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What's going on at the Library



"The only thing
you absolutely
have to know is
the location of the
library"
- Albert Einstein

JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Library Closed	3 Bethel Reads One Million Pages challenge begins @ 11 a.m. 	4 Teen Time @ the Library 4:00 p.m. 	5 StoryTime with Ms. Miller 11:00 a.m. 	6	7	8 Adult Crafts 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. 
9 Library Closed	10	11 Teen Time @ the Library: 4:00 p.m. 	12 StoryTime with Ms. Miller 11:00 a.m. Art with Jimmy: zoom session: 3D modeling online 4:00 p.m. 	13	14	15 Junior Librarian League 12:00 p.m. 
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23 Library Closed	24	25	26 Project Homeless Connect 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 	27	28	29
30 Library Closed	31	1	2	3	4	5

Community Reading Challenge: Bethel Reads One Million Pages in 2022

Bethel Reads One Million Pages in 2022 is a community-wide challenge from us to YOU, the Bethel community, to read one million pages this winter! This is a collaborative reading challenge that is open to everyone of all ages: anyone in the community can contribute to our goal of reading one million pages in 2022. All you need to do is:

Pick a book (or books!) to read!

Keep track of the number of pages you read in a given time period (an hour? a day? a week?) Log your pages read and submit it to the library!



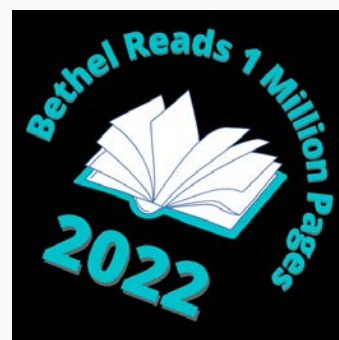
There are three ways to do this:

- Submit your total via our Google form here: <https://forms.gle/VbYyknMA9Q6KSNz29>
- Call us to log your pages at 907-543-4516
- Come to the library in person and log your pages read in person!

Folks who submit a reading log will be entered into a raffle each week, with the chance of being randomly selected for various prizes, including gift certificates to sponsoring locations in Bethel.

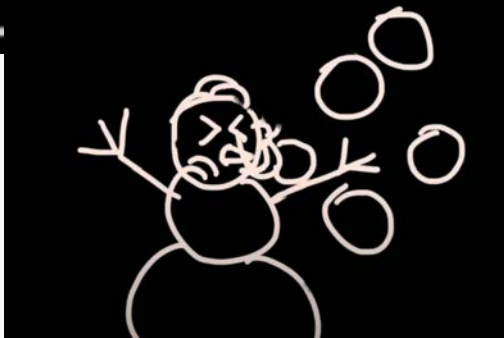
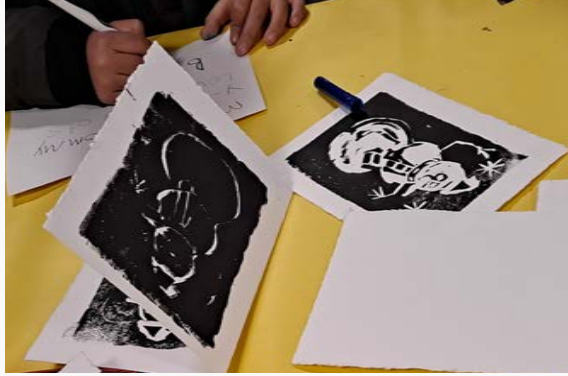
Bethel Reads One Million Pages in 2022 will commence on January 3, 2022 at 11am and end when we've reached our goal of reading one million pages! We will celebrate meeting our goal with a community reading celebration, to be held at the Cultural Center on a later date.

