

Bethel Library-

Regional Library Chosen at ED FAIR

Bethel Regional Library, a Bureau of Indian Affairs Project at Bethel, was chosen as one of five Title II Projects to be presented at ED FAIR '73 which was held in Washington, D.C., May 7-11.

The ED FAIR was sponsored by the Bureau of Elementary and Secondary Education of the U.S. Office of Education so that there could be a sharing of successful education projects.

The fair was attended by educators throughout the nation.

According to Miss Ilo Remer of the Bureau of Libraries, the Bethel Project was chosen because "It could be a model for establishing quality library/media services in states with rural areas".

Participants at the fair showed much interest in the Bethel Regional Library which provides complete library services to the thirty four BIA schools in the Bethel Agency.

Mrs. Isabelle Mudd, Project Director, said that "Participants had difficulty comprehending the size of our Agency, an area larger than the State of Arizona, as well as the transportation problems".

She went on to say, "I was contacted by a librarian from the Virgin Islands who asked many specific questions and thought our project could be used by her schools as a model."

Bethel Regional Library has been operating for two school years and during that time has circulated nearly 50,000 print and non-print media items to the 2,600 children and teachers in the Bethel Agency.

Although the service was established by funds supplied by ESEA Titles I, II and III, approximately 35% of its support has come from regular BIA education program monies, thus insuring the continuance of this nationally recognized program.

"I am convinced that regional centers serving rural Alaska are an excellent way to provide adequate media services to our small bush schools," stated Mrs. Mudd.

"The key to our service is the fact that we were able to purchase the entire collection recommended by the ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY COLLECTION and then provide

Breakwater

JUNEAU — Public Works Commissioner George W. Easley says his department is planning to call for bids May 22, for construction of a unique type of floating breakwater at Sitka's Thompson Harbor.

The new structure will consist of pre-cast concrete modules post-tensioned with high stress steel rods and coupled together at intervals of 60 feet with a special flexible link joint.

The breakwater was designed by the engineering staff of the Division of Water and Harbors. According to Director, Don Statter, "The floating breakwater concept fills a need that exists in many areas of Alaska where deep water prohibits the construction of conventional rock jetties."

The University of Washington Ocean Research Laboratory is planning to install a sophisticated electronic monitoring system to measure the breakwater's effectiveness.

The testing program is being funded through a Sea Grant allocation from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. A similar concrete floating breakwater was constructed at Tenakee last year, Statter said.

each classroom with a complete book catalog. Both students and teachers use this catalog to order by mail."

Other services offered include shipments of recreational reading materials on an automatic basis, preparation of resource units for teachers, professional periodicals routed to schools, and village visits by a professional librarian to demonstrate story telling and teaching of library skills.

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