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AGENDA

Sutton Public Library and Teams
Dial in: 907-290-7880 Conference ID: 201 039 638#

REGULAR MEETING **1:00 PM** **November 10, 2026**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING
A. August 11, 2026

VI. STAFF REPORTS
A. Written. Included in Packet.
B. Wasilla and Palmer libraries may provide an oral report

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – (3 Minutes Per Person)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
A. Items pulled for review from September and October materials
B. Review Library Board Handbook (pages 3-4 of April 2023 version)
C. "Let's Talk About It" – Decision from the Board to recommend removing from Library and moving to the Director.
D. Conversation on Replacing/Removing Laura Anderson, Wasilla Library Board

Member

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public acknowledgement of "no quorum" attendance at the rally on October 13th. No business conducted during this event.
B. November library materials list
C. Mat-Su Borough Library Board Flagged Material: Regarding-Decision Column: Instead of Decision Pending, replace with “In-Review”
D. Add Extra Column that indicates “Reason” for review
E. The need for a new “Library Board Member Flagged Library Material” Sheet: Due to the new search columns that will be displayed on the MSB Website, it will make it easier to add the data and better aligned. New Sheet format will be provided at meeting.
F. IT cybersecurity/bullying
G. Matrix to measure what demographics are being reached
H. Legal advice on making changes that conform with the MSB code
I. Libraries Collection Development Policy update
J. Review of library budgets

X. MEMBER COMMENTS - (3 minutes per person)

XI. NEXT MEETING

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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Meeting Minutes

REGULAR MEETING August 11th, 2026 Big Lake Public Library and Teams 1:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The Meeting on August 11, 2026 was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chairperson Karen Crandall at the Big Lake Library.

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A. Present were Karen Crandall, Julie Endle, Cindy Redmond, Marty Kincaid, Mark Spohn, Sally Pollen and Chad Scott. A quorum was present.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Julie Endle moved to amend the Agenda to include a discussion on adding to the September meeting a discussion on the October Library Report to the Assembly, Chad Scott Seconded. Motion passed.

B. Julie Endle motioned to approve the amended Agenda, Sally Pollen seconded and motion was passed.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

V. MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING

A. Julie Endle motioned to add that she motioned to "extend" in place of "approved" the previous meeting. Chad Scott seconded. Motion Passed

B. Julie Endle moved to approve the amended preceding minutes, Mark Spohn seconded and motion passed.

VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS

A. Nicholas Spiropoulos gave Attorney's report

B. Jillian Morrissey, Community Development Director Spoke

C. Andy Mergens, Recreation & Library Services Manager Spoke and gave the Talkeetna update.

D. Cassidy Drake - Big Lake Library Updates

E. Julie Buzby - Sutton Library Updates

F. Julie Mitchell/ Nicki Dorsey - Willow Library Updates

G. Marita Crosby - Trapper Creek Library Updates

H. Zane Treesh - Wasilla Library Updates

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

A. Jenny (inaudible) was heard

B. Jackie Goforth was heard

C. Jeanie Troshynski was heard

D. Kathy Kysar was heard

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Items pulled from May, June & July lists.

1. Julie Endle Motioned to put on hold material request on items that have not yet been released until they can be reviewed for approval. Mark Spohn seconded.

B. Review Process (M. Kincaid) No motion was made.

C. Julie Endle made a motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes, Mark Spohn seconded. Motion passed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. August library materials list

1. Mark Spohn flagged “The Gender Wheel” Maya, Gonzalez Talkeetna 524. “Natural Selection” 449, “Young World” 432.
2. Marty Kincaid flagged 29, 30, 40, 41,43, 52, 54,59,60,69,78,80,88,92,95,
3. 96,98,99,106,108, 111,114,115, 120, 127,128,132,152,197,200, 246, 292, 293,296,299,308,313,314,315, 350, 355,387,388,389,391,393,420, 424,425, 431, 434,435, 445,449, 458.

B. Audience participation on agenda; no motion made.

C. Challenged Material Submission - “Let’s Talk About It” Chad Scott made a motion to request a staff report on the material and select the book for review, Mark Spohn seconded. Motion Passed.

Julie Endle made a motion to extend the meeting to 4:00pm and to take a 5 minute recess, Mark Spohn seconded and motion passed.

D. Review Library Board Handbook: Chad Scott made a motion to table discussion until the September meeting. Mark Spohn seconded. Motion passed.

E. Streamlining/Revising MSB Flagged Library

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Marty Kincaid spoke.

B. Julie Endle spoke.

C. Cindy Redmond spoke

D. Chad Scott spoke

Julie Endle motioned to extend the meeting to 4:10pm motion passed.

E. Mark Sphon spoke.

F. Karen Crandell Spoke.

XII. NEXT MEETING

A. September 8th, Talkeetna Public Library 1:00pm

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Meet adjourned 4:06pm

Library Board Staff Update

Fall is a busy time in all of the Borough libraries. School is now fully back in session, and we see an increase in youth attendance as many kids come to our libraries as an after-school activity. Our libraries serve as polling places in their communities and voter turn-out for both the State primary election in August and the General Election have been unusually high.

Libraries, along with the rest of the Division, have completed a deliberate labor hour analysis in order to objectively determine the ratio of tasks, services, and work performed in libraries compared with the number of staff and accompanying labor hours required. Several of the library's studies showed a close correlation between the number of staff and the required tasks with a heavy reliance on volunteers. Big Lake and Talkeetna's studies showed a large disparity between the total number of staff hours and the required tasks. We will continue to analyze this data and conduct additional planning and budgeting to help resolve.

Finally, it's budget development time again and our libraries have completed their initial budget review and submission. There are copies of each budget worksheet in the packet. These worksheets will become part of the overall Community Development Department submission to the Assembly for approval beginning after the first of the New Year.

What follows below is a by-location summary for each library:

Monthly stats:

Library	Program Attendance	Media Check-outs	Computer/WiFi Usage	Patron Headcount
Sutton	486	1589	430	2109
Big Lake	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Trapper Creek	52	753	113	283
Talkeetna	214	1378	650	3297
Willow	111	1348	1781	1405

<u>Trapper Creek Library October Update.</u>

During the August State Primary we had 33 people come in and vote. The General Election Early Voting for both the Borough and State elections will be here October 19 – November 2 and we've been busy with early in-person voting so far. Things are a little slower but Movie Night and Adult Craft started back up and saw good attendance.

Willow Library Update.

