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What's Happening at KCL?

February is here and so are more of our awesome programs. Toddler Time is a program for preschool aged children to make friends, play, and learn. Toddler Time will be on Monday, February 5 and February 19 at 11 a.m. in the Cultural Center. We get asked by families with multiple kids if older kids are welcome at Toddler Time, and the answer is yes! The program is designed for toddlers, but older kids are welcome too.

Adult Crafterday is Saturday, February 3 from 12 to 2 p.m. in the Alaska room. Crafterday provides a venue for adults to work on a project of their own or to participate in a craft designed by the library staff.

Join the library for a discussion with the authors of "Tengautuli Atkuk: The Flying Parka: The Meaning and Making of Parkas in Southwest Alaska" on Saturday, February 3 at 4 p.m. Well known skin sewers Golga Oscar and Merna Wharton will participate in the discussion as well.

Storytime is on February 10 at 11 a.m. in the Children's room. Join the library for a story and a craft activity. All ages are welcome to attend but the craft will be designed for 4 to 6 year olds.

The Kuskokwim Campus is bringing some Nanook Traditions to Bethel this year, and on Saturday, February 17th the campus will hold it's first ever Winter Carnival. Join us from 1-4 at Sackett Hall for ice skating on the pond, a bonfire, and hot cocoa and coffee. Bring your own skates, or use some of ours.

February 19 the library is hosting a candle making workshop. Space is limited- sign up by calling the library at 907-543-4516.

Chess Club meets Saturday, February 24th at 12 p.m. Immediately following, participate in our all ages game activities.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Library Closed	29	30 Project Homeless Connect at the Covenant Church @ 12 p.m.	31	1	2	3 Adult Crafts at 12 p.m. Author Discussion The Flying Parka 4 p.m.
4 Library Closed	5 Toddler Time 11 a.m. @ Cultural Center	6	7	8	9	10 Saturday Storytime at 11 a.m.
11 Library Closed	12	13	14	15	16	17 KuC Winter Carnival 1-4 Sackett Hall
18 Library Closed	19 Toddler Time 11 a.m. @ Cultural Center Candle Making Class 6:15 p.m. at the Cultural Center	20	21	22	23	24 Chess Club at 12 p.m. Game Activities at 2 p.m.
25	26	27	28	29	1 Library Movie Showing: "The Super Mario Bros Movie" at 5:30 p.m.	2 Adult Crafts at 12 p.m.

February is Black History Month

History.com Editors. (2010, January 14). Black history month 2024: Facts, Origins & Quotes. History.com. [https://www.history.com/topics/black-history-month](https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month)

Black History month began in 1926 with a week of celebrating the achievements of Black Americans and others of African descent in the second week of February. This annual event began to catch on to schools and community organizations. As time progressed, cities began to participate in celebrations and by the late 1960s it had evolved into Black History Month. This was largely due to the civil rights movement. Present Gerald Ford officially recognized February as Black History Month in 1976. Please checkout some books by black authors in celebration of their artistry.

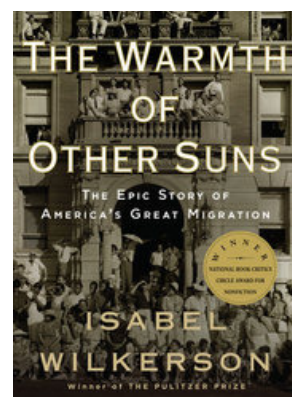
Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison is a classic novel published in 1952. A nameless young Black man moves to the United States in the 20th century but it seems no one can see him and he is invisible. Find out more about this young man's discovery of what it means to be himself by checking out this book.



Have you ever wondered what history would look like if we looked at how slavery is the foundation on which the United States was built? *The 1619 Project* by Nikole Hannah-Jones does just that by reframing the history of

the country to shine a light on the consequences of slavery and the contributions of Black Americans.

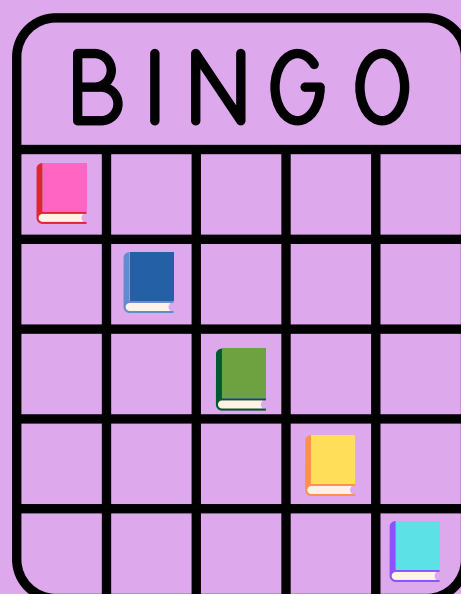
The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson tells the story of the Great Migration from 1915 to 1970 when over six million Black Americans fled the south. Though the book draws on thousands of interviews and years of



research, there are three representative people highlighted in the book: Ida Mae Gladney, George Swanson Starling, and Robert Pershing Foster. Find out about their stories and many others by stopping by the library and checking out our Black History Month display.

