

Palmer Public Library Statistics

May 2018

Total Registered Patrons	13,821
Total Mat-Su Borough Resident Patrons	10,662
Total City of Palmer Resident Patrons	3,159
New Library Users	68

Statistics:

Patron Visits/Count	9,974	
Reference Questions	1,767	
Library Computer Sessions	1,925	
Website hits	101,883	
WIFI Sessions	1,453	
Circulation(PPL items)	10,354	
Circulation	11,140	(JLC items checked out to Palmer Patrons)
Total Circulation for the month	21,494	
Circulation by Road Service area for month of May:		
9,661 (Palmer items checked out at the Palmer Library)		

	TOTAL	PIECES	CIRC
K-OFFPENIN	1		1
MS-ALPINE	147		147
MS-BIGLAKE	36		36
MS-BOGARD	632		632
MS-BUTTE	1240		1240
MS-CASWELL	27		27
MS-CHICKA	16		16
MS-FAIR	222		222
MS-GOLDTR	220		220
MS-HATCH	12		12
MS-HOUSTON	1		1
MS-KNIK	280		280
MS-LAZYMTN	585		585
MS-LIB-ILL	13		13
MS-MEADOW	88		88
MS-MIDWAY	430		430
MS-NCOLONY	190		190
MS-OUTRSA	129		129
MS-OUTSTA	1		1
MS-PALMER	1932		1932
MS-SCOLONY	3228		3228
MS-TALKEET	15		15
MS-TRAPPER	6		6
MS-WASILLA	181		181
MS-WILLOW	29		29
TOTAL	9661		9661

Magazine circulation	25
Take Home Paperbacks	180
Volunteers 43	volunteer hours 182

Total Totes sorted 243

MSLN 162 Mat Su Library Network Libraries (7 libraries)

MSB 88 (MSB 5 Libraries) Wasilla 74

Total JLC Totes sorted 81 (These are totes with PPL items going between JLC libraries.)

Postage: Total \$386.34 with 140 items mailed

Bills: \$30.50 Bills sent 61

ILLs: \$68.53 ILLs sent 25

JLC items: \$284.30 JLC items sent 53

Misc: \$3.01 items sent 1 (returns, thank you notes, funding requests, etc..)

Programs:

Children's Programs	7	Events	910	Participants
Class Visits	7	Events	910	Participants
Young Adult Programs	8	Events	108	Participants
Adult Programs	18	Events	107	Participants
Total Library Programs	38	Events	2035	Participants
Community Events	50	Events	180	Participants
Total Programs and Community	88	Events	287	Participants

Programs:

Though the library may have looked quiet on the program front this past month, staff have been busily preparing for the upcoming Summer Reading Program. Throughout the month of May, Palmer Library hosts as many classrooms as possible to share library information. It's amazing how many kids grow up in Palmer and have never visited the library! In just 3 weeks, nearly 1,000 kids were treated to stories, a library tour, and given invitations to join us this summer. Not everyone is aware that Summer Reading Program is a community initiative to offset the learning that is lost during summer break. Being involved in any capacity with the library during the summer months has proven to help students retain their learning. There are three ways one can support and enjoy the benefits of summer reading—Read with us, of course, Geocache with us, or attend a program. All options are coordinated to enrich and entertain; a real win-win when considering all participation is FREE!!! Thank you to the Friends of the Palmer Library for their generous support of this program. To show your support of education and learning, please stop by Palmer Library and leave your name at the Summer Reading Program tables. There are no obligations when you do so; it's just a simple way to express support. Thank you!

The CHILL Classic Cinema film for May was 1958's "A Night To Remember". It was based on Walter Lord's 1955 book of the same title. This was the last film, about the Titanic disaster, to be filmed in black and white. A handful of Titanic survivors were present for filming, and shared details they remembered from the event to help shape the film. James Cameron's 1997 hit movie, Titanic, was highly influenced by this version, in particular. Mr. Cameron said he used many of the same camera angles, and similar character arcs.

Mat Su Library Board: May meeting cancelled, lack of quorum.

MSLN Library Directors Meeting: Discussion on how to separate Wasilla items in the totes from other MSLN libraries, after the Plastic bag ban. Libraries can use the plastic bags to sort library items going to Wasilla. Wasilla is purchasing heavier plastic bags to use from Wasilla and will recycle bags received.

How to handle inebriated (drugs and alcohol) patrons that are not causing disruption but causing parents of younger patron’s concerns.

Alaska Library Catalog(ALC): In May, Fairbanks North Star Borough Public Libraries, UAF Rasmuson Libraries were added to the joint catalog. 92% of Libraries in Alaska are now members and share in the consortium, consisting of 80 public, academic, museum, and special libraries. Users will now have access to over 6 million different items. Library mail added a couple of weekly boxes with the addition of Fairbanks, UAF, and several smaller libraries to the ALC in May. Our patrons will have access to the new ALC library collections sometime in June.