

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
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AGENDA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS AND LIVE STREAMED

<https://www.youtube.com/user/matsuboroughvideo>

350 EAST DAHLIA AVE, PALMER

REGULAR MEETING

5:00 PM

March 10, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. February 10, 2025

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Hugh Leslie – Recreational & Library Services Manager

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – (2 Minutes Per Person)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Materials Submitted for Reconsideration

1. None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Materials Submitted for Reconsideration

1. Anne Frank's Diary: The Graphic Adaptation ISBN 978-0241978641

X. NEXT MEETING

- A. April 14, 2025

XI. MEMBERS, STAFF COMMENTS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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MEETING MINUTES

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<https://vimeo.com/showcase/11289539>

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5:00 PM

February 10, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Called to order at 5:00 pm

II. ROLL CALL

A. Present: Chad Scott, Michelle Dempsey, Nancy Bertels, Aaron Malone, Dorothy Denison, Camilla Potts, Sally Pollen (both alternates voting)

B. Absent: Susan Hillman, Erik Palin

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Agenda approved unanimously

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Mr. Malone led the Pledge of Allegiance

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. October 14, 2024 – Ms. Potts moved to approve the previous meetings minutes, unanimous consent

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Jillian Morrissey – Community Development Director – Ms. Morrissey read aloud the final decision made on the book “Forever”. It will remain in the YA section of the libraries.

B. Hugh Leslie – Recreational & Library Services Manager – Mr. Leslie let the committee know there is 1 book on the list for review if chosen. Reminded the committee to respond to meeting emails to establish quorums for meetings.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – (2 Minutes Per Person)

- A. Linda Spohn – Ms. Spohn expressed disappointment with the committee votes on “Forever”.
- B. Mary Robinson – Ms. Robinson spoke about Holocaust Remembrance Day.
- C. Jackie Goforth – Ms. Goforth spoke about the books currently in the queue.
- D. Kathy Kysar – Ms. Kysar spoke about the next book available to be reviewed by the committee.
- E. Dee McKee – Ms. McKee spoke about the book checkout process and book orders.
- F. Mary Ravetta – Ms. Ravetta spoke of addiction struggles, especially for kids.
- G. Jeanne Troshynski – Ms. Troshynski spoke of freedom of choice at the public libraries.
- H. Karen Crandall – Ms. Crandall spoke about the Rose Group strategic plan meetings and surveys.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Materials Submitted for Reconsideration

- 1. Damsel; Elana K. Arnold ISBN 978-0-06-274232-2
 - 4 votes to remove from the libraries (Pollen, Potts, Scott, Malone)
 - 3 votes to reshelve to the adult section (Bertels, Dempsey, Denison)
- 2. The Haters; Jesse Andrews ISBN 978-1-4197-2018-9
 - 5 votes to remove from the libraries (Pollen, Malone, Denison, Scott, Dempsey)
 - 1 vote to reshelve to the adult section (Potts)
 - 1 vote to leave it where it is (Bertels)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Materials Submitted for Reconsideration

- 1. Anne Frank’s Diary: The Graphic Adaptation ISBN 978-0241978641
 - Mr. Scott called the vote to review – 6 votes for yes, 1 vote for no

X. NEXT MEETING

- A. March 10, 2025 – accepted unanimously

XI. MEMBERS, STAFF COMMENTS

- A. Sally Pollen – Ms. Pollen thanked the audience for their attendance. Spoke about author awards and relevance.
- B. Camilla Potts – Ms. Potts spoke about library notifications.
- C. Chad Scott – Mr. Scott spoke about movie ratings and how it may be relayed to literature.
- D. Michelle Dempsey – Ms. Dempsey spoke about parental responsibility with regards to monitoring children’s book choices.
- E. Nancy Bertels – Ms. Bertels spoke about how library card applications work and what is regarded as YA.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm



Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Community Development Department

Library Material Staff Report

Title: Anne Frank's Diary, The Graphic Adaptation

Author: Ari Fulman

Libraries where this material is shelved: Talkeetna

Is the material in good condition or appearance?

Yes, it is in good condition.

Is the topic of the material a priority for the collection?

Anne Frank's Diary, the Graphic Adaptation is shelved in the Young Adult (YA) section at the Talkeetna Library. Young Adult collections are responsive and tend to reflect the age and stage of life of the intended reader.

This book is a graphic novel which is a popular storytelling format in YA collections. Graphic novels tell a story primarily through sequential art panels, combining text and illustrations to convey narrative, and intends to engage readers through visual storytelling and provide a unique way to explore diverse themes and perspectives.

Is the format of the material a priority for the collection?

The material is a book format. Books make up the majority of inventory in all five of our public libraries.

Has the material been used frequently by patrons?

This factor depends on the library due to the size of the collection; the size of the library and length of time one patron maintains the book.

This book was added to the collection on December 18, 2018 and has been checked out a total of 13 times. Which is a moderate rate of use.

Is the material factually accurate?

This book is an adaptation of the original Diary of Anne Frank and is the perspective of WWII and the Holocaust from a young girl .

Has the material been superseded by a new edition or a better source?

There are many adaptations and versions of The Diary of Anne Frank. The original book has been translated in 70 different languages.

Is the material relevant to the needs and interests of the community?

Anne Frank's Diary, the Graphic Adaptation is a version of the original novel by Anne Frank. The original book sold over 30 million copies and is one of the most read books in the world. This graphic adaptation makes the story relevant to the times and could engage new readership that would not read the text

narrative book.

Can the material be easily borrowed from another source?

It is available at all the Borough libraries through our participation in the State Library Catalog as well as an E-Book through the Alaska Digital Library.

What is the literary, artistic, scientific, political, or educational merit of the material.

The book is an adaptation of the original Diary of Anne Frank and highlights World War II, the Holocaust and other historical references. This book is the only graphic biography of Anne Frank’s diary that has been authorized by the Anne Frank Foundation and that uses text from the diary.

Does the material have positive review(s) in one or more appropriate professional journals?

A brief selection of reviews can be found in the [School Library Journal](#)-Good Comics for Kids or in the [Statewide Library Electronic Doorway](#).

Does the material have positive reviews from critics, patrons or staff members?

Source	Editor Rating	User Rating	# of reviews	Notes
Amazon		4.7 stars	1,759	
Barnes & Noble		3.8	5	
Goodreads		4.4 stars	19,377	

Are there sufficient materials available on the same subject?

There are many books detailing WWII and the Holocaust, but few, if any from the perspective of a young Jewish girl and this is the only sanctioned graphic novel adaptation of the original book.

Does the material have a reputation and/or significance of the author, publisher or producer?

Anne Frank's Diary: The Graphic Adaptation has won multiple awards and honors, including Best Jewish Children's Book of 2018. It was also a Junior Library Guild Selection from 2012 to 2025.