Trunk or Treat

Plans are underway for our annual **Trunk or Treat** event! Children and families will be able to participate in trick-or-treating throughout the parking lot from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** During the event, movies will be shown in the library's large conference room, featuring **Monsters, Inc.** followed by **The Goonies**. A Halloween-themed craft will be available for participants to complete during the movies or take home as a grab-and-go activity. **WACO** (Willow Area Community Organization) will be serving meal items from the kitchen, and a variety of games and activities will be available in the gym. We look forward to welcoming the community for an evening of Halloween fun!

Mentoring Program

Our mentoring program is underway and has already completed three sessions. Currently, **nine students from Willow Elementary School** are participating. The program has been a wonderful success so far, fostering meaningful connections and positive experiences for everyone involved. It is hard to say who is enjoying the program more, the mentors or the mentees!

Connections Watercolor Class Exhibit

Our Community Connections Watercolor Exploration Class is nearing completion. To celebrate the creativity, growth, and artistic accomplishments of our participants, the Willow Library will host an open house reception showcasing the finished artwork. The **community is invited** to view the paintings, meet the artists, and celebrate their achievements. Light refreshments will be served.
Monday, Nov 2, 2026 | 1:00-3:00 p.m. | Willow Library Conference Room

Lisa Roderick – Talkeetna Author Visit Coming Soon! Ms. Roderick will share stories and experiences from her time in Denali as well as discuss her book, *A Place Among Giants*.
Thursday, Nov 5, 2026 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | Willow Library Conference Room

Talkeetna Library Update

Several of our fall and winter programs began in September, including **Breakfast Book Club**, **children's and adult cooking classes**, and our **Reading Mentors program**. We are also preparing for **Absentee In-Person Voting** for state, Mat-Su Borough, and Talkeetna Community Council elections. We anticipate a strong community turnout.

This month's upcoming events include our **Tween and Teen programs**, a **Friends of the Library Appreciation Week Tea Party**, and an **Art Show** featuring the outstanding work created by participants in the **Creative Connections Charcoal Class** over the past seven weeks. We are also excited to welcome **author Brooke Hartman** for a special story-time event. It is shaping up to be a very busy and exciting month at the library.

I wanted to say a special Thank you to our volunteers, patrons, and community partners for helping make the Talkeetna Library a vibrant gathering place for learning, creativity, and connection.

Big Lake Library Update

Short update for Big Lake Library. Our librarian Cassidy Drake and her husband welcomed Owen Drake, born September 20th. Mother and son doing well and Cassidy is understandably taking some time off. Paige Moore will be filling in while Cassidy is enjoying new baby.

Sutton Library Update

I want to introduce a **new collection category** on the approval list. **Kits** are a designator for things that have multiple items or pieces. Examples from the Sutton Library include: Frisbee Golf Sets for our local frisbee golf course, an outdoor winter activity pack, puzzles, games, and Learning Kits (we own close to 50 and you can find everything from learning letters to robotics). This isn't a new category for the libraries, but it is one you haven't seen before, so we wanted to make you aware of what it was. This means you may see multiple items under the title line if the item for requested approval is a kit.

Other events at the Sutton library:

- Local Jeopardy winner held a watch party at the library.
- Held an author event with local author, Eowyn Ivey.
- Annual Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31st
- Fall Basket Auction Nov. 3-Nov. 20
- New card numbers are usually higher September because it's 'get a library card' month, which we promote.

NOVEMBER 2026 BOOK PURCHASE LIST

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	Title	Author or Producer	Collection	Library
1	Split Second	Janet Evanovich	Adult Fiction	Sutton
2	The Hollow	Michael Connelly	Adult Fiction	Sutton
3	A Sprinkle In Time	Dav Pilkey	Juv Fiction	Sutton
4	All In	David Baldacci	Adult Fiction	Sutton
5	^Scottish Clan & Family Encyclopedia	George Way	Adult Nonfiction	Sutton
6	Over & Under the Waves	Kate Messner	Easy	Sutton
7	Over & Under the Pond	Kate Messner	Easy	Sutton
8	The Best Kind of American	Kim Ghattas	Adult Nonfiction	Sutton
9	^To Catch A Mermaid	Suzanne Selfors	Easy	Sutton
10	^Gruffalo Granny	Julia Donaldson	Easy	Sutton
11	^Heartland V.16	CBC Televisions	Adult DVD	Sutton
12	^Heartland V.17	CBC Television	Adult DVD	Sutton
13	^Heartland V.18	CBC Television	Adult DVD	Sutton
14	The Wedding People	Alison Espach	Adult Fiction	Sutton
15	Butter	Asako Yuzuki	Adult Fiction	Sutton
16	Bad Words	Rioghnach Robinson	Adult Fiction	Sutton
17	Solace House	Will Maclean	Adult Fiction	Sutton
18	The Vanishing Family	Robert Kolker	Adult Nonfiction	Sutton
19	Dear Dealer	Nadia Bowers	Adult Nonfiction	Sutton
20	Stations	Louise Kennedy	Adult Fiction	Sutton
21	Children of the Wolf	Abby Geni	Adult Fiction	Sutton
22	Life Out of Order	Audrey Niffenegger	Adult Fiction	Sutton
23	Dungeon Crawler Carl	Matt Dinniman	Adult Fiction	Sutton
24	Dungeon Crawler Carl - Graphic	Matt Dinniman	Adult Fiction	Sutton
25	Your Fellow Americans	Peter Santenello	Adult Nonfiction	Sutton
26	Communion	J.D. Vance	Adult Nonfiction	Sutton
27	The Witch	Freida McFadden	Adult Fiction	Sutton
28	Hymn for the Forsaken	Megan lynch	Adult Fiction	Sutton
29	This Shore of Light	K.C. Ireton	Adult Fiction	Sutton

