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Friends
of the Egan Library

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In 2015 the William A. Egan Library celebrated its 25th Anniversary from our beautiful Auke Lake facility and launched the Friends of the Egan Library Network (FOELN). This spring Kathy Ruddy, who served as our charter FOELN President for over 4 years, decided to move into emeritus status. We are all very thankful for Kathy's leadership over the years and offer our congratulations on her upcoming wedding in Missoula, Montana. The FOELN is now looking for a new President. Please contact me if you are interested in this important opportunity, or if you would like to nominate someone.

Whether you enjoy reading or collaborating in our beautiful light-filled spaces, love coming to Evening at Egan and other events, visit to check out books and movies, or come to use the Internet and printers... with your continuing help we are able to fulfill our mission to support scholarship, research, and creative activities at UAS and create a welcoming environment for all, and I offer you my sincere thanks.

Benefits of Membership:

- A commemorative Friends of the Egan Library lapel pin.
- Invitation to the annual UAS Authors' Reception and other events throughout the year.
- FRIENDS' newsletter highlighting library news and initiatives.
- One time 25% discount on select of University of Alaska Press titles (details at http://uas.alaska.edu/library/give.html)
- Invitations to review and select materials withdrawn from the collection.
- Recognition in the annual Honor Roll of Friends

We love our endowment funds!

Did you know that with the recent budget situation, the main sources of funds for new books in the library, as well as projects we want to undertake (such as the new chairs downstairs), have all been from endowment funds? There are two funds that could use donations now:

-Friends of the Egan Library/Evening @ Egan fund
-EGAN Library Children's Alaskana Fund

Find out more at http://www.uas.alaska.edu/library/give.html
Friday April 5th, the Friends of the Egan Library (a network of the UAS Alumni & Friends) will host our fourth annual reception, recognizing members of the UAS community publishing scholarly and creative work in 2018. UAS Authors will speak including Jason Amundson sharing a word post-sabbatical, and Jonas Lamb reading poetry. Library Dean Elise Tomlinson will recognize faculty authors including with the mythical "Golden Awards."

Join the Friends of the Egan Library, UAS Alumni & Friends, and UAS faculty for conversation, drinks, and appetizers. Invitation to this event is a major benefit of membership in the Friends, and we hope to see you there!

This is a 21 and over event.
Last school year, students from the Campus Inclusivity Alliance brought to our attention that our collection of books on queer studies and LGBTQ issues in general was woefully out of date. This seemed both problematic and urgent, given that the university had just been recognized as a top LGBTQ-friendly online school. (http://www.uas.alaska.edu/pr/archive-files/2017/uas-lgbtq-friendly.html)

Working with the historical framework provided by the book *Cruising the Library*, librarians hosted a "weeding party" along with students to review books and get things started. 166 books were reviewed, with 65 removed from the collection, and another 49 given new call numbers throughout the library.

Since then, over 25 new books have been purchased updating information on this topic.
Under the banner of "New Year, New Start, New Books," the library made a push in Spring 2019 to get purchase requests directly from students. We received a number of slips with great recommendations, and we also had a wishlist out with materials that we were considering purchasing - and students filled in their recommendations.

Books recommended by library users tend to see a lot of interest and help diversify the collection, so we're always looking to hear about that great new book! Our purchase request form can be found here: http://www.uas.alaska.edu/library/collections/collections-info/purchase.html
New Staff and Faculty @ the Egan Library

“I want to give students the best foundation possible for research skills so that they can be successful and confident.” -- Kaia Henrickson

Kaia’s the Information Literacy Librarian, which means that she spends time teaching students research skills. She also teaches two library science classes that teach students how to find, evaluate, and use information they need. When she’s not directly supporting students, Kaia helps organize professional development workshops for faculty.

“I like helping people step into the unknown and find connections between subjects and their interests” -- Jessie Morgan.

Jessie is one of our amazing staff members. Need a book that we don’t have? Jessie connects students, faculty, and staff with materials from other libraries through Interlibrary Loan. You can also catch her behind the reference desk, planning events, or setting up the beautiful book displays at the front of the library.

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"I believe everyone deserves access to information, and I love connecting people with the resources they need."--Caitlin Purdome.
Caitlin works to make sure that the newspapers, magazines, book series, print journals, and electronic journals at Egan Library are available. She is also the resident book doctor. She patches up well-loved books and keeps the collection in good shape.

Get Social @ Egan

Are you following the Egan Library on Social Media? It's the best place to keep up with what the library is doing on a regular basis, including staff profiles like these. Also now the home of news for the Friends of the Egan Library.
FALL 2018  
EGAN LIBRARY
STAT-SNAP

Use of Library Collections

- 17,182 items
  - Print (34.51%)
  - Digital (57.41%)
  - Reserves (8.08%)

Print circulation of UAS owned items + items from other ALC libraries checked out by UAS users. Digital includes full-text downloads/views of journal articles and ebooks.

28,854 Library Visits

Students are in and out of our spaces all day, every day. They collaborate with peers and faculty, use library computers, get research help, take tests and visit the Learning & Writing Center.

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AFFORDABLE COURSE MATERIALS

Library faculty and staff provide advocacy, curation and adoption support for faculty looking to utilize low and no-cost materials in their courses. Leveraging open textbooks, library licensed use e-books and other open educational resources (OER), Open@UAS is reducing financial barriers to student success.

Fall 2018

- $5,300 student savings
- 81 students
- 5 course sections

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