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Kuskokwim Consortium Library Newsletter

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What's Happening at the Library?

Last month of the year and last chance to get your 2024 to be read list complete! Enjoy these last library programs for the year.

Toddler Time at the YK Fitness Center is on Monday December 2 in the studio and December 23 in the pool at 11 a.m. Toddler Time at the Cultural Center is December 9 and 16 at 11 a.m.

WinterFest is happening on December 7th from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, see page 3.

Join the library alongside artist Jimmy Riordan for a three day art workshop.

- December 9 from 4 to 7 p.m. is Animation and Origami for all ages.
- December 10 is Acrylic and Watercolor painting. Children and Family from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and Adults only from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- December 11 from 4 to 7 p.m. is Adults only Bookmaking and other paper crafting.

Jimmy Riordan will also be digitizing December 9-11 from 12 to 3:30 p.m. If you have VHS, cassette tapes, or other physical media you would like to be accessible via your computer, drop it off at the library or learn how to digitize it yourself.

Chess Club is on Saturday December 14 from 12 to 2 p.m. in the Alaska room. All chess levels are welcome!

The library will be closed from December 23 until January 2 for the UAF Winter Closure. Be sure to stop by the library on Saturday December 21 to get all your books and DVDs for the break.

If you have any questions, call the library at 907-543-4516.

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DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Library Closed	2 Toddler Time in the YK Fitness Center at 11 a.m. (Studio)	3	4	5	6	7 Library Open 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Winterfest 1-3 p.m.
8 Library Closed	9 AWJ: Animation All ages 4 -7 p.m. Digital Archiving with Jimmy Riordan 12-3:30 p.m. Toddler Time in the Cultural Center at 11 a.m.	10 Digital Archiving with Jimmy Riordan 12-3:30 p.m. AWJ: Painting Kids: 4 -5:30 p.m. Adults: 5:30 -7 p.m.	11 Digital Archiving with Jimmy Riordan 12-3:30 p.m. AWJ: Bookmaking Adults only 4 -7 p.m.	12	13	14 Chess Club 12-2 p.m.
15 Library Closed	16 Toddler Time in the Cultural Center at 11 a.m.	17	18	19	20	21
22 Library Closed	23 Toddler Time in the YK Fitness Center at 11 a.m. (Pool)	24	25	26	27	28
29 Library Closed	30	31	1	2	3	4

Library Closed

WinterFest

Take part in WinterFest, our annual holiday celebration, at the Cultural Center on December 7th from 1 to 3 p.m. The Kuskokwim Consortium Library and other organizations partner to create a magical holiday celebration for kids and families. Entry fee for a single person is a suggested donation of \$1 and a family for \$5.

The library will be providing holiday crafts with Jimmy Riordan, cookie decorating, games, and puzzles. We will also be doing cake walks for \$1 a ticket. The Cultural Center will be selling concessions, Bethel 4H will be doing holiday BINGO, and KYUK will be there to play games and do a photobooth. All in all, much fun to be had!

We would like to thank Alaska Commercial Company for donating supplies for cookie decorating. We would also like to thank the National Honor Society and Teens Acting Against Violence for donating their time to helping out at this event. TAAV will be highlighting TWC annual Giving Tree holiday donation drive as well.



WinterFest

DECEMBER
7TH 1-3 P.M.

Join the library and other community organizations for Winterfest--a holiday celebration at the Cultural Center!

Suggested donation of \$1/ person or \$5/ family for entrance.
Concessions for sale. Cakewalks \$1/ ticket

- Holiday Arts and Crafts with Jimmy Riordan
- Cookie Decorating with TAAV
- Cake Walks
- Concessions for sale by the Cultural Center
- Photobooth and Game with KYUK
- BINGO with 4H

For more information, contact the library at 907-543-4516



Tundra Women's Coalition



Giving Tree

Please find our trees at:

- AC
- Swanson's
- Fitness Center
- The Library
- BNC Complex
- YKHC Break Room

(for YKHC staff only)

Call (907) 543-3444 for questions



Our Venmo QR code @twcpeace

Murder, Mystery, & Nuns

By: Bethy Whalen, Cultural Center Manager

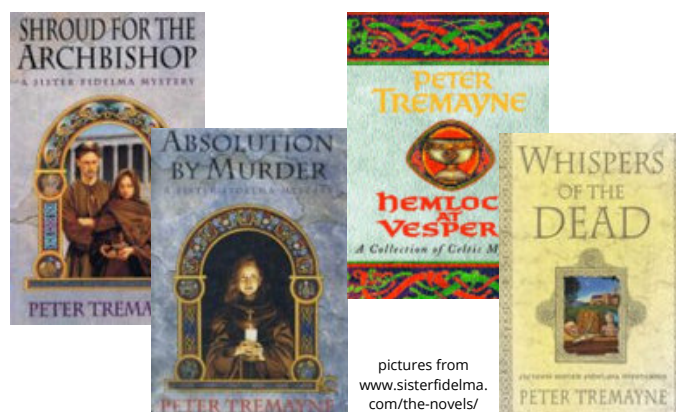
Usually when I read for pleasure what I want is something easily digestible – a book that doesn't require any cerebral heavy lifting. When that book is a murder mystery (as it usually is) this rings even more true. I picked up a copy of *Absolution by Murder* by Peter Tremayne at a free book event at the library in my hometown two years ago, and little did I know that this would be the beginning of a long and wonderful relationship with the Sister Fidelma series – a series set in ancient Ireland that explores life (and death!) in the time when Celtic Christianity was coming into direct opposition to the early Roman church.

Peter Tremayne is the pen name of Peter Beresford Ellis, who is a pre-eminent British historian and has published over 200 books and short stories. The Sister Fidelma series feels like a way for someone who spends his whole day steeped in the history of a specific place and time to say “what would happen if?” The physical environment in the series is incredibly rich as the author knows so much about that world already, and this helps what by any other definition would be pretty academic writing to read like a story. Tremayne began writing the series in 1994, and is still publishing them to this day – there are over 35 books and short stories featuring-

Sister Fidelma – a dalaigh (lawyer) and religieuse (Celtic nun) who manages to get involved with murder and mayhem all over Ireland and the budding Christian world.

Absolution by Murder is the first book in the series, and I'm not going to lie – I did not think it was the best one, but it builds the world for the books that follow. The second book in the series, *Shroud for the Archbishop* really hooked me. There are also several books of short stories featuring Fidelma – *Hemlock at Vespers* and *Whispers of the Dead* that have 15 stories each - smaller tastes of what to expect in the full length books. While each book stands alone in its own story, there are overarching stories and themes to the whole series as well.

I am about halfway through the series, and it's exciting to still have over 15 books to read. If you're looking for a historically based murder mystery that looks kind of difficult, but absolutely doesn't feel that way and leaves you reaching for more, look no further than Sister Fidelma.



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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