

Senate Report
Library Advisory Committee

Minutes from December 2nd, 2005

In attendance: Sally Bremner, Anne Bridges, Gina Boisclair, Hiroko Harada, Ashley Hice, Robert McCoy, Steve Rollins, Steve Shore, Deborah Tharp and Rozanne Wilson-Marsh.

Dean Rollins presented a comprehensive report on the Library's major accomplishments and announcements for November. The Alaskan of the Year committee will donate its files, records and documents to the library, as it is ceasing operations. With this collection, the library will continue to recognize the efforts of more than 30 people who contributed to the state's development. These include Bob Atwood, Dan Cuddy and Ted Stevens. In addition, the committee gave a donation of \$10,000 to the library, and \$10,000 to AMIPA, which is based in the library.

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of Alaska's Constitutional Convention, the library has an exhibit of related historical documents. This will be on display until February 2006. The library's art gallery hosted an exhibition on calligraphy that was organized by LAC member, Hiroko Harada. On November 9, over 100 people attended a panel discussion of the Aleut Story, a documentary on the relocation of Aleut Americans during World War II. The following day, Nancy Murkowski chaired the 'Ready to Read, Ready to Learn' task force, which will focus on helping all Alaskans become readers by the third grade. Steve Rollins and Kathy Murray were named to the Alaska Library Network Initiative Task Force, which is charged with working on the formal establishment of a statewide library network.

The Library was highlighted in the Sunday November 6th edition of the Anchorage Daily News as one of the wireless hot spots in town.

A number of conferences and meetings are scheduled in the Library for December, including a celebration of the community partnership that created the new joint library catalogue. This was made possible by a generous grant from the Rasmuson Foundation.

Dean Rollins asked the committee's opinion on implementing a recall policy for books. While recall policies are very common in other academic libraries, we do not have one at the Consortium Library. With growing demand and limited inventory, Dean Rollins felt it was time for the library to implement such a practice. The committee agreed but suggested the initial borrower could have the book for 14 days, before it was recalled.

The issue of parking at the library for APU students and faculty was further discussed, as was lap tops that will be delivered to the library for APU use only.

Committee members made suggestions for future presentations to LAC, which included VILDA, AMIPA, Kevin Keating and Darla Carle.

LAC member, Sally Bremner, started a presentation on the Library's Information Services, but due to technical difficulties rescheduled this for the next meeting.

Two committee members, Gina Boisclair (APU) and Deborah Tharp (UAA), will be on sabbatical next semester, but requested they continue to receive LAC information.

The next committee meeting will be Friday February 3rd, 2006.

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