

Total Registered Patrons	13,716
Total Mat-Su Borough Resident Patrons	10,583
Total City of Palmer Resident Patrons	3,133
New Library Users	72

Statistics:

Patron Visits/Count	9,631
Reference Questions	1,905
Library Computer Sessions	2,172
Website hits	111,200
WIFI Sessions	1,448
Circulation(PPL items)	10,894
Circulation	12,006 (JLC items checked out to Palmer Patrons)
Total Circulation for the month	22,900

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

TOTAL PIECES CIRC March 2018

MS-ALPINE	172
MS-BIGLAKE	26
MS-BOGARD	554
MS-BUTTE	1514
MS-CHICKA	3
MS-FAIR	171
MS-GLACIER	31
MS-GOLDTR	447
MS-HATCH	13
MS-HOUSTON	41
MS-KNIK	272
MS-LAZYMTN	589
MS-LIB-ILL	7
MS-MEADOW	76
MS-MIDWAY	686
MS-NCOLONY	196
MS-OUTMSU	7
MS-OUTRSA	89
MS-OUTSTA	5
MS-PALMER	2178
MS-SCOLONY	3613
MS-TALKEET	4
MS-TRAPPER	4
MS-WASILLA	177
MS-WILLOW	14
TOTAL	10,889

Magazine circulation	1,068
Take Home Paperbacks	213
Volunteers 82 volunteer hours	162

Total Totes sorted 211

MSLN 110 Mat Su Library Network Libraries (7 libraries)

MSB 86 (MSB 5 Libraries) Wasilla 60

Total JLC Totes sorted 65 These are totes with PPL items going between JLC libraries.

Postage: Total \$320.12 with 135 items mailed

Bills: \$20.00 Bills sent 40

ILLs: \$38.76 ILLs sent 14

JLC items: \$258.20 JLC items sent 50

Misc: \$3.16 items sent 2 (returns, thank you notes, funding requests, etc..)

Programs:

Children’s Programs	41	Events	1,346	Participants
Class Visits	3	Events	84	Participants
Young Adult Programs	6	Events	84	Participants
<u>Adult Programs</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Total Library Programs	67	Events	1,608	Participants
<u>Community Events</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Total Programs and Community Events	124	Events	1,761	Participants

Programs: Thanks to Spring Break, Palmer Library saw tons of action during the month of March. Our youngest patrons were invited to take over the meeting room for an open play session. Kids were greeted with dress up clothes, books, puzzles, and tons of toys. It’s great to see the children so comfortable and in their element while visiting the library! Our school age patrons connected via VTC with Learn Around the World, a discovery museum out of Maryland. During the connection, we were taken (virtually, of course) up three different volcanoes in Guatemala. It was fascinating to witness marshmallows roasted over lava rock! And lastly, in honor of St. Patrick’s Day, we hosted a screening of Darby O’Gill and the Little People. It always feels special to provide an opportunity for families to come together, be entertained, and eat lots of popcorn! March proved to be a very busy month for the library—busy and great!!

Mat Su Library Board: The MSLB met on March 17th at the Palmer Public Library. The board discussed the Mat Su Library strategic plan, and MSL budgets. Next month’s meeting will be at the Big Lake Library.

Friends of the Library

Basket Auction: 26 lovely beautiful baskets were donated for the auction. All bid sheets were collected at 5:30 PM on March 29th and lucky winners were called.

Sunday @2 event: The Matanuska Beat percussion ensemble, performed at the Palmer Train Depot Sunday April 1. A big thank you to The Matanuska Beat, and their great director, Meggie Aube, for the joyful international percussion music they shared with the audience at the season's final "Sundays at 2" event. Many hands always come together to make events like these happen. A special thank you to Cub Scout Pack 354 Honor Guard with leader Brandon Daigger, and scouts Dylan B., Rayden D., Brian R., presenting colors; and Boy Scout Troop 54 set up/take down Dillon F., Nayte D. with leaders Frank & Jenn Finn.