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30	Mister in the Stars	Devon Rohana	Easy	Sutton
31	Diffy	Brian Lies	Easy	Sutton
32	Loops	Jashar Awan	Easy	Sutton
33	Bill and the Hole	Jessica Goeke	Easy	Sutton
34	Faraway Family	Padma Ventatraman	Easy	Sutton
35	You Are Old Enough To Hear This	Aaron Starmer	Juv Fiction	Sutton
36	The Family Cross	James Patterson	Adult Fiction	Sutton
37	Uniting the States	Brian Kilmeade	Adult Nonfiction	Sutton
38	A Married Little Christmas	Abby Jimenez	Adult Fiction	Sutton
39	Baby-Sitters On Board	Raina Telgemeier	Juv Fiction	Sutton
40	The Sisterhood of Unlikely Friends	Sara Brunsvold	Adult Fiction	Sutton
41	Lightborn	Hernu Maritz	YA Fiction	Sutton
42	Falling Into Us	Denis Hunter	Adult Fiction	Sutton
43	Library of Forbidden Books	Mario Escobar	Adult Fiction	Sutton
44	Bumble Tea	Sydney Hanson	Easy	Sutton
45	The Geyser Sisters	Sara Laux Akin	Easy	Sutton
46	Nano	Melissa Castrillon	Juv Nonfiction	Sutton
47	Light	Ana Sanfelippo	Juv Nonfiction	Sutton
48	I Survived the Bombing of Pearl Harbor	Lauren Tarsish	Juv Fiction	Sutton
49	I Survived the Eruption of Mount St. Helens	Lauren Tarsish	Juv Fiction	Sutton
50	I Survived the Battle of D-Day	Lauren Tarsish	Juv Fiction	Sutton
51	I Survived the Hindenburg Disaster	Lauren Tarsish	Juv Fiction	Sutton
52	I Survived the Children's Blizzard	Lauren Tarshis	Juv Fiction	Sutton
53	^Lost Evangeline	Kate DiCamillo	Juv Fiction	Sutton
54	^The Puppets of Spelhorst	Kate DiCamillo	Juv Fiction	Sutton
55	^The Hotel Balzaar	Kat DiCamillo	Juv Fiction	Sutton
56	Contend	Philip Anthony Mitchell	Adult Nonfiction	Sutton
57	KIN	JONES, TAYARI	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
58	ALICE AND JACK	BURDEN, BELLE	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
59	STRANGERS	BURDEN, BELLE	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
60	VILLA COCO	GREER, ANDREW	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
61	HOW TO CHEAT YOUR OWN DEATH	PERRIN, KRISTEN	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna

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62	So You Want To Be A Crime Scene Investigator: A Kids' Guide to Forensic Science, Evidence Collection, Crime Labs, and the Detail-Minded Detectives Who Solve Mysteries Using Clues and Science	SOULES, LINDA	Juv Nonfiction	Talkeetna
63	The 100,000 Whys for Curious Tweens: The Junior F	PROFESSOR SPARKS	Juv Nonfiction	Talkeetna
64	*Cooking On Wheels	Arlene Strom	Adult Nonfiction	Sutton
65	*Blackfish City	Sam Miller	Adult Fiction	Sutton
66	*The Year of the Puppy	Alexandra Horowitz	Adult Nonfiction	Sutton
67	*The Long Rifle	Stewart Edward White	Adult Fiction	Sutton
68	*The Tundra World	Theodora Stanwell-Fletcher	Adult Nonfiction	Sutton
69	*The Wedding People	Alison Espach	Adult Fiction	Sutton
70	*The Mountains	Stewart Edward White	Adult Fiction	Sutton
71	^Word Roots Beginning: Learning the Building Blocks of Better Spelling and Vocabulary	Cherie A. Plant	Juv Nonfiction	Willow
72	*A HISTORY OF THE UNEXPLAINED	DK	Adult Nonfiction	Talkeetna
73	*Unicorn Academy: Scarlett and Blaze	Julie Sykes	Easy	Willow
74	*Unicorn Academy: Sophia and Rainbow	Julie Sykes	Easy	Willow
75	*Unicorn Academy: Ava and Star	Julie Sykes	Easy	Willow
76	*Unicorn Academy: Isabel and Cloud	Julie Sykes	Easy	Willow
77	*Never Let a Unicorn Get Spots	Diane Alber	Easy	Willow
78	*A Death in Diamonds	SJ Bennett	Adult Fiction	Willow
79	Ghost: Thirteen Haunting Tales to Tell	Blaise Hemmingway	Juv Fiction	Willow
80	Deep and Dark and Dangerous	Mary Downing Hahn	Juv Fiction	Willow
81	Never Give Up: A Prairie Family's Story	Tom Brokaw	Adult Nonfiction	Willow
82	Toy Story 5	Andrew Stanton	Juv DVD	Willow
83	Clark the Shark Loves Christmas	Bruce Hale	Easy	Willow
84	Clark the Shark Dares to Share	Bruce Hale	Easy	Willow
85	Clark the Shark Afraid of the Dark	Bruce Hale	Easy	Willow
86	Clark the Shark	Bruce Hale	Easy	Willow
87	Twelfth Knight	Alexene Farol Follmuth	YA Fiction	Willow
88	Looking for Smoke	KA Cobell	YA Fiction	Willow
89	Dragonfruit: A Pacific Island Inspired Fantasy	Makiia Lucier	YA Fiction	Willow

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90	Wrong Way Home	Kate O'Shaughnessy	Juv Fiction	Willow
91	The No Brainer's Guide to Decomposition	Adrianna Cuevas	Juv Fiction	Willow
92	Quagmire Tiarello Couldn't Be Better	Mylisa Larsen	Juv Fiction	Willow
93	Not Quite a Ghost	Anne Ursu	Juv Fiction	Willow
94	Exit Nowhere	Juliana Brandt	Juv Fiction	Willow
95	Bye Forever, I Guess	Jodi Meadows	Juv Fiction	Willow
96	Will's Race for Home: a Western	Jewell Parker Rhodes	Juv Fiction	Willow
97	Trouble at the Tangerine	Gillian McDunn	Juv Fiction	Willow
98	Art Attack (Sherlock Society Book 3)	James Ponti	Juv Fiction	Willow
99	Hurricane Heist (Sherlock Society Book 2	James Ponti	Juv Fiction	Willow
100	The Sherlock Society (Book 1)	James Ponti	Juv Fiction	Willow
101	Majestica	Sarah Tolcser	Juv Fiction	Willow
102	Curveball	Pablo Cartaya	Juv Fiction	Willow
103	Carter Avery's Tricky Fourth Grade Year	Rob Buyea	Juv Fiction	Willow
104	Answers to Dog	Pete Hautman	Juv Fiction	Willow
105	And, Then Boom!	Lisa Fipps	Juv Fiction	Willow
106	The Quacken	Justin Colon	Easy	Willow
107	The Hare Who Wouldn't Share	Steve Small	Easy	Willow
108	Pop! Goes the Nursery Rhyme	Betsy Bird	Easy	Willow
109	Not Perfect	Maya Myers	Easy	Willow
110	Bear in a Bathrobe	Maddie Frost	Easy	Willow
111	The Sweet Spot	Elaine Vickers	Juv Fiction	Willow
112	^The Lucky Baseball Bat	Matt Christopher	Juv Fiction	Willow
113	Blood Moon	Sandra Brown	Adult Fiction	Willow
114	Think Again: The Power of Knowing What you Don't know	Adam Grant	Adult Nonfiction	Willow
115	Ironwood	Michael Connelly	Adult Fiction	Willow
116	The House in the Pines	Ana Reyes	Adult Fiction	Willow
117	A Flicker in the Dark	Stacey Willingham	Adult Fiction	Willow
118	Those Empty Eyes	Charlie Donlea	Adult Fiction	Willow
119	The Keeper	Tana French	Adult Fiction	Willow
120	The Hunter	Tana French	Adult Fiction	Willow
121	Wrong Place Wrong Time	Gillian McCallister	Adult Fiction	Willow
122	Dead Men Don't Play Fetch	David Rosenfelt	Adult Fiction	Willow

