

Palmer Public Library Statistics

March 2019

Total Registered Patrons	14,589
Total Mat-Su Borough Resident Patrons	11,276
Total City of Palmer Resident Patrons	3,313
New Library Users	80

Statistics:

Patron Visits/Count	9,954
Reference Questions	1,075
Library Computer	2,177
Website hits	61,979
WIFI Sessions	1,331
Circulation(PPL items)	10,442
Circulation	11,146 (JLC items checked out to Palmer Patrons)
Circulation by Road Service area for month of March 10,274	

TOTAL	PIECES	CIRC
MS-ALPINE	138	
MS-BIGLAKE	13	
MS-BOGARD	448	
MS-BUTTE	1240	
MS-CASWELL	12	
MS-CHICKA	4	
MS-FAIR	148	
MS-GOLDTR	376	
MS-HATCH	12	
MS-HOUSTON	60	
MS-KNIK	220	
MS-LAZYMTN	491	
MS-LIB-ILL	16	
MS-MEADOW	80	
MS-MIDWAY	420	
MS-NCOLONY	139	
MS-OUTRSA	135	
MS-PALMER	2077	
MS-SCOLONY	3840	
MS-TALKEET	8	
MS-WASILLA	370	
MS-WILLOW	27	
TOTAL	10274	
Magazine circulation	595	
Take Home Paperbacks	264	
Total Volunteers	18	volunteer hours 61

Total Totes sorted 181

MSLN 124 Mat Su Library Network Libraries (7 libraries)
MSB 76 (MSB 5 Libraries) 48 Wasilla
Total JLC Totes sorted 57 (These are totes with PPL items going between JLC libraries.)

Postage: Total \$416.14 with 140 items mailed

Bills: \$35.20 Bills sent 64

ILLs: \$60.11 ILLs sent 21

JLC items: \$320.28 JLC items sent 54

Misc: \$0.55 items sent 1 (returns, thank you notes, funding requests, etc..)

Conference: Beth Skow and Katie Schweisthal attended the 2019 Alaska Library Association Conference in Juneau. This year's conference was packed with tons of new ideas and information starting at 7:30 AM straight through till 6:15 PM. AkLA 2019 was held in Juneau this year and it was a pleasure to be there! It is always a huge benefit to be able to network and share ideas with others who work in library programming. Any sessions that brainstorm programming ideas and discuss challenges are a great advantage for our library. In the age of budget cuts and growing expenses, it is invaluable to get detailed information about endeavors that work well and those that don't.

There was also a lot of information in a couple of different library areas we are not very familiar with. A workshop was given on health/wellness resources that was fantastic. It isn't every day that PPL staff are approached about someone's health concerns, but we now have a much better idea of how to help when questions arise. Another speaker also explained the idea behind his comic book series. It wasn't common knowledge that facts about the 60's civil rights movement were being presented in comic-book form. It was very informative to listen to the reasons why—namely to present youth with factual information in a format that appeals to them. Attended presentation on how the libraries will be involved with the 2020 Census.

Although the days are long and packed full of information, there is always an opportunity to grow and adjust when attending library conferences.

Advisory Council on Libraries Governor's Board: Joy Bailey was appointed by the Governor to the Advisory Council on Libraries for a three-year term as the Public Library Representative. The council advises the Alaska State Library on federal Library Services and Technology Act funds that are used to develop library services in Alaska

Programs:

Children's Programs	36	Events	1,165	Participants
Class Visits	2	Events	34	Participants
Young Adult Programs	6	Events	56	Participants
Adult Programs	16	Events	357	Participants
Total Library Programs	60	Events	1,612	Participants
Community Events	<u>141</u>	Events	66	Participants
Total Programs and Community	201	Events	1,678	Participants

Holy March! What a busy few weeks at Palmer Library! The month kicked off with our traditional Storytime, Foreign and Classic Film programs. Thanks to Spring Break, Palmer Library was buzzing with activity. The Palmer community was treated to a library discovery room, a visit from our local Recycling Center, and a shark movie marathon! Turnout was fantastic as families on break were able to join us. Most recently, the Friends of the Palmer Library sponsored a visit from Jonathan's Reptiles. What an amazing time!! Over 100 people came to see pythons, constrictors, a bearded dragon and a tarantula too!! The best part of all is that all attendees were welcome to pet, hold, and handle the animals! Jonathan's Reptiles did an amazing job working with children of all ages and educating our crowd on how these fascinating creatures live and how they came to be in Wasilla.











