

In Nome—

Kegoayah Kozga

NOME — The Kegoayah Kozga Public Library in Nome has expanded its services over the last year to better serve the residents of Nome and also to serve individuals living on the Seward Peninsula, St. Lawrence Island and Diomede.

The Kegoayah Kozga Public Library Association has received, \$108,000 in ESAA Title VII funds to increase availability of print and non-print library materials to persons living in Nome, Teller, Brevig Mission, Wales, Diomede, Shishmaref, Deering, Buckland, White Mountain, Golovin, Elim, Koyuk, Shaktoolik, Savoonga and Gambell.

So far, as a direct result of the ESAA Title VII Village Library Project, over 650 books and cassettes have been located in each village.

In addition, over 5,500 adult, juvenile and childrens books, cassettes, film strips and films have been placed in the Kegoayah Kozga Library. Catalogs of these materials have been placed in each participating village and are available to individuals, schools and other groups by mail.

Persons living in Nome have access to the materials simply by visiting the Library located on Nome's Front Street.

Success of the Program is indicated by the number of written requests received by the Library for the Title VII materials. In the past four months (October thru January) 3,140 requests have been received. Previous to this program requests from the villages were non-existent.

In addition to requests to the Kegoayah Kozga Library for materials, the circulation of books permanently located in the villages has been good. In some

villages, circulation exceeds 400 books per month.

The Title VII Village Library Project is overseen by an Advisory Board consisting of individuals from Nome and villages within the service area. The same board is also responsible for Title VII projects of the Nome Public School District and the Kauwerak Boarding Home Program.