

Prove Popular—

Airport Paperbacks

Current popular paperback books are finding their way into 7 northern villages through an airport library project sponsored by the Kegoyah Kozga Library Association in Nome and funded by the Alaska State Library in Juneau.

The villages are Nome, Kotzebue, Point Hope, Noorvik, Unalakleet, Galena, and Barrow. The paperback library is located at the Airline Terminals in Nome, Galena, Barrow, and Unalakleet.

In Point Hope the Airport Library is the home of Nick Hank, the Wien Agent, and in Noorvik it is located in the offices of the Alaska Rural Teacher Training Corps.

The idea of the Airport Library was to get low cost current popular reading materials into areas of Alaska where there is a great need and to provide reading materials for the

traveling Alaskan.

"It works just great," says Kathy Rahmn, coordinator of the program in Nome. The books are traveling as much as the readers and we all have a greater variety of reading materials."

According to Mary Matthews, State Library Coordinator for the Northern Region, one of the objectives of this project was to encourage local communities to develop their own libraries.

"We feel this project has been a success because now residents of the Airport Library villages are saying that they'd like to have a community library of their own."

Every month a paperback kit goes to each village in the project so there is a continuous supply of new materials. The project started in 1973 and will continue throughout the coming year.