Book Bingo Challenge 2024

Get ready for some reading! KCL is now hosting our 2024 Book Bingo Challenge! Here is how it works: grab a book bingo card from the library—we have a variety to choose from—pick out a bingo set that works for you and get to reading! If you complete a bingo, you get to pick a tier one prize and get your name entered into the tier two prize raffle. For every new bingo you complete, that is another prize and ticket into the raffle. If you complete a black out, that is 5 entries into the big prize raffle. The tier two raffle will be drawn once a month and then the raffle will start over on the first day of each month. For any questions, call the library. Good luck to our readers!



The Quarterdeck :

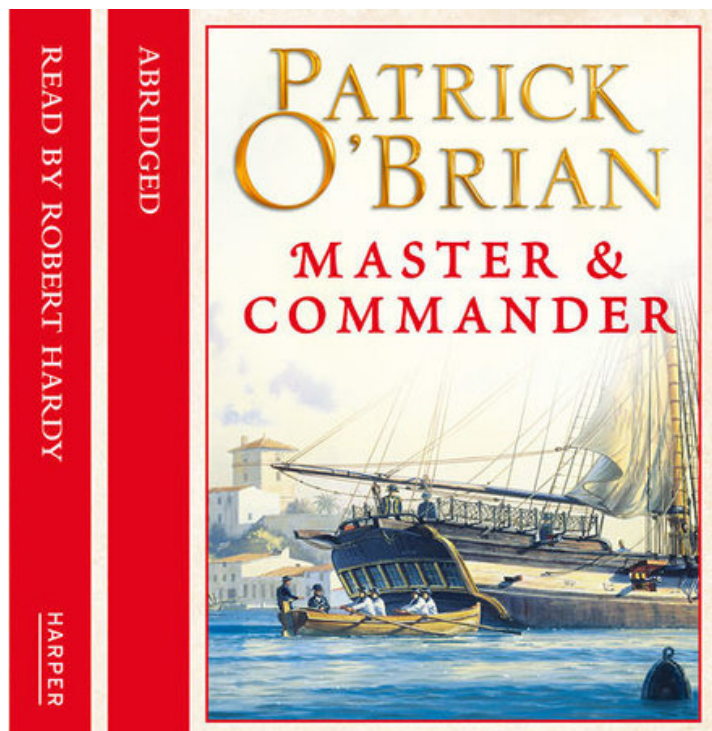
"Aubrey-Maturin" Series by Patrick O'Brian

A nautical highlight reel of ships, the sea, and our relation to it.

By: Ian Poole

The extensive twenty-one book series *Aubrey-Maturin* by historian Patrick O'Brian is one of the most well known fictional tales of adventure set during the age of sail. The fabricated, but no less dramatic, exploits of Royal Navy officer Jack Aubrey and his naturalist, doctor, and spy companion Stephen Maturin captivate readers and have even been recreated for the screen in the award winning film *Master and Commander*. Despite its success as a fictional series, it may surprise some readers to know that almost every major incident, and every naval engagement or mission found within the books is based on or actually was a historical event. Set throughout the Napoleonic Wars, Jack Aubrey's gradual promotions and Stephen Maturin's acts of espionage correspond with major events during the Napoleonic Wars at sea, such as the British invasion of the Mauritius islands in the fourth book, British intrigues in the Balkans in the eighth, and even the Chilean struggle for independence in the twentieth installment. The names of ships and

characters are almost entirely fictitious, however they often represent real individuals and vessels. This allowed O'Brien to transpose his stories onto events which genuinely took place, adding an additional dimension of realism such as the duel between HMS Sophie and the larger Spanish xebec frigate Cacafuego, based on the real engagement between Lord Cochrane's HMS Speedy and the Spanish frigate Gamo. Lastly, O'Brien's expertise in the sailing and operation of ships combined with his thorough understanding of the unique social order imposed by the Royal Navy on its ships makes these books not only a thrilling read, but an accurate and realistic one.



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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

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