

# UNALASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY | LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Monday, September 9, 2024

**5:30 PM**

**Dan Masoni Conference Room**

***Mission:** Unalaska Public Library educates, enriches, and inspires community members by connecting them to the world and each other.*

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call  
**Present: Crane, Berry, Hatfield, Magdaong, Hazen**  
**Absent: Hanson-Zueger, Macke**
- II. Reading of Mission Statement **Hatfield read the Library Mission Statement.**
- III. Introduction of Visitors **None**
- IV. Additions or Changes to the Agenda **Kresh proposed adding the Art Committee members to the bottom of the agenda for reference. Hatfield made a motion to adopt the revised agenda. Hazen seconded. Agenda approved by consensus.**
- V. Public Comment on Agenda Items **None**
- VI. Minutes of the May 30 meeting **Berry made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2024 meeting. Hazen seconded. Minutes approved by consensus.**
- VII. Librarian's Report **City Librarian Kresh presented the June and July 2024 Librarian's Reports. She also noted the following news and updates from the past three months, while the Committee was on summertime hiatus: Summer Reading Program was successful, but we would like to improve participation next year, and staff have several ideas for accomplishing this. The library has received an \$18,000 grant for digitization of some of our newspaper microfilm records in FY25. The library is working on adding access to Mango Languages, a language-learning resource for patrons to access with their library cards. An inspector visited from the Dept. of State in August and performed an inspection of our Passport Acceptance Facility at the library, which we passed. A former resident, J. Penelope Goforth, has donated 11 boxes of local history materials to the library's collection. New artwork by Carolyn Reed, reviewed and approved by the Art Committee, is now up in the library.**
- VIII. Old or Unfinished Business
  - A. Donor Plaques Update **The library has sold 33 donor plaques, and sales are now closed. The Committee suggested making a plan for adding donor plaques at a future date, once the panels have been installed.**
- IX. New Business
  - A. PLA Grant Discussion **The Library Advisory Committee discussed the reduction and subsequent restoration of funding from the Alaska State Library for the Public Library Assistance Grant.**
  - B. PLA Grant Resolution **Berry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-01, A Resolution of the Unalaska Public Library Advisory Committee Supporting Funding for the Public Library Assistance Grant. Hatfield seconded. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote: Magdaong – Yes, Hazen – Yes, Hatfield – Yes, Berry – Yes, Crane – Yes.**
  - C. Banned Books Week, Sept. 22 – 28, 2024 **Committee discussed ideas for celebrating Banned Books Week.**
- X. Announcements: **Kresh asked Committee members to consider volunteering as judges during the**

**PCR/Library Halloween Costume Contest on Oct. 31. Museum of the Aleutians will host an exhibit celebrating KUCB, starting on October 25. MOTA will also hold a Lunch & Learn program at the library on September 28, as well as a membership event and auction on November 2. Early and absentee voting starts on September 11. USCIS will visit Unalaska in September to conduct naturalization interviews and an information session. USAFV's Make-a-Difference Dinner for suicide prevention will be on September 27. The community will hold a Celebration of Life for Matt Lightner on September 13.**

XI. Next Meeting: **Monday, 10/7/24, 5:30 PM**

XII. Adjournment **6:37 PM**

### **Committee Members and Terms:**

M. Lynn Crane, Chair – 02/2027      Karen Macke, Vice Chair – 02/2027      Debbie Hanson-Zueger – 02/2026  
Ellis Berry – 02/2025      Virginia Hatfield – 02/2025      Estkarlen Magdaong – 02/2025      Cat Hazen – 02/2027

**Art Subcommittee:** Debbie Hanson-Zueger, Virginia Hatfield, and Karen Macke.  
Non-Voting Staff Members: Karen Kresh and Cyri Thompson.

**CITY OF UNALASKA  
UNALASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION 2024-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SUPPORTING FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSISTANCE GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, Unalaska Code of Ordinances §2.80.020 states that the Public Library Advisory Committee will work in an advisory capacity relating to the improvement, operation, and maintenance of the City's library facilities and programs and relating to the creation of public interest in and public support of such facilities and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, public libraries across the State of Alaska, including the Unalaska Public Library, provide invaluable resources to the people in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Alaska Statute 14.56.300 provides for a Library Assistance Grant Program, which has provided funding in the amount of \$6,250 - \$7,000 to eligible Alaskan public libraries for decades; and

**WHEREAS**, in FY25 the State of Alaska Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums proposed decreasing the amount of the PLA Grant by over 73% with no advance notice or explanation; and

**WHEREAS**, public libraries across the State of Alaska, including the Unalaska Public Library, count on this consistent revenue stream to provide their communities with library services; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed reduction to the PLA Grant Program would severely impact access to library services for rural communities across the State of Alaska;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Unalaska Public Library Advisory Committee supports the ongoing funding of the State of Alaska PLA Grant in the amount of at least \$7,000 per eligible library in FY25 as well as in future years.

ADOPTED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE UNALASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THIS 9th DAY OF September, 2024.

  
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M. Lynn Crane, Chair

Attest:

  
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City Librarian