

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
LIBRARY BOARD**

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| <b>Chairperson</b> – Diane Holl-Rambo -- Talkeetna | <b>Big Lake</b> – Paige Moore    | <b>Sutton</b> -- Vacant    |
| <b>Vice Chair</b> – Georgia Knazovich – Wasilla    | <b>Trapper Creek</b> – Ann Yadon | <b>At Large 1</b> - Vacant |
| <b>Secretary</b> – Susan Pougher -- Palmer         | <b>Willow</b> – Carol Goltz      | <b>At Large 2</b> – Vacant |

**AGENDA**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**May 15, 2021**

**Zoom**

**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. April 17, 2021
- VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT
  - A. Hugh Leslie
  - B. Librarians
- VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Continue review of Library Strategic Plan
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
- X. ADVOCACY
  - A. Current needs
- XI. CORRESPONDENCE
- XII. MEMBER COMMENTS
- XIII. NEXT MEETING
  - A. August 21, 2021 Willow Public Library and Zoom meeting
- XIV. ADJORNMENT



39 Zane Treesh, Wasilla. The presentation to the City Council is coming up on Monday, it  
40 appears that a mostly flat funding will be passed. 18,000 items circulated for March back up to  
41 pre-COVID numbers. Tuesday had 700 patrons through the door. Summer Reading Program  
42 plans include a hybrid of virtual and outdoor. The Friends of the Wasilla Library are hosting the  
43 book sale outside. Zane clarified that ProQuest has the 5 National Daily Newspapers, NewsBank  
44 has the Alaska papers.

45 Julie Mitchell, Willow. Filmed walk through tour of the Willow Library Construction.  
46 Again this year the Library is teaming up with the Willow Food Pantry to deliver library books  
47 to the 4 locations they deliver weekly food to students. Patrons can pick up the Summer Reading  
48 Program items during the week or wait and have it delivered to the locations on Thursday.

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50 VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – No persons to be heard.

51 VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

52 A. Assembly report. Chairperson Holl-Rambo reported to the Assembly on April 6th,  
53 and that it went “reasonably well” One assembly member was complementary of curbside  
54 service, when libraries were closed. Discussion about shorter being better and pictures on the  
55 screen as the report is delivered.

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58 IX. NEW BUSINESS

59 A. Review of Library Strategic Plan. Review of the March 2018 Strategic Plan, what we  
60 like and don’t like and things to remember when planning for a new RFP.

61 Chairman Holl-Rambo mentioned that the Staff Training under Mid-Term Plans has been a  
62 success and we are doing that well, however more can be done. Our Libraries always have  
63 ALICE Training and internet safety training. Ms. Scow will send out a free training site to the  
64 Libraries. Ms. Moore reported that one recommendation that has been good for them is having 2  
65 people on staff at all times.

66 May want to continue with the idea of a “Head Librarian” position, to work under Mr. Leslie. Of  
67 course it all depends on budget and amount of work for that position.

68 Planning for the RFP for the next Strategic Plan. In fall of 21 Library Board should include  
69 funding from E-Rate to pay for the new strategic plan, in the budget.

70 Discussion about the appropriateness of hiring an expert company to complete a new strategic  
71 plan, and the Library Board being involved in RFP and selection of company.

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73 X. ADVOCACY

74 A. Ms. Yadon recommends the Friends and Library Support Groups say Thank You to  
75 Don Young for the jobs plan he supports, that includes BroadBand which is important to Alaska  
76 Libraries and our communities. And his support of Build American Libraries Act HR 1581

77 Neither Murkowski nor Sullivan has signed onto SB127, the Senate Build American Libraries  
78 Act.

79 XI. CORRESPONDENCE None

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80 XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

81 Ms. Goltz from Willow, Is encouraged by the increased numbers of holds on books, not because  
82 it's a wait but because of the expanded list you can be waiting on a title. The new building is  
83 looking wonderful. She watched the STEAM presentation recorded by Big Lake and  
84 complements Ms. Moore that she is a natural.

85 Ms. Kazovich from Wasilla didn't have anything further.

86 Ms. Yadon from Trapper Creek, they are in a holding pattern until May 1st, lifted mask and  
87 number of persons allowed. Planning outside summer programming.

88 Ms. Pougher from Palmer. Nothing more to add.

89 Ms. Moore from Big Lake. They are winding up the STEAM projects programming, and will  
90 keep it simple for the Summer, along with crafts. They are fully staffed, and open on Mondays.  
91 They are applying for a grant from the Community Council for book shelves in the quiet room.  
92 This month the artist is a photographer. They plan student art for May and June.

93 Ms. Holl-Rambo from Talkeetna. Gearing up for a summer reading program, currently  
94 discussing online vote for favorite small poetry.

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96 XIII. NEXT MEETING

97 A. May 15 2021 at Trapper Creek Wasilla Public Library and Zoom meeting. May need  
98 someone else to host.

99 VII. ADJOURNMENT Move to Adjourn by Member Goltz, seconded by Member  
100 Knazovich. Unanimous passed. Meeting Adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

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Diane Holl-Rambo, Chairperson

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Susan Pougher, Secretary

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