*Let's Read One
Million Pages!*



Jimmy's Art Gallery

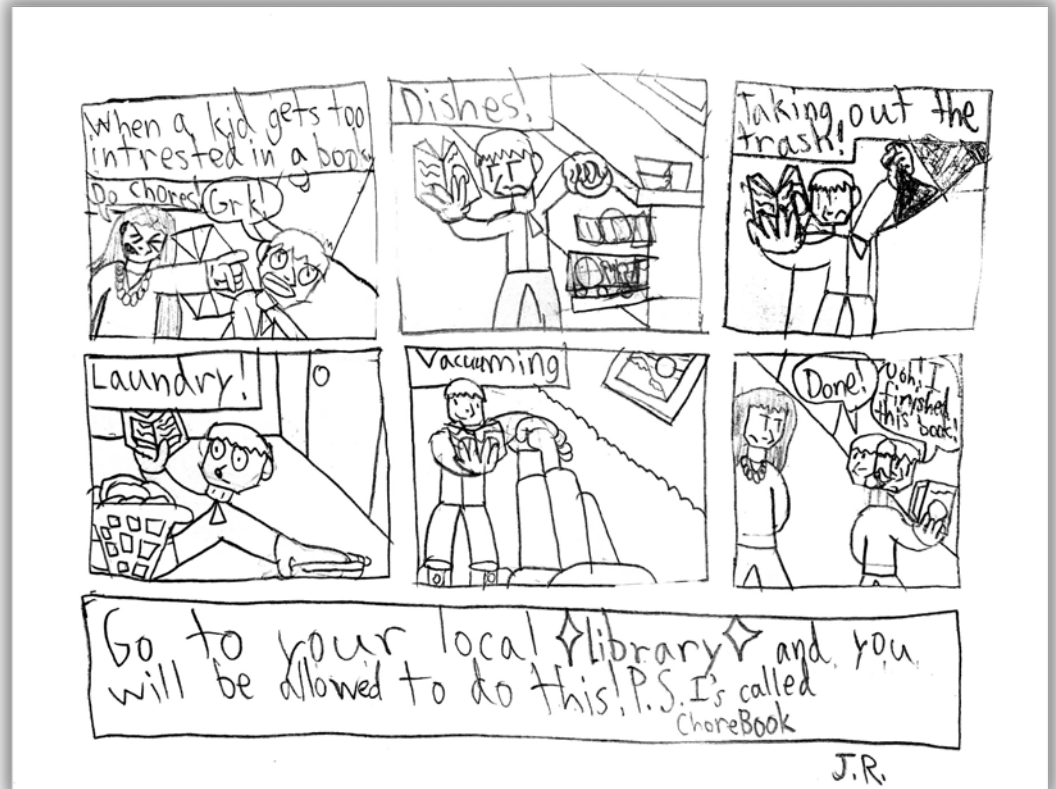
Jimmy Riordan is an Alaskan born multidisciplinary artist and educator. Though technically trained in book-arts and printmaking, his practice is not bound by any specific medium. Based in Anchorage, Jimmy teaches most of the art programs done at the library, such as "Art with Jimmy". Here are some recent pieces done from the last in person programs: Holiday Crafts and Animation



Kid's Comics

This comic was done by Jackson Rearden, a local 5th grade student and member of the KCL Junior Librarian League who is often in the company of a book.

Submit a comic to the library in order to be featured in upcoming library newsletters!



Library Word Search

B	V	U	V	A	S	G	V	H	K	M	R	S	D	B	R	P	H	J	V
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A 2021 Year End Review of the Kuskokwim Consortium Library

By: Theresa Quiner and Mikayla Miller

January: We began the year off with the introduction of "Art with Jimmy", a biweekly art program taught by Anchorage based artist Jimmy Riordan. The library also enjoyed an author talk via Zoom with Alaska-born author Dana Stabenow whose New York Times best-selling works feature Alaska Native heroine Kate Shugak as well as numerous depictions of Alaska life. At this time, the library was closed for in person use due to COVID-19, however we were still doing curbside service and delivery.



February: In celebration of Black History Month, KCL featured books celebrating Black authors and Illustrators. The book club book this month was "Born A Crime" by Trevor Noah. This month "Art with Jimmy" students participated in mini-canvas painting. In February, the library opened for in person use by appointment.

March: "Art with Jimmy" students did some pencil art and the library also participated in First Friday by providing an art station where kids and adults could create tiny masterpieces..

April: The Kuskokwim Consortium Library celebrated National Library week in April. We also hosted comic drawing and watercoloring programs for kids. We were able to show our first family movie since the start the pandemic, and enjoyed watching Disney Pixar's "Onward"- with popcorn of course! The library also celebrated the graduation ceremony for KuC classes of 2021 and 2022, and spearheaded filming the virtual graduation ceremony. The book club book this month was "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood.

May: In May we had an author discussion with Anne Fienup-Riordan, Alice Rearden, Marie Meade, and Kevin Jernigan about their book "Yungcautnguug Nunam Qaingam Tamarmi: All the Land's Surface is Medicine". We also had a silk screen program where kids got to design and print on their t-shirts. We brought storytime for kids ages 1-5 back this month as well.

June: The library reopen fully this month and stopped requiring appointments. Summer Reading began, and with it some really cool programs. This included bird watching, T-shirt Design, video making classes and art programs. This month also began Teen Time, a weekly program for teens to hangout at the library.

July: Wowza Time does fly fast. This month the library joined the Saturday market crowd to make terrariums. We also hosted a colorful cooking class for kids where we partnered with the YKHC Diabetes Prevention Department to make a healthy, and colorful, salad. The book club book this month was "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. The library also participated in the Orutsararmiut Native Council's Science and Culture camp, and led a session on information literacy with the campers. The library staff also participated in dumpster painting for the second year in a row.