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123	Bark Humbug	David Rosenfelt	Adult Fiction	Willow
124	How Lucky Am I	Christian Watson	Adult Nonfiction	Willow
125	^Firefly: The Complete Series	Mutant Enemy Productions	Adult DVD	Trapper Creek
126	*Suddenly It's Spring	Mary Lovel	AK Nonfiction	Trapper Creek
127	Clark the Shark	Bruce Hale	Easy	Trapper Creek
128	A Lake with No Bottom	H.D. Hunter	YA Fiction	Trapper Creek
129	The Age of Fury	John Stephens	YA Fiction	Trapper Creek
130	Dog Man: A Sprinkle in Time	Dav Pilkey	Juv Fiction	Trapper Creek
131	Operation Oz	James Ponti	Juv Fiction	Trapper Creek
132	Dungeon Runners: Forest Frenzy	Kieran Larwood	Juv Fiction	Trapper Creek
133	The Egg Thief	Alice Hemming	Easy	Trapper Creek
134	Buffalo Fluffalo and the Very Big Scruffalo	Bess Kalb	Easy	Trapper Creek
135	Pizza and Taco Blast Off!	Stephen Shaskan	Juv Fiction	Trapper Creek
136	Agents of SUITS: Tomb and Gloom	John Green	Juv Fiction	Trapper Creek
137	Darkness of Dragons: A Graphic Novel	Tui Sutherland	Juv Fiction	Trapper Creek
138	Karen's in Love	Ann Martin	Juv Fiction	Trapper Creek
139	The Toast of the Town	Jory John	Easy	Trapper Creek
140	The Secrets We Hide	Karin Slaughter	Adult Fiction	Trapper Creek
141	How to Catch a Bookworm	Alice Walstead	Easy	Trapper Creek
142	Sashimi and the Field Trip of Doom	Dan Santat	Juv Fiction	Trapper Creek
143	The Raging Storm	Ann Cleeves	Adult Fiction	Trapper Creek
144	The Heron's Cry	Ann Cleeves	Adult Fiction	Trapper Creek
145	A Long Call	Ann Cleeves	Adult Fiction	Trapper Creek
146	Dutton Ranch Season 1	Iinson Entertainment	Adult DVD	Trapper Creek
147	Pete the Cat's Wacky Taco Tuesday	James Dean	Easy	Trapper Creek
148	The Bookstore Diaries	Susan Mallery	Adult Fiction	Trapper Creek
149	The Action Bible: Heroes and Villains	Sergio Cariello	Juv Fiction	Trapper Creek
150	The Action Bible: God's Redemptive Story	Sergio Cariello	Juv Fiction	Trapper Creek
151	The Action Bible New Testament	Sergio Cariello	Juv Fiction	Trapper Creek
152	School for Thieves	Peter Burns	Juv Fiction	Trapper Creek
153	Island of Skulls	Peter Burns	Juv Fiction	Trapper Creek
154	Turkey's Fall Fumble	Wendi Silvano	Easy	Trapper Creek
155	Turkey Trick or Treat	Wendi Silvano	Easy	Trapper Creek
156	^Trolls Band Together	Dreamworks Animation	Juv DVD	Trapper Creek

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157	^Trolls World Tour	Dreamworks Animation	Juv DVD	Trapper Creek
158	*One Day	Random House Films	Adult DVD	Trapper Creek
159	SMALL SCALE SINNERS	SOHAIL, MAHREEN	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
160	HOW TO BE HOPEFUL	MORAN, CAITLIN	Adult Nonfiction	Talkeetna
161	DEY	DANTICAT, EDWIDGE	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
162	UNDER THE FALLS	RUSSON, RICHARD	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
163	PLY	DIAZ, HERNAN	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
164	BODY LANGUAGE	HOWREY, MEG	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
165	*OSAMA	BARMAK, SIDDIQ	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
166	*HIDDEN IN SILENCE	ALEXANDER, DENISE	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
167	*KELLY'S HEROES	BECKERMAN, SIDNEY	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
168	*INSIDE MAN	GRAZER, BRIAN	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
169	*HEAVENS FALL	HUTTON, TIMOTHY	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
170	*RAISING ARIZONA	COEN, JOEL	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
171	*NATURAL BORN KILLERS	STONE, OLIVER	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
172	SOLE SURVIVOR	OLLESTAD, NORMAN	YA Nonfiction	Talkeetna
173	BREATH OF THE DRAGON	LEE, SHANNON	YA Fiction	Talkeetna
174	MARK OF A WARRIOR	LEE, SHANNON	YA Fiction	Talkeetna
175	BAD BOY: A GRAPHIC MEMOIR	MYERS, WALTER	YA Nonfiction	Talkeetna
176	WHITE LIES: HOW THE SOUTH LOST THE CIVIL WAR	BAUSUM, ANN	YA Nonfiction	Talkeetna
177	DUTTON RANCH SEASON 1	SHERIDAN, TAYLOR	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
178	PAW PATROL: THE DINO MOVIE	BRUNKER, CAL	Juv DVD	Talkeetna
179	THE ODYSSEY	THOMAS, EMMA	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
180	THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE RINGS OF POWER SEASONS 1-3	PAYNE, JD	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
181	THE RISING	GREENGRASS, PAUL	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
182	THE RIVALS OF AMZIAH KING	PATTERSON, ANDREW	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
183	MUTINY	STATHAM, JASON	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
184	SUPER TROOPERS 3	PERELLO, RICHARD	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
185	END OF OAK STREET	ABRAMS, JJ	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
186	FRANKENSTEIN	DEL TORO, GUILLERMO	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
187	THE AGENCY SEASON 1 AND 2	101 STUDIOS	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
188	MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE	BANNERMAN, BILL	Adult DVD	Talkeetna

