

Brandley: State-aided Libraries for Villages

Kent Brandley, Democratic candidate for the State House of Representatives, says he believes the state should aid bush villages in obtaining public library services.

Brandley, who has worked this summer in the firefighting effort, this week began a tour of villages in the 16th election district.

"Public library facilities should be made available to all Alaskans," Brandley said, and he proposed a book lending system by mail or state aid to bush libraries on a matching fund basis.

If a village such as Beaver wanted a library under Brandley's plan, the state would provide one dollar for each dollar put up by the local citizens. "I'm confident that certain federal funds would also then become available," Brandley said.

He also suggested the pos-

sibility of a "riverboat bookmobile" serving villages along the Yukon in the summer or a flying bookmobile for villages that participated in the program financially.

"The state legislature should be interested in the education of the citizens of Alaska," Brandley said, "And education

is not confined to the school system."

Brandley is a member of the Fairbanks North Star Borough library board. He is running as a Democrat and will represent Fairbanks, Fort Yukon, Beaver, Stevens Village, Barter Island, Venetie and other towns and villages in the huge 16th district.