August: The Library started off this month with the End of Summer Reading Celebration. The participants read 27948 minutes and over 287 books between June 1st and August 6th. Big thanks to AC, the fitness center, and other community partners for donating to our end of summer reading raffle.

September: The end of summer brought back the Bethel Community Fair, which was canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic, and the library worked alongside other community organizations, including UAF 4-H and Cooperative Extension, to host the fair at the cultural center. The fair was a blast and the amazing talent of Bethel performed afterward in Bethel's Got Talent, rounding out a quite wonderful day. We enjoyed having aspects of the fair outside for the first time ever. The book club book for this month was "A House in the Wild Berry Tundra" by local author Akram Didari.

October: The library jumped into fall with quite a leap! This month's book club book was "Silence for the Dead" by Simone St. James. The library partnered with community organizations like the Covenant Church, National Honor Society, Bethel Police Department, and other friends of the community to put on Trunk or Treat, and the community joined the library to pass out candy (and books) to children of all ages from their decorated cars. This month in "Art with Jimmy" we made sculptures- including clay bobble heads!

November: The Kuskokwim Consortium Library was very active this month as well. We had two "Art with Jimmy" programs- Painting with Kids and Book making. The Junior Librarian League inaugural meeting was held in order to get kids involved in helping to improve the library and promote literacy, and the club members began making book talks which are published on the Library Youtube channel. We also published our first volume of KLC monthly in order to highlight the exciting stuff going on at the library each month! We did a display for Native American Heritage Month, and highlighted Alaska Native and Native American authors.

December: Some of our most popular programs each year are our holiday programs, and this year was no exception! The library hosted adult holiday crafts, kids holiday crafts, cookie making and cookie decorating to get into the holiday spirit. Kids also really enjoyed Art with Jimmy this month, and we made holiday animations which are available on our YouTube channel. The library obtained grant funding to purchase 15 iPads so that we can continue providing animation programs year round.

What's Next? The library is excited about the upcoming year and the awesome programming we are planning to ring in the new year. In January we are kicking off a reading campaign called "Bethel Reads a Million Pages in 2022". See page 3 for more information. We are going to continue to work with artist Jimmy Riordan to provide regularly scheduled arts programming. We are planning to expand our STEAM programming, and provide more science and technology related programming (for example 3-D modeling in January!). We will continue working with members of the Junior Librarian League to improve the library and promote literacy, and new members are always welcome! We are looking forward to expanding our adult programs, so keep an eye out this year for more adult crafting programs, movie screenings and more! We have several author visits planned for the first half of the year, including events with Alaska authors Joan Nockels Wilson, Seth Kantner, Don Rearden, and the authors of "Lrcenrraat: Other-than-human Persons" (Ann Fienup-Riordan et al.). We will continue to plan a robust summer reading program with programs centered around the theme of "Read Beyond the Beaten Path", with reading incentives and prizes for kids who participate. We are also bringing back our library advisory committee, so if you are interested in helping to fundraise for the library please reach out! Stay tuned each month for the calendar of events in KCL monthly.

Project Homeless Connect

Project Homeless Connect is an event in Bethel that aims to provide resources for those in our community that are experiencing homelessness or are low income. It is part of a nationwide volunteer-run effort to provide a variety of services under one roof. In most years, we have 15-20 organizations in town that come together at PHC to provide various services, ranging from screenings for mental/behavioral health to providing hair-cuts, free food, and clean clothing.

Our next Project Homeless Connect event will take place from 10-1pm on Wednesday, January 26th. This event will take place in conjunction with the National Point in Time (PIT) Count, which occurs nationwide every year and aims to count the number of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. If this is an event that you or your organization would like to participate in, please contact us at emoser2@alaska.edu or 545-4516.



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library service offers a free book once a month to children under 5 to promote early literacy. To sign up, call the library or go online to <https://imaginationlibrary.com>.



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THOMAS DANIEL, STUDENT WORKER

Consider joining the Junior Librarian League for kids ages 8-12. This is a club for kids who want to get involved with their



local library. If you want to learn more about the club, call the library at 907-543-4516. Help build up your community library!

The library is seeking community members to serve on our Advisory Committee! The committee will help establish annual priorities, fundraise, and help us establish and evaluate our policies. If you are interested in helping to make the library a better place, please email Theresa at tquiner@alaska.edu or by calling 907-543-4517.



LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY

11 A.M. - 6 P.M.

TUESDAY

11 A.M. - 6 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

11 A.M. - 6 P.M.

FRIDAY

11 A.M. - 6 P.M.

SATURDAY

11 A.M. - 4 P.M.

SUNDAY

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