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Noel Wien Library and North Pole Branch Library to adjust hours of operation beginning March 19, 2018

Fairbanks, AK: The Noel Wien Library and the North Pole Branch Library will change their hours of operation beginning Monday, March 19th, 2018. The new hours for each facility are as follows:

Noel Wien Library

1215 Cowles Street, Fairbanks, AK 99701

Sunday: Closed

Monday: 10:00 am to 9:00 pm

Tuesday: 10:00 am to 9:00 pm

Wednesday: 10:00 am to 9:00 pm

Thursday: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Friday: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

North Pole Branch Library

656 NPHS Boulevard, North Pole, AK 99705

Sunday: Closed

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 11:00 am to 9:00 pm

Wednesday: 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

Thursday: 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

Friday: 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

The FNSB Administration and library leadership consulted with the Library Commission and after discussion and analysis decided to move to the traditional summer schedule after spring break. The primary mission is to ensure that library staff are able to provide quality service.

The reason for the change in the hours of operation is due to the changes in labor rules last summer; as a result, the libraries lost the capability to use casual part-time labor. Casual labor staffing had been used to fill the shorter Sunday hours, specifically in the higher level management functions.

Careful analysis revealed that Sundays and Thursday evenings at Noel Wien and Wednesday evenings at the North Pole Branch consistently received the fewest library users. Consequently, these changes will result in the least disruption to services. FNSB Administration advised the Borough Assembly on February 22, 2018 of the decision to move to summer hours in March.

FNSB Director of Libraries Melissa Harter said, "This schedule change will enable us to restore the quality of service that the patrons have come to rely on and we apologize for any inconvenience the change in hours may have."

For more information about the FNSB Libraries, their programs and events, visit: <https://fnsblibrary.org/>.

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