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Happy Holidays from the Kuskokwim Consortium Library. Join us at our community holiday celebration, WinterFest, on Sunday, December 3rd from 2 to 5 p.m. The library and other community organizations will be providing cookie decorating, cake walks (\$1 per ticket), holiday arts and crafts with Jimmy Riordan, games, a Santa selfie station, concessions and live caroling from the Bethel Community Choir. Suggested donation entrance fee is \$1 per person or \$5 per family. We will be **CLOSED** Saturday December 2nd in preparation for the event.

Need a gift this holiday season? Consider participating in our Leather Tooling Workshop with Jimmy Riordan. Learn how to create items using leather like belts, wallets, and journals. Tuesday December 5th and Wednesday, December 6th the classes are kids 4 to 6 p.m. and adults 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday December 7th and Friday, December 8th is work time for everyone from 4 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Storytime is December 9th at 11 a.m. We will be reading "The Polar Express" by Chris Van Allsburg and "Hanukkah Hamster" by Michelle Markel.

Saturday, December 16th we will be having Chess Club from 12 to 2 p.m. and Game Activities from 2 to 4 p.m. The game this week will be Rummikub for kids and some other alternatives for adults.

Monday, December 18th at 11 a.m. is Toddler Time. We will be providing hot chocolate and treats for the kiddos.

The library will be CLOSED Saturday December 23rd through January 2nd.

For any questions or concerns, please contact the library at 907-543-4516.

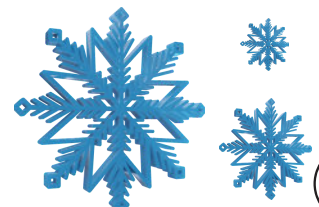
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Library Closed	27	28	29	30	1	2 Library Closed
3 Winterfest 2 to 5 p.m.	4	5 Leather Tooling Workshop Kids 4 to 6 Adult 6 to 8	6 Leather Tooling Workshop Kids 4 to 6 Adult 6 to 8	7 Leather Tooling Workshop Everyone 4 to 7:30	8 Leather Tooling Workshop Everyone 4 to 7:30	9 Saturday Storytime at 11 a.m.
10 Library Closed	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Toddler Time 11 a.m. @ Cultural Center	19	20	21	22 Library Closes at 5 p.m.	23 Library Closed
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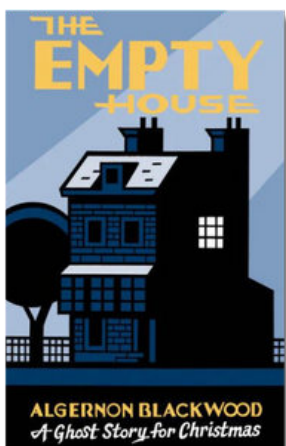
A Ghost Story for Christmas

By: Ian Poole and Mikayla Miller

Have you ever wondered about the line "There'll be scary ghost stories and tales of the glories of Christmases long, long ago" from the classic holiday song *It's the Most Wonderful time of the year* by Andy Williams? Why would there be scary stories on Christmas? In 1843, Charles Dickens published "A Christmas Carol" which sparked a trend of reading ghost stories during the holiday season. People would gather around the warm fireplace—as there was no electricity—and they would read scary stories together.

In honor of this tradition, we recommend reading some of the other incredible stories from a series of books called *A Ghost Story for Christmas*.

The Empty House by Algernon Blackwood is about Aunt Julia and her nephew who decide to take a midnight stroll through a haunted house; or more accurately, an investigation into what led to the death of a servant girl 100 years prior.



Find out what has happened to Uncle Henry in *The Story of a Disappearance and an Appearance* by M. R. James. Uncle Henry is missing and W.R. travels to a distant town to aid in the search. No foul play is suspected, and the search teams yield no results. W.R. is starting to expect the demise of Uncle Henry when he meets an unusual traveling salesman.

The Red Lodge by H. Russell Wakefield takes place at a beautiful lakeside Queen Anne home where a few shadows lurk and several drownings have occurred. A young family takes up residence for a vacation and things begin to turn sour when the son is suddenly dour and fearful of what/whomever is residing in the lake.



Rosamond is left in the care of her nurse after the passing of her parents in *The Old Nurse's Story* by Elizabeth Gaskell. The two are sent off to reside in her aunt's ancestral manor which is home to a strange and beautiful painting, mysterious floor creaks, and phantom music. Nurse begins to fear that poor Rosamond is the target of some ghostly mischief.



The Doll's Ghost by F. Marion Crawford is about renowned doll doctor Mr. Puckler who endeavors to save Lady Gwendolen's doll who fell down a staircase. Mr. Puckler sees no need for Lady Gwendolen to hold a funeral for her doll as he

is confident in his ability to fix it. However, his daughter suddenly goes missing and voices begin to haunt him in the night. You can find these and other holiday reads at the Kuskokwim Consortium Library.

Archiving Your Sound with Jimmy

By: Jimmy Riordan

Visiting artist and community archivist Jimmy Riordan will be in town for December's First Friday and the following week working on a music digitization project. For the last 5 years Jimmy has been working on an audio archiving project, building a library of recordings that have connections to the state of Alaska. The collection is primarily focused on analog recordings put out on media



such as vinyl and tape, and is actively digitizing, cataloging and documenting what is found. The project is supported through a Northern Research Fellowship at the Anchorage Museum and by Out North Contemporary Art.

As part of the First Friday festivities on December 1st, Jimmy will have a digitization station set up and will be sharing a selection of obscure local albums. This is a chance for the public to stop by and flip through the records, take a look at the album artwork, and learn more about the digitization process. There will be material recorded in the YK Delta, as well as a number of interesting selections from elsewhere around the state.

The following week December 4th through 7th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jimmy will be at the library continuing to work on digitization. He will be assisting in converting community members old analog recordings. If you have records, tapes, CDs, or VHS tapes you'd like help digitizing, bring them to the library to be digitized! Ideally, we will be able to digitize what people bring to us on the spot, sending them home with their originals and a digital copy. If we can't do this, or are unable to digitize something, we will do what we can to help people make a plan for how to get it done. This service is free.

For any questions, contact Jimmy Riordan at riordanjimmy@gmail.com

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MONDAY

11 A.M. - 6 P.M.

TUESDAY

11 A.M. - 6 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

11 A.M. - 6 P.M.

THURSDAY

11 A.M. - 6 P.M.

FRIDAY

11 A.M. - 6 P.M.

SATURDAY

11 A.M. - 4 P.M.

SUNDAY

CLOSED