Palmer Public Library Statistics

February 2018

Total Registered Patrons	13,644
Total Mat-Su Borough Resident Patrons	10,522
Total City of Palmer Resident Patrons	3,122
New Library Users	70

Statistics:

Patron Visits/Count	7,631
Reference Questions	1,687
Library Computer Sessions	1,764
Website hits	105,068
WIFI Sessions	1,167
Circulation(PPL items)	8,534

Circulation 9,321 (JLC items checked out to Palmer Patrons)

Total Circulation for the month 9,291

Circulation by Road Service area for month of January (Palmer items checked out at the Palmer Library)

TOTAL PIECES	CIRC	
MS-ALPINE		133
MS-BIGLAKE		39
MS-BOGARD		465
MS-BUTTE		1314
MS-CASWELL		34
MS-CHICKA		2
MS-FAIR		278
MS-GLACIER		30
MS-GOLDTR		373
MS-HOUSTON		8
MS-KNIK		145
MS-LAZYMTN		621
MS-LIB-ILL		11
MS-MEADOW		68
MS-MIDWAY		475
MS-NCOLONY		168
MS-OUTRSA		143
MS-PALMER		1872
MS-SCOLONY		2830
MS-TALKEET		30
MS-WASILLA		212
MS-WILLOW		25
SLN-ADULT		13
SLN-ILL		2
TOTAL		9291

Magazine circulation 185 Take Home Paperbacks 188 Volunteers volunteer hours 69.5

Total Totes sorted 198

MSLN 136 Mat Su Library Network Libraries (7 libraries)

80 (MSB 5 Libraries) Wasilla 56

Total JLC Totes sorted 62 These are totes with PPL items going between JLC libraries.

Postage: Total \$358.48 with 135 items mailed

Bills: \$27.38 Bills sent 56 ILLs: \$58.43 ILLs sent 22

JLC items: \$226.95 JLC items sent 51

Misc: \$45.72 items sent 6 (returns, thank you notes, funding requests, etc..)

Programs:

Total Programs and Community Events	10)8 Events	1.556	Participants
Community Events	54	Events	188	Participants
Total Library Programs	54	Events	1,368	Participants
Adult Programs	9	Events	125	Participants Participants
Young Adult Programs	4	Events	25	Participants
Class Visits	4	Events	114	Participants
Children's Programs	37	Events	1,104	Participants

Thank goodness for February! In the midst of cabin fever season, Palmer Library welcomed parents and their children to come and make a mess at our place! Story Time themes focused on subjects that allowed the kids to explore with their senses and get messy. The favorite theme was "Bath Time", which had the kids making bubble bath play dough. In the photo, you can see how the activity was initially very messy and then congealed into a nice, neat bubble bath ball. This is an excellent example of how Palmer Library blends real-world lessons into accessible programming for the community. Kids were able to measure, pour, mix, and package each activity all on their own. This is not only great for learning, but for gaining esteem and confidence as well!



Friends of the Library Sunday @2 event: My Funny Valentine a jazzy afternoon featuring musicians from both PHS and PJMS on February 11. It was such a pleasure to have Palmer City Councilman Pete LeFrance, Palmer Mayor Edna DeVries, and School Board member Debbie Retherford, in attendance at Sunday's event featuring PHS and PJMS jazz musicians. Pictured also here is PHS and PJMS music directors, Barbara Carroll and Chris Loescher.





Mat Su Library Board: Did not have a quorum, therefore did not meet in February