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# Palmer CITY LINKS

## *Palmer Public Library- Doors are closed, but there's still plenty to offer!*

From Beth Skow, Library Director

While the Palmer Public Library (PPL) is closed to the public, plenty of work has been going on behind-the-scenes. To help stop the spread of COVID19, PPL staff is sanitizing every item that comes to our building. As a service to the community, PPL has kept its book and disc returns open to the public. Although patrons are not able to check out new materials at this time, they are still able to return items to the library. Twice a day, staff bring returned materials into the library and begin the process of disinfecting everything. It is a time-consuming and involved process, but we are happy to be able to do our part to assist the community.

### *How are staff staying busy:*

Shelf Reading! Every shelf in the library is getting attention; books are being pulled of each shelf the shelf is dusted and the books are re-shelved in the correct order. We are finding items that have been considered lost or not even our items. This is a long, dirty process but one that every staff person has been wanting to do. Library inventory

will start the beginning of the month by Joy Bailey, while staff continue to shelf read, clean and start painting.

### *What is being offered while we are closed:*

-Online services: By visiting our website, pplak.org, patrons will find heaps of information on how to obtain a temporary library card (to access digital content). We have a great selection of free online resources, for all ages, available on our website at pplak.org. Hover over the Resources, or eLibrary tabs to explore a whole new digital world! Access the Alaska Digital Library and other sources for free or low-cost eBooks and eAudiobooks. Tumblebooks, Amazon, and Audible have opened some of their digital book collections for free use for a limited time. Play mind-strengthening games, learn a foreign language, get Live Homework Help, small business information, car repair and driving practice tests, study for standardized tests, like the ACT and SAT, get career help and information, learn about avalanche safety, glacier guides, disaster preparedness, gardening, genealogy, or health and wellness. Now is a great time to learn new computer skills, or brush up on Excel, Power Point, Photoshop, Illustrator, etc. Spring cleaning? Take a few minutes to opt out of junk mail and calling lists too. The information on our website is updated as details unfold and has become a fantastic location for up-to-date resources.



Sanitized books from the book drop

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*IRS and PFD forms located next to the entry of the Palmer Public Library:*



Another new feature to our online presence is the addition of virtual Story Time!! Patrons contacted the library to let us know that their children missed coming to the library and enjoying their regular visits to Story Time. To stay connected and support the community, PPL is thrilled to announce that we are posting our children's programs online!! Anyone who is interested in viewing may find the links to the videos on our website, [pplak.org](http://pplak.org), on the Friends of the PPL's FB page, and on YouTube.

- Book drops are still open and processed each day.
- Items currently checked out are now due May 15, 2020.
- Free WiFi is available in the library parking lot.

*(Photos Courtesy Beth Skow)*

## City Finance Services

City services are continuing with Police on the street, Fire and Rescue responding, road crews clearing and water/sewer flowing. In order for this to keep going, finance services must still collect the revenues that pay for these services. The offices are closed, but you can still pay your bills in various ways.

### *How to pay your City of Palmer Utility bill?*

- Pay by check it can be mailed to 231 W. Evergreen Ave, Palmer AK 99645.
- Drop off in the City Hall Drop Box located to the right of the City Hall front doors. We check it regularly.
- Pay by credit card please call 745-3271 between the hours of 8 – 5 and we can take your information over the phone.
- Pay by credit card through our website: [www.palmerak.org](http://www.palmerak.org) go to bottom of the page click on "Online Bill Pay". If you need help with this, please call our office at 745-3271.

If you would like to set up auto draft with a credit card that the City will charge the first business day of every month, please call 745-3271 and we will set it up for you.

### *How to remit City Sales Tax?*

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## City Facility Closures

### *Finance Services continued...*

If you have a zero-sales tax filing, it can be faxed to 745-0930 or scanned and emailed to [financedepartment@palmerak.org](mailto:financedepartment@palmerak.org).

### *All other payments (Airport Tie Downs, Special Assessments, March Ice Rental)*

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## Palmer Visitor Center and Museum

We may be temporarily closed, but you can take a virtual tour of our latest exhibit Beyond the Classroom on our website! This exhibit features work from Valley high school art classrooms, showcasing the talent of an emerging generation of local artists. Go to [palmermuseum.org](http://palmermuseum.org) and check out our Exhibits page to see the full display. You can receive updates on this exhibit and more by following our Facebook page, Palmer Museum of History and Art!

- Palmer Public Library (Limited services available on line: [www.pplak.org](http://www.pplak.org).)
- Palmer Visitor Center and Museum
- Palmer Public Restrooms (Elmwood Ave)
- Palmer Community Center (Depot)
- Palmer MTA Event Center
- City Hall (Finance services available by phone: 745-3271, email: [financedepartment@palmerak.org](mailto:financedepartment@palmerak.org), and fax: 745-0930)
- Community Development Offices (services available by phone: 745-3709)
- Public Works Offices (services available by phone: 761-1358)
- Warren “Bud” Woods Palmer Municipal Airport (Services available by phone: 761-1334 or email: [fkelly@palmerak.org](mailto:fkelly@palmerak.org))

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