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189	MOANA	JOHNSON, DWAYNE	Juv DVD	Talkeetna
190	MINONS AND MONSTERS	MELEDANDRI, CHRIS	Juv DVD	Talkeetna
191	TOY STORY 5	ARNOLD, BONNIE	Juv DVD	Talkeetna
192	LANDMAN SEASON 2	SHERIDAN, TAYLOR	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
193	DISCLOSER DAY	SPIELBERG, STEVEN	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
194	THE SHEEP DETECTIVES	BALDA, KYLE	Juv DVD	Talkeetna
195	*NO SEQUEL TO LIFE	JACQUES, JERRY	Adult Alaska	Talkeetna
196	^*The Emperor's Enemy	Mas, Jasmine	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
197	The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power Season 2	Edwards, Charles Vickerd, Charlie	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
198	The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power Season 1	Edwards, Charles Vickerd, Charlie	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
199	Spiderman: Brand New Day	Holland,Tom	Adult DVD	Talkeetna
200	*The Zorg	Kara, Siddharth	Adult Audio	Talkeetna
201	Ten Frogs	Blake, Quentin	Easy	Talkeetna
202	*Arthur Makes a Comic	Brown, Marc Krosoczka, Jarrett	Juv Fiction	Talkeetna
203	*Arthur's Underwear	Brown,Marc Krosoczka, Jarrett	Juv Fiction	Talkeetna
204	Faithful of Heart	Petersen,Tracie	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
205	A Life So True	Petersen, Tracie	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
206	Devoted to Love	Petersen, Tracie	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
207	Silksinger	Taylor,Laini	YA Fiction	Talkeetna
208	Windwich	Taylor,Laini	YA Fiction	Talkeetna
209	Curse the Left Hand	Roth, Veronica	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
210	Seek theTraitor's Son	Roth, Veronica	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
211	^THE TRAIL TO CROOKED CREEK	MCCLLINTOCK, MK	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
212	^CHRISTMAS IN CROOKED CREEK	MCCLINTOCK, MK	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
213	^THE WOMEN OF CROOKED CREEK	MCCLINTOCK, MK	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
214	^THE BUMPY ROAD	VEIT, QUENTIN	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
215	^NEVER GIVE UP	BROKAW, TOM	Adult Nonfiction	Talkeetna
216	*THE LIVING BIRD	CORNEELL LAB OF ORINTHOLOGY	Adult Nonfiction	Talkeetna
217	*IF I HAD MY LIVE TO LIVE OVER	MARTZ, SANDRA	Adult Nonfiction	Talkeetna
218	*A WAY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS	BUCKINGHAM, JAMIE	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
219	THE DIRTY SECRETS	GARDINER, MEG	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
220	*IN PURUIT OF LOVE	BENDER, REBECCA	Adult Nonfiction	Talkeetna

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221	*THE THINGS THEY CARRIED	O'BRIEN, TIM	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
222	*AN EDGAR ALLAN POE READER	POE, EDGAR	Adult Nonfiction	Talkeetna
223	*THE LAST LECTURE	RAUSCH, RANDY	Adult Nonfiction	Talkeetna
224	*HERO OF HACKSAW RIDGE	HERNDON, BOOTON	Adult Nonfiction	Talkeetna
225	*INVISIBLE MAN	ELLISON, RALPH	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
226	*COMING INTO THE COUNTRY	MCPHEE, JOHN	Adult Alaska	Talkeetna
227	BLACK BEAR GOES TO WASHINTON	LAWSON, DENISE	Easy	Talkeetna
228	BIRDS	GRAY, SAMANTHA	Juv Nonfiction	Talkeetna
229	MOLLY OF DENALI AMAZING SNOW	WOOD, DOUGLAS	Easy	Talkeetna
230	I Am the Cage	GRANT, ALLISON	YA Fiction	Talkeetna
231	My Own Kind of Person	MANLEY, TIM	YA Fiction	Talkeetna
232	Everything's Not Lost	JOSEPH, FREDERICK	YA Fiction	Talkeetna
233	The Age of Fury	STEPHENS, JOHN	YA Fiction	Talkeetna
234	The House of Gardenias	CANAS, ISABEL	YA Fiction	Talkeetna
235	EMPIRE	TAHIR, SABAA	YA Fiction	Talkeetna
236	HEIR	TAHIR, SABAA	YA Fiction	Talkeetna
237	Sunderworld, Vol. 2: The Unfortunate Responsibilities of Leopold Berry	RIGGS, RANSOM	YA Fiction	Talkeetna
238	Sunderworld, Vol. I: The Extraordinary Disappointments of Leopold Berry	RIGGS, RANSOM	YA Fiction	Talkeetna
239	*Sea of Charms	Durst, Sarah Beth	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
240	*The Enchanted Greenhouse	Durst, Sarah Beth	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
241	*The Spellshop	Durst, Sarah Beth	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna
242	*Rules to Live By: How Extraordinary Lives Define What Really Matters	Chin, Jimmy	Adult Nonfiction	Talkeetna
243	*Arthur's Underwear	Brown, Marc,Krosoczka, Jarrett	Juv Fiction	Talkeetna
244	*Arthur Makes a Comic Graphic Novel	Brown, Marc,Krosoczka, Jarrett	Juv Fiction	Talkeetna
245	*The Price if Yorha Doon	Petersen, Andrew	Juv Fiction	Talkeetna
246	*A Ranger's Guide to Glipwood Forest	Petersen, Andrew	Juv Fiction	Talkeetna
247	*The Warden and the Wolf King	Petersen, Andrew	Juv Fiction	Talkeetna
248	*The Monster in the Hollows	Petersen, Andrew	Juv Fiction	Talkeetna
249	*North! Or Be Eaten	Petersen, Andrew	Juv Fiction	Talkeetna
250	*On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness	Petersen, Andrew	Juv Fiction	Talkeetna
251	*Women of Crooked Creek LP	McClintock, MK	Adult Fiction	Talkeetna

