

November 2022 Librarian's Report

We have had a busy month and it has been great having Teresa here! She has been very active helping with staffing the library and with the Thanksgiving program that we had on Saturday Nov 19.

Julie has also been here in Tenakee and besides participating in our Thanksgiving program, she met with me to go over the files and I showed her around the Librarian's desk a bit so she would know where to find things. She has also generously offered to take a couple of totes of books in to Juneau so I have gathered up some that I am discarding and will send with her. I also have another pile that I will be sending to the prison.

I have been cataloging all the new materials that have come in and will be waiting to hear in December if we were awarded another Book Hook Grant. I still have about a month's worth of materials to put out in January but after that I will be just putting out what we receive each month for the most part. I plan on doing some larger orders in December and January of both books and DVD's to stay on track with grant spending. As always if anyone has any suggestions please send them my way!

Later this week we will transition into the Hanukkah/Christmas season and decorate the library and I plan on having a couple of holiday programs. My Round Table display this month will also feature adult and children's movies and books for the holidays. November showcased Alaskana and generated quite a bit of interest.

I still have a couple of projects that I would like to get done here at the library. One is cleaning off the tops of the book shelves. I have spoken with Nicole and we are welcome to store things in the shed next door. Additionally I hope to get the archiving done this month. I have looked in the Board Binder and it is not up to date, so I will try and print out minutes, agenda's and reports.

Registration is open for the annual Alaska State Library conference, this year held in Fairbanks. As this is an agenda item I will go into more detail later on that.

We have received money from the State Library to cover the cost of renewing our filtering software for another year. This is done annually in December. Additionally we have been given a gift card/coupon from the state library to use on materials for the Summer Reading Program.

ILL's are still a very popular item and one patron received over 20 books this month alone! While I love that this is so popular, our postage budget is taking a big hit.

Between Diane McCarty and myself we have gone thru all the overdues and most have been returned.

All in all, I think things are moving along nicely in the library and I hope the board feels the same.

Thanks, Lisa