maneuver properly in the library parking lot.

Ms. Moore reported that since there is a new contact in IT specifically for the libraries, things have been going well. Programs are going well. A new custodian has finally been hired and thanks to on-call staff who have stepped in in the interim. The final picture that fell during the earthquake has been put back up. One camera had a fly larvae inside it, which was visible on the camera and was dubbed “Larry the Larvae”. The company who maintains the cameras came to clean it out and seal the hole where the fly had gotten in.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

A. February 15, 2020 - OWL

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ms. Knazovich moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Holl-Rambo, 2nd. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:53 am.
A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH LIBRARY BOARD RECOMMENDING THE ASSEMBLY APPROVE THE NON-AREAWIDE FISCAL YEAR 2016 RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR THE LIBRARY BOARD, BIG LAKE, SUTTON, TALKEETNA, TRAPPER CREEK, AND WILLOW LIBRARIES.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Library Board reviewed the proposed Non-Areawide fiscal year 2021 operating budgets for the Library Board, Big Lake, Sutton, Talkeetna, Trapper Creek, and Willow Libraries; and

WHEREAS, each community's library provides unique and critical services to the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fiscal year 2021 operating budgets are the minimum needed to continue the level of service currently provided to each community; and

WHEREAS, a decrease in funding will affect the library patrons through potential loss in services, circulation materials, and hours of operation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Library Board hereby recommends the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly adopt the Non-Areawide fiscal year 2021 proposed operating budgets for the Library Board, Big Lake, Sutton, Talkeetna, Trapper Creek, and Willow Libraries.
ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Library Board

this 15th day of February, 2020.

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Ann Yadon, Chair

Attest:

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Paige Moore, Secretary