252	Stick Dog Comes to Town	Watson, Tom	Juv Fiction	Talkeetna
253	Stick Dog Takes Out Sushi	Watson, Tom	Juv Fiction	Talkeetna
254	Stick Dog Meets His Match	Watson, Tom	Juv Fiction	Talkeetna
255	Stick Dog Gets The Taco	Watson, Tom	Juv Fiction	Talkeetna
256	Stick Dog Crashes a Party	Watson, Tom	Juv Fiction	Talkeetna
257	Stick Dog Craves Candy	Watson, Tom	Juv Fiction	Talkeetna
258	Stick Dog Slurps Spaghetti	Watson, Tom	Juv Fiction	Talkeetna
259	Stick Dog Tries to Take Donuts	Watson, Tom	Juv Fiction	Talkeetna
260	Stick Dog Dreams of Ice Cream	Watson, Tom	Juv Fiction	Talkeetna
261	Stick Dog Chases a Pizza	Watson, Tom	Juv Fiction	Talkeetna
262	Stick Dog Wants a Hot Dog	Watson, Tom	Juv Fiction	Talkeetna
263	*The Princess and the Beggar	Anne Sibley O'Brien	Juv Nonfiction	Sutton
264	^Breaking Cat News Adveture Volumes 1-8	Georgia Dunn	Juv Fiction	Sutton
265	*Unicorn Academy: Scarlett and Blaze	Julie Sykes	Juv Fiction	Willow
266	*Unicorn Academy: Sophia and Rainbow	Julie Sykes	Juv Fiction	Willow
267	*Unicorn Academy: Ava and Star	Julie Sykes	Juv Fiction	Willow
268	*Unicorn Academy: Isabel and Cloud	Julie Sykes	Juv Fiction	Willow
269	*Never Let A Unicorn Get Spots	Diane Alber	Easy	Willow
270	*A Death in Diamonds	S.J. Bennett	Adult Fiction	Willow
271	The Art of Jewish Joy	Amanda Kingloff	Juv Nonfiction	Big Lake
272	Solly and the Elephant	Sandy Eisenberg Sasso	Easy	Big Lake
273	I Wish That You Knew	Rebecca Fardyn Levington	Easy	Big Lake
274	The Shabbat Flood: A Texas-Sized Tall Tale	Jan Schwaid	Easy	Big Lake
275	Hear Me Roar! I'm a Hanukkahsaur	Naomi Gruer	Easy	Big Lake
276	A Purr-Fect Sukkot	Jenna Waldman	Easy	Big Lake
277	A House With No Door	Amy Fellner Dominy	Easy	Big Lake
278	Our Spectacular Sukkah	Sidura Ludwig	Easy	Big Lake
279	The Sukkah Hop	Barbara Lerman-Golomb	Easy	Big Lake
280	I'm Sorry for the Bagel Burps	Jacob Sager Weinstein	Easy	Big Lake
281	Diving Deep on Rosh Hashanah	Rachelle Burk	Juv Nonfiction	Big Lake
282	Mutiny	Lionsgate	Adult DVD	Big Lake
283	Spider-Man: Brand New Day	Sony	Adult DVD	Big Lake
284	^Kpop Demon Hunters	Netflix	Juv DVD	Big Lake
285	Oto and the Little Yellow Train	Suharu Ogawa	Easy	Big Lake

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286	The Boy Behind the Wardrobe	Suzanne Poulter	Easy	Big Lake
287	The Age of Fury	John Stephens	YA Fiction	Big Lake
288	Last Night I Dreamed of Home	Sophie Li	YA Fiction	Big Lake
289	Everything New Again	Renee Watson	YA Fiction	Big Lake
290	Music Against the Night	Yiyun Li	Adult Fiction	Big Lake
291	^Revenge of the Final Girl	Andrea Mosqueda	YA Fiction	Big Lake
292	Mortal Things	Marie Lu	YA Fiction	Big Lake
293	Cat takes Queen	Ilona Bray	Juv Fiction	Big Lake
294	Last One Picked	Audrey Meeker	Juv Fiction	Big Lake
295	The Senses: Signals and Stimuli	Andy Hirsch	Juv Nonfiction	Big Lake
296	Boundless: 17 Stories Starring Disabled Kids	Marieke Nijkamp	Juv Fiction	Big Lake
297	Trunk No. 3	Allie Millington	Juv Fiction	Big Lake
298	Rock Paper Scissors Cheese	W. Kamau Bell	Easy	Big Lake
299	Tokki's Tricks	Aram Kim	Easy	Big Lake
300	Bird Anatomy	Julia Rothman	Juv Nonfiction	Big Lake
301	Simply Ina	Ina Garten	Adult Nonfiction	Big Lake
302	^A Court of Splintered Harmony	Sarah J. Maas	Adult Fiction	Big Lake
303	This is a Door	Daniel Nayeri	Juv Fiction	Big Lake
304	Peck & Peck	Bonnie Garmus	Adult Fiction	Big Lake
305	^Samantha The Next Chapter	Fiona Davis	Adult Fiction	Big Lake
306	The Royal Witch	Phillippa Gregory	Adult Fiction	Big Lake
307	The Drowning Game	Dusti Bowling	YA Fiction	Big Lake
308	How to Walk a Dog	Joanne Levy	Juv Fiction	Big Lake
309	Bluey's Big World	Penguin	Easy	Big Lake
310	A Lake With No Bottom	H.D. Hunter	YA Fiction	Big Lake
311	Bad Like Me	Louise Griffin	Adult Fiction	Big Lake
312	Missing Molly	Natalie Bareli	Adult Fiction	Big Lake
313	The Family Cross	James Patterson	Adult Fiction	Big Lake
314	Crocodile Tears	Derek Desierto	Easy	Big Lake
315	The Ones Who Came Before	Kevin Maillard	Easy	Big Lake
316	Freedom's Eve	Pamela Courtney	Easy	Big Lake
317	The Museum of Modern Love	Mariko Turk	YA Fiction	Big Lake
318	Don't Leave	Kristen Tracey	Easy	Big Lake
319	How to Escape a Playdate	Rachel Michelle Wilson	Easy	Big Lake

