

# KCL MONTHLY



## Kuskokwim Consortium Library Newsletter

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## What's Happening at the Library?

November means cold nights, good food, and amazing programs at the Kuskokwim Consortium Library. It's also a great time to cozy up with a good book.

The library will have a craft table at Bethel Bowls on November 1 at the Cultural Center starting at 6 p.m. Stop by for crafts, soup, and beautiful pottery by local artists!

We are starting up a Fiber Arts Club at the library. If you are working on crafting projects, want to start something new, or are interested in learning more about working with fiber art, join us Saturday November 2 from 12 to 2 p.m. in the Alaska Room at the library. This is your chance to work on those knitting, crochet, or needlepoint pieces. All crafts are welcome!

Thanks to the YK Fitness Center and a generous donation from the VFW Auxiliary, the library is able to host Toddler Time every Monday at 11 a.m. On November 4 and 25, the YK Fitness Center will be hosting. November 4 will be studio playtime and November 25 will be swim time in the pool! On November 11 and 18, there will be Toddler Time in the Cultural Center.

Join us for a discussion with Alaska author Kristian H. Erickson for a close look at his works ***Blood, Piss, & Cheer Alaska*** and ***French Kissing in an American Cult***. This will be held in the Alaska room at the library Saturday November 9 at 2 p.m.

Project Homeless Connect is on Tuesday November 12 from 12 to 2 p.m. For more information, see page 3.

On November 15, the library is hosting a Brown Bag Lunch at KuC in room 118 starting at 12 p.m. with Dr. Liliana Naves on her research on Shorebirds. The lunch will be followed by an online presentation by partners at the Pukorokoro Miranda Shorebird Center in New Zealand at 1 p.m.

Chess Club is happening on November 16 from 12 to 2 p.m. All chess levels are welcome!

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# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Library Closed	28	29	30	31	1 Take and make Craft at Bethel Bowls @ 6 p.m.	2 Fiber Arts Club: 12 to 2 p.m.
3 Library Closed	4 Toddler Time in the YK Fitness Center at 11 a.m.	5	6	7	8	9 Author Talk with Kristian H. Erickson at 2 p.m.
10 Library Closed	11 Toddler Time in the Cultural Center at 11 a.m.	12 Project Homeless Connect 12 to 2 p.m.	13	14	15 Brown Bag Lunch with Dr. Liliana Naves presenting on Shorebirds @ 12 pm in room 118 at KUC, followed by presentation by the Shorebird Center in New Zealand at 1 p.m.	16 Chess Club 12 to 2 p.m.
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# Project Homeless Connect

## Tuesday November 12

By: Scott Clifford,  
Adult Services Coordinator

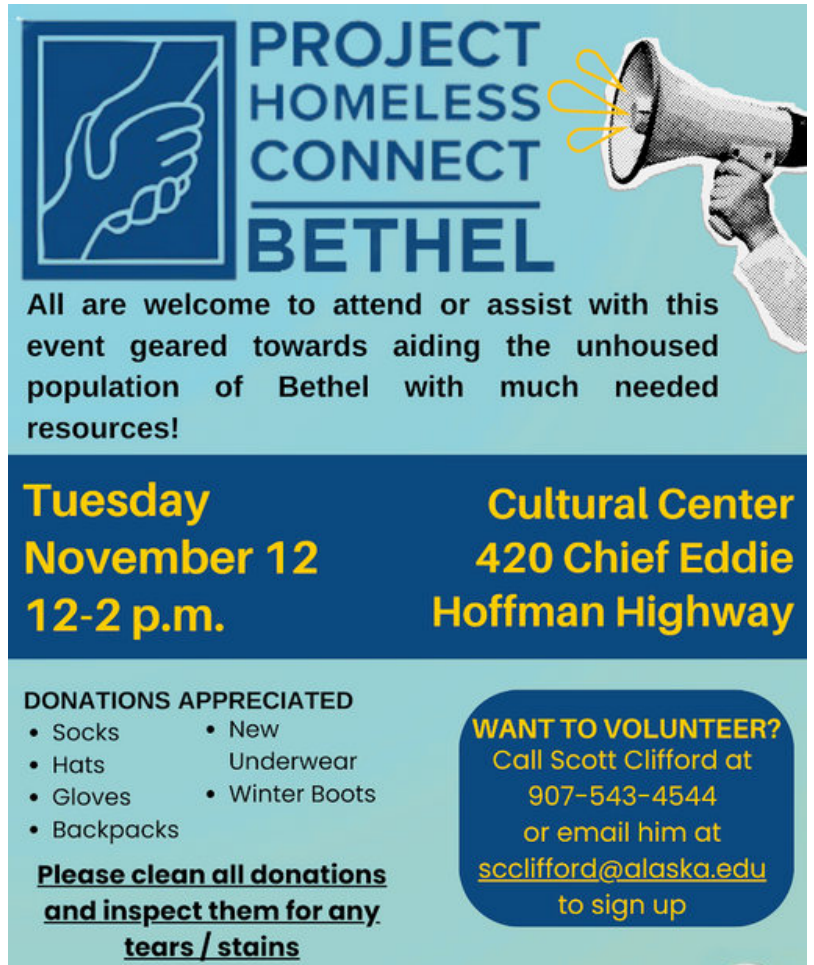
Project Homeless Connect is Tuesday, November 12 from 12-2 pm at the Cultural Center. Project Homeless Connect events, or PHC, are catered towards assisting the homeless and housing insecure by providing clothes and services such as behavioral health information, medical and harm reduction services, and a hot meal. All are welcome to attend these events. This event gathers multiple organizations and agencies throughout Bethel and focuses them all within the Cultural Center to provide a variety of services in a convenient one stop shop model.

