Palmer Public Library Statistics   January 2019

Total Registered Patrons   14,440
Total Mat-Su Borough Resident Patrons   11,164
Total City of Palmer Resident Patrons   3,276
New Library Users   81

Statistics:

Patron Visits/Count   9,623
Reference Questions   1,525
Library Computer   2,299
Website hits   63,954
WIFI Sessions   1,279
Circulation(PPL items)   10,072
Circulation   10,730   (JLC items checked out to Palmer Patrons)
Circulation by Road Service area for month of January

	TOTAL PIECES CIRC
K-KENAI	2
MS-ALPINE	247
MS-BIGLAKE	63
MS-BOGARD	500
MS-BUTTE	1279
MS-CASWELL	20
MS-FAIR	216
MS-GLACIER	8
MS-GOLDTR	456
MS-HATCH	6
MS-HOUSTON	7
MS-KNIK	259
MS-LAZYMTN	457
MS-LIB-ILL	18
MS-MEADOW	68
MS-MIDWAY	416
MS-NCOLONY	173
MS-OUTRSA	65
MS-PALMER	2015
MS-SCOLONY	3288
MS-TALKEET	15
MS-WASILLA	137
TOTAL	9,715

Magazine circulation   364
Take Home Paperbacks   327
Total Volunteers   28   volunteer hours   91

Total Totes sorted   222

MSLN   158   Mat Su Library Network Libraries (7 libraries)

MSB   88 (MSB 5 Libraries)   Wasilla   70

Total JLC Totes sorted   64 (These are totes with PPL items going between JLC libraries.)

Postage: Total $429.68 with   185   items mailed

> Bills: $49.50   Bills sent 99
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> ILLs: $57.96   ILLs sent   21
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> JLC items: $320.72   JLC items sent   62
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> Misc: $1.75   items sent   3 (returns, thank you notes, funding requests, etc..)

Programs:

Palmer Library is excited to announce the addition of 2 STEM kits to our collection. Over the past couple of years, STEM/STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) programming has become extremely popular both in schools and libraries across the US. Grants were offered for libraries who would commit to hosting STEM-related programing and worker spaces. It was exciting for PPL to consider how we could develop new programs and space that would focus on STEM. Unfortunately, we ran into a few obstacles that kept us from securing grants for STEM programming. Our biggest challenge was being able to dedicate a set area in the library for Maker Spaces and 3D printing. Assuring long-term financing was also a difficulty for us.

Not to worry, though!! One of the strengths of PPL is resourcefulness. Our interest in providing STEM-related materials has never waned, so we brainstormed some ways to make it work for us. Not only have we shifted the focus to some of our programming to include STEM themes, we have assembled 2 STEM kits that are available to check out. We have also purchased 6 STEM kits that are available for in-house use. There is a Microscope Kit available to our patrons that includes a microscope, 10 prepared slides, and an activity/guide book. Patrons are also able to check out a Telescope Kit that includes a telescope, tripod, and activity/guide books.

The circulating kits are fantastic, as the equipment is professional-grade, but affordable. There aren't many pieces to account for, which makes it easy for our front desk staff to quickly check the items in and out.

The in-house kits involve many more parts and pieces, so we keep them at the library. The kits range in age suitability from ages 3-11 and have literary themes. So cool!!

Palmer Library is thrilled to be able to provide these kits and equipment to our community. Success abounds as we have figured out how to make STEM activities available, but also manageable for our library.

Trooper Visit: On January 3rd, Palmer Library was treated to a visit from our local K9 unit. Trooper Ryan Anderson brought in Skippy to show our audience the work that a Trooper dog can do. Skippy did not disappoint! An audience of all ages gathered to watch Skippy track down various hidden objects. One remarkable trait to witness was how playful Skippy was, but also how he would instantly turn to "all business" when given a command. Skippy delighted all of us by circulating the room and allowing everyone to pet him. We learned that Skippy works very hard as a Trooper, but is also allowed to play hard too. It was a fantastic learning experience to learn how animals and people can make a great team to serve and protect the community.

Children's Programs	33	Events	1,299	Participants
Class Visits	1	Events	14	Participants
Young Adult Programs	3	Events	30	Participants
Adult Programs	15	Events	1,687	Participants
Total Library Programs	**52**	**Events**	**2,189**	**Participants**
Community Events	59	Events	173	Participants
Total Programs and Community	**111**	**Events**	**2,362**	**Participants**