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320	Live Like a Citizen	Eric Lu	Adult Nonfiction	Big Lake
321	An American Girl	Amanda Fitzsimons	Adult Nonfiction	Big Lake
322	An Unlikely Visitor	Joanna Cannon	Adult Fiction	Big Lake
323	The Queen of Roses	Julia Kelly	Adult Fiction	Big Lake
324	Look What the Cat Dragged In	Jason Rekulak	Adult Fiction	Big Lake
325	What Marcel Found	Cedar Pruitt	Easy	Big Lake
326	It's Not Over yet	Salma Hussain	YA Fiction	Big Lake
327	Escape Rooms!	Highlights	Juv Nonfiction	Big Lake
328	The Thieves Beneath the Floorboards	Mikey Please	Easy	Big Lake
329	The Pizza Brothers	Lian Cho	Easy	Big Lake
330	My Voice is a Beat	Kevin Olusola	Easy	Big Lake
331	Last Flight	Captain W. Russell Webster	Adult Nonfiction	Big Lake
332	Falling Into Us	Denise Hunter	Adult Fiction	Big Lake
333	Pride and Practicality	Pepper Basham	Adult Fiction	Big Lake
334	Madeline McKnight Signs Off	Evan Brooke	Adult Fiction	Big Lake
335	The Greater Good	Whit Taylor	Adult Nonfiction	Big Lake
336	Willow's Winter Walk	Stevie Lewis	Easy	Big Lake
337	The Jumble	Avi Steinberg	Easy	Big Lake
338	The Heights	Ian Rankin	Adult Fiction	Big Lake
339	^The Last King of Faerie	Cassanda Clare	YA Fiction	Big Lake
340	Webs of Ink	Rebecca Connolly	Adult Fiction	Big Lake
341	Fallen Beauty	Astrid Scholte	YA Fiction	Big Lake
342	There are No Giant Crabs in this Novel	Jason Pargin	Adult Fiction	Big Lake
343	A Sprinkle in Time	Dav Pilkey	Juv Fiction	Big Lake
344	Sweet Pea	Kit De Waal	Adult Fiction	Big Lake
345	Click Clack Tooth Fairy	Doreen Cronin	Easy	Big Lake
346	Bear Wakes Up	Lisa Chow	Easy	Big Lake
347	Extraordinary	Caitlin Clark	Easy	Big Lake
348	Mr. Lemoncello's Wondermous Christmas Gift	Chris Grabenstein	Juv Fiction	Big Lake
349	Destroyer of Magic	James Riley	Juv Fiction	Big Lake
350	Ballet Shoes	Noel Streatfeild	Easy	Big Lake
351	Baby Garfield: Year of Firsts	Ben Clanton	Juv Fiction	Big Lake
352	Luna and the Night	Maylis Daufnesne	Easy	Big Lake
353	I Wonder if I'm Growing	Raffi	Easy	Big Lake

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354	Queen of Lombard Street	Lisa Kleypas	Adult Fiction	Big Lake
355	Fight or Flight	Jeff Kinney	Juv Fiction	Big Lake
356	50 States 5000 Family Adventures	National Geographic	Adult Nonfiction	Big Lake
357	Elaine	Anden Wilder	Easy	Big Lake
358	Brittle Magic	Kate O'Shaughnessy	Juv Fiction	Big Lake
359	Ms. Pennypickle's Remarkable Road Race	Chris Grabenstein	Juv Fiction	Big Lake
360	Mothsblood	Lynn D. Jung	Adult Fiction	Big Lake
361	Soulhider	Dan Aykroyd	Adult Fiction	Big Lake
362	The Big Shot Bear	Glean Keane	Early Chapter	Big Lake
363	Christmas Trees and Weak Knees	Katrina Emmel	YA Fiction	Big Lake
364	Simple Kitchen Magic	Rebecca Moyer	Adult Nonfiction	Big Lake
365	Antonia and Her Magic Wand	Elizabeth Duncan	Easy	Big Lake
366	Everything New Again	Renee Watson	YA Fiction	Big Lake
367	Sea Babies	Sylvia A Earle	Easy	Big Lake
368	The Buddy System	Sam Wedelich	Easy	Big Lake
369	I am Wonderfully Me	Grace Byers	Easy	Big Lake
370	Lost and Found at Gurdwara	Baljinder Kaur	Easy	Big Lake
371	Odo and the Big, Giant Sinkhole	Suzanne Crowley	Juv Fiction	Big Lake
372	No Sam! And the City of Scoundrels	Drew Daywalt	Juv Fiction	Big Lake
373	Juana Fanta Needs a Hero	Kyle Casey Chu	Juv Fiction	Big Lake
374	Moonie and Junie: Intersteller Pen Pals	Katie Kordesh	Juv Fiction	Big Lake
375	The Queen's Command	Sarah Raughley	YA Fiction	Big Lake
376	Tidalrise	Tori Tadiar	Juv Fiction	Big Lake

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Date: October 1, 2026
To: The Mat-Su Borough Library Board
From: Jillian Morrissey, Community Development Director
RE: Flagged Library Material – Final Decisions

Titles: The Sixth Faction (Book 1) and The Last Testimony (Epic Conclusion to the Sixth Faction – Book 2)
Author: Veronica Roth
The titles are written by a widely acclaimed author whose work has received significant literary recognition and achieved substantial readership worldwide. These books demonstrate recognized literary quality, documented public interest, and anticipated demand. The duology supports recreational reading, has favorable reviews and remains relevant as part of a highly popular series frequently sought by library patrons. Acquisition of these titles is consistent with the library's mission to provide access to popular materials, support a range of reading interests, and maintain a collection responsive to community demand. The titles will be shelved in the Adult Collection.

Title: Masters of the Universe
Produced by: Todd Black
Masters of the Universe by Todd Black is affirmed for purchase. The title meets multiple selection criteria, including documented patron interest, enhancement of the existing collection, and anticipated demand associated with a well-known and enduring entertainment franchise. It supports the library's goal of providing popular materials that reflect a broad range of recreational interests and contemporary culture. To note, the film adaptation carries a PG-13 rating, and since parental guidance is suggested the title will be shelved in the Adult collection.

Title: The Gender Wheel
Author: Maya Gonzales
The Gender Wheel by Maya Gonzalez is not approved for shelving at this time. The title does not address an identified gap in the collection and there is no documented patron interest. Furthermore, the title remains readily available to residents through the Joint Library Network's interlibrary loan system.

Title: 72 Hours of You
Author: Darianne Schramm
72 Hours of You by Darianne Schramm is placed on hold for purchase for further review at this time. The title appears to align with the interests of the Young Adult collection, has received favorable reviews, and was recently published. However, as this represents the author's debut literary work, additional evaluation is warranted before a final purchasing decision is made. Deferring the purchase will allow for further assessment of the title's long-term relevance, anticipated demand, and overall fit within collection development priorities.

Title: Absent
Author: Rex Ogle
The title addresses the timely and relevant topic of chronic absenteeism in schools, contributing meaningful subject coverage to the library's collection and supporting the educational and informational needs of the community. The work has received professional recognition through the author's award-winning body of work, and based on its relevance, recognized literary quality, and value in strengthening the collection's coverage of contemporary youth issues, purchase is affirmed and shelved in Young Adult collection.