Kuskokwim Consortium Library is a community center for everyone in Bethel. It serves all community members. Organizing Project Homeless Connect events is part of the library's seven year outreach initiative

with the Bethel Housing and Homelessness Coalition (BHCC). Due to the lack of services in the community for the unhoused population, the library has long been one of the only warm places for unhoused community members to spend time during the day. In an effort to help with community efforts to improve services that will result in people moving from unhoused to housed, the library has organized PHC events for the past seven years to give the coalition the venue they needed to collect survey data that is necessary to get funding for housing projects. Homelessness is not solved in a day, in a week, in a month, or even a year, but we have been grateful to see this collaboration with the housing coalition come to fruition this year when Bethel's first Permanent Supportive Housing facility opened this spring. Many unhoused community members who have used the library for years now have an apartment of their own.

Project Homeless Connect events bring the community together, and everyone has the ability to help. People can volunteer to help the event run smoothly, donate a pot of soup, or they can donate warm weather gear, snacks, pads/tampons and other essential items. Otherwise, simply spreading the word and bringing attention to an often overlooked community may blossom into tangible and positive change.

If interested in volunteering, donating, or providing services, please contact Scott Clifford at [scclifford@alaska.edu](mailto:scclifford@alaska.edu) or call 907-543-4544.



The poster for Project Homeless Connect Bethel features a blue background. At the top left is a logo of a hand holding a heart. To its right is the text 'PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT' in large blue letters, with 'BETHEL' below it. On the right side is an illustration of a megaphone. Below the title, a white text box contains the message: 'All are welcome to attend or assist with this event geared towards aiding the unhoused population of Bethel with much needed resources!'. The middle section has a dark blue background with yellow text stating the date and time: 'Tuesday November 12 12-2 p.m.' and the location: 'Cultural Center 420 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway'. The bottom section is light blue and contains a list of appreciated donations: socks, hats, gloves, backpacks, new underwear, and winter boots. It also includes a request to clean and inspect donations. On the right, a dark blue rounded rectangle contains the text 'WANT TO VOLUNTEER?' followed by contact information for Scott Clifford.

**PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT BETHEL**

All are welcome to attend or assist with this event geared towards aiding the unhoused population of Bethel with much needed resources!

**Tuesday November 12 12-2 p.m.**

**Cultural Center 420 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway**

**DONATIONS APPRECIATED**

- Socks
- Hats
- Gloves
- Backpacks
- New Underwear
- Winter Boots

**Please clean all donations and inspect them for any tears / stains**

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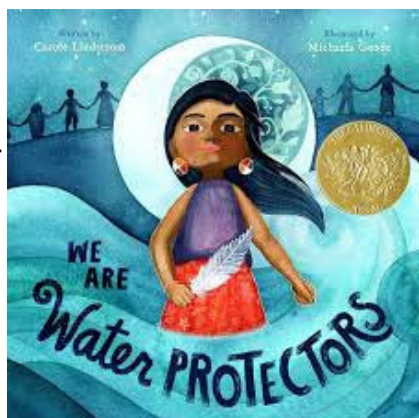


# Native American Heritage Month Recs

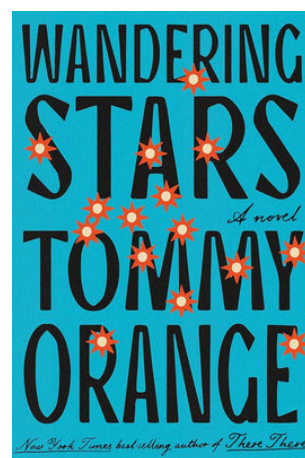
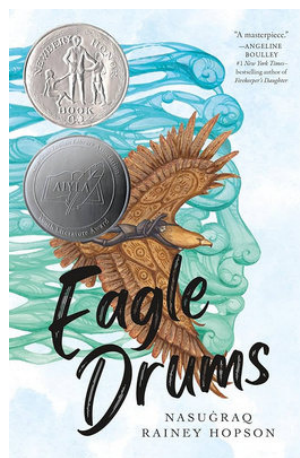
**By: Theresa Quiner, Library Director**

Every November, the Kuskokwim Consortium Library recognizes the literary contributions of Native Americans and Alaska Natives in recognition of National Native American Heritage Month. Join us in celebrating this month by reading one of these books.

Picture book recommendation: If you haven't read it already, check out **"We are water protectors"** by Carole Lindstrom (Anishinaabe/ Métis) and illustrated by Alaska's own Michaela Goade (Tlingit). The illustrations are truly beautiful, and the story tells a powerful and relatable story of a girl who fights against an oil pipeline to protect the water supply for her people. This book was very deserving of the Caldecott Medal that it received in 2021. Michaela Goade made history as the first ever Indigenous artist to receive this honor.



Young adult recommendation: Alaska author Nasuġraq Rainey Hopson was recognized this year with both a Newbery Honor and an American Indian Youth Literature Award for her debut novel **"Eagle Drums"**. The story is a tale of adventure, and puts a modern spin on an Iñupiaq myth about a boy that is kidnapped by deities and along the way learns the skills and knowledge he needs to bring his people together.



Adult recommendation: Fans of Tommy Orange's (Cheyenne/ Arapaho) American Book Award recipient **"There There"** will be happy to hear that the follow up novel **"Wandering Stars"** was released this year, and "conjurs the ancestors of the family readers first fell in love with in "There There"- warriors, drunks, outlaws, addicts- asking what it means to be the children and grandchildren of massacre" (book jacket). Tommy Orange has taken his rightful place as one of the literary greats of our time and his books are not to be missed.

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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**