Title: Our Strange Duet
Author: Erin A. Craig
Our Strange Duet by Erin A. Craig is affirmed for purchase and will be shelved in the Adult collection. The title meets multiple selection criteria, including recognized literary quality, anticipated patron demand, and enhancement of the existing collection. Written by an acclaimed author, the novel offers a contemporary retelling inspired by The Phantom of the Opera, one of the most enduring works in modern theater. Its themes and crossover appeal to adult fantasy readers support placement in the Adult collection, where it aligns with comparable works.

Title: The Ending You Deserve
Author: Rebecca Stafford
The title meets multiple selection criteria, including enhancement of the existing collection, and anticipated patron interest. Written by an award-winning author, the novel contributes to a diverse and contemporary fiction collection while supporting the library's goal of providing popular and relevant reading materials for the community. The title will be shelved in the Adult Collection.

Title: The House of Gardenias
Author: Isabel Canas
The title meets multiple selection criteria, including enhancement of the existing collection, and anticipated patron interest. Written by an award-winning author, the novel contributes to a diverse and contemporary fiction collection while supporting the library's goal of providing popular and relevant reading materials for the community. The title will be shelved in the Adult Collection.

Title: The Siren
Author: Tomi Adeyemi
The title meets multiple selection criteria, including enhancement of the existing collection, and anticipated patron interest. Written by an award-winning author, the novel contributes to a diverse and contemporary fiction collection while supporting the library's goal of providing popular and relevant reading materials for the community. The title will be shelved in the Adult Collection.

Title: The Wrath and The Dawn
Author: Renee Ahdieh
The title meets multiple selection criteria, including enhancement of the existing collection, and anticipated patron interest. Written by an award-winning author, the novel contributes to a diverse and contemporary fiction collection while supporting the library's goal of providing popular and relevant reading materials for the community. The title will be shelved in the Adult Collection.

Title: We’re All Going to Die Tonight
Author: Veronica Bane
We're All Going to Die Tonight by Veronica Bane is not approved for purchase at this time. While the title aligns with a popular genre and may appeal to some readers, the author has a limited publishing history and does not yet have the established body of work, or professional recognition. The title is expected to be available through interlibrary loan services, ensuring access for interested patrons into the future without requiring local purchase at this time. Staff are requested to monitor patron requests and circulation interest related to this title and report back for future consideration should documented demand emerge.

Title: Young World
Author: Soman Chainani
Young World by Soman Chainani is not recommended for additional purchase. The title is authored by a bestselling writer with a long record of critical acclaim, professional recognition, and successful literary franchises, meeting multiple selection criteria including recognized literary quality and anticipated reader interest. However, copies are already available within the Mat-Su library system and through other participating libraries in the network. Given the existing availability of the title and the ability of patrons to access it through local lending and resource-sharing arrangements, an additional purchase is not warranted at this time. This decision supports efficient stewardship of collection resources while maintaining patron access to the work.

Title: Families, Families, Families!
Author: Suzanne Lang
This title is not approved for shelving in MSB Libraries at this time. The work is available to interested patrons through interlibrary loan from at least four Alaska libraries, providing reasonable access.



Borough Libraries FAQ

Borough libraries are so much more than books! They provide year-round, programming and services for all ages and are a local hub for information, technology, education, and civic engagement. Library services include:

- Free Wi-Fi and public computer access
- Books, audiobooks, e-books, and other digital resources
- Access to materials from libraries across Alaska through the Alaska Library Network
- Free online learning tools, including Live Homework Help through SLED
- Notary services, test proctoring, and technology assistance
- Meeting spaces for community groups and organizations
- Early Voting and Election Day polling locations in some communities

Where are the Borough-owned and operated Libraries?

You can find our five libraries in the communities of Big Lake, Sutton, Talkeenta, Trapper Creek and Willow.

Can members of the public reserve a meeting room at a Borough Library?

Meeting rooms are available for reservation at Borough Libraries. Contact the appropriate library to get further details. Reserve a room online: Library Room Rental Information and Reservations.

How do I obtain a library card?

Adults apply in person at one of the five libraries. All that's needed is a valid Mat-Su address and a picture ID.

Can a minor obtain a library card?

A parent or legal guardian must be physically present to apply for a library card for their minor child. As part of the application process, the parent or guardian signs the application, acknowledging the responsibilities associated with the card including, but not limited to:

- They are the parent and/or legal guardian of the child.
- There are no age restrictions on the use of library materials.
- They accept responsibility for the child's selection and use of library materials.
- They accept responsibility for materials checked out on the child's card, including items checked out for another person.

Can parents or guardians receive a notification when their child checks out library materials?

Yes. Parents and guardians may opt in to receive email notifications whenever their child checks out library materials. To enroll, simply visit your local library, confirm you are the parent/guardian on the record and have a valid email address where notifications should be sent.



How are library materials selected?

Library materials are evaluated using multiple criteria outlined in the Administrative Policy: Library Collection Development. These criteria include community relevance, suitability for the intended audience, professional reviews, accuracy, literary merit, patron interest, and other factors before final decisions are made. Using this policy, library staff procures a monthly list of titles. The list of requested materials is then presented to the MSB Library Board to review and provide input about the materials requested. The criteria in the Administrative Policy and the advisory vote inform the final decision on which materials to purchase.

Can I request materials for the library collection?

Yes, residents are welcome to suggest materials for the Borough Library collection**.** To request an item, contact your local Borough library staff or visit your library for assistance.

How are library collections organized?

Library materials are organized into collections based on intended audience, format, and other collection development considerations. Collection organization and shelving are periodically reviewed to support accessibility, ease of use, and consistency across Borough libraries.

What if I would like the Borough to reconsider shelved library material?

Matanuska-Susitna Borough residents and library cardholders may request reconsideration of library materials using the Borough's formal reconsideration process. To submit a request for reconsideration, complete the online form available at: Library Material Reconsideration Request. Once a request is submitted, it is reviewed through the Borough's established reconsideration process, which includes the opportunity for an advisory review and a final administrative decision. The MSB Library Board serves in an advisory role and may review challenged library materials and provide recommendations. Per Assembly directive, the Community Development Director is responsible for making the final decision regarding challenged library materials. Final decisions remain in effect for three years

What is the MSB Library Board and how can we provide input?

The Mission of the Matanuska-Susitna Library Board is to strengthen library services within the Borough by acting as an advocate to ensure adequate funding, review policies, and aid in the development of long-term plans for libraries within the Borough. Residents are welcome to share their input with the Library Board in several ways. You may attend a Library Board meeting and speak during the Audience Participation portion of the agenda or contact Library Board members directly using the directory available on the Library Board webpage. For meeting information, board member contact information, agendas, and other resources, visit the Library Board webpage.