



# KCL MONTHLY



## Kuskokwim Consortium Library Newsletter

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### What's Happening at the Library?

June is here and with it so many library programs! **Toddler Time** is every Monday at 11 a.m. All family members are welcome now that school is out.

June 2 it will be at the Fitness Center studio

June 9 at Pinky's Park (weather permitting)

June 16 at the Fitness Center pool

June 23 at Pinky's Park (weather permitting)

June 30 at the Fitness Center pool

Friday, June 6 and Saturday June 7, we are hosting a **LEGO building competition**. Friday is a work day for participants to create their LEGO masterpieces from 2 to 6 p.m. in the Cultural Center. And then on Saturday at Saturday Market, the community will vote on their favorite LEGO design from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The KuC campus, library, Tundra Women's Coalition and Bethel Actors Guild are co-hosting Pride activities in June and July. The first of these programs is a **Brown Bag Lunch** documentary screening and discussion on Wednesday June 11 starting at 12 p.m. in room 118 at KuC. "Dear Kin" is a storytelling project that highlights individuals from the Alaska Native Two-Spirit and LGBTQI+ community through video and portraiture, including KuC's own Golga Oscar!

Thursday, June 12 starting at 5:30 p.m. we are hosting **Outdoor Painting for Adults** (weather permitting). Sign ups are required.

Saturday June 14 starting at 4:30 p.m. we are hosting an escape room called **Teens Escape the Library** with TWC's Teens Acting Against Violence group. We will take sign ups for groups of 4-6 for 30 minute slots but you can also show up if you are willing to wait!

AK Dev Alliance and the Library are hosting a week long **Coding Camp** June 16-20 for kids 12 to 18. Younger participants will be considered on a case by case basis. There are 10 slots available. Learn how to code your own video game with Wyatt White and Andre Andrews.

Friday June 20 starting at 10 p.m. is **Midnight Kayaking** for adults. Sign ups are required as space is limited, however anyone with their own kayak is welcome to join! The library will start taking sign ups on June 9.

Tuesday June 24 is a **Teen Murder Mystery** with Bethel Actors Guild and the library. Come solve the crime in the library at 6:30 p.m.

Join the library and TAAV on June 26 starting the Cultural Center for a double feature **Kids and Family Movie Night**. We will be showing Angry Birds and Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle starting at 4:30 p.m. Popcorn will be provided.

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# JUNE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Library Closed	2 Toddler Time at the YK Fitness Center (studio) @ 11 a.m.	3	4	5	6 LEGO Building Competition pt 1: Construction 2 to 6 p.m. in the Cultural Center	7 LEGO Building Competition pt 2: Judging at Saturday market 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
8 Library Closed	9 Toddler Time at Pinky's Park @ 11 a.m.	10	11 Brown Bag Lunch in room 118 at Kuc showing and discussion of <i>Dear Kin</i>	12 Adults: Out Door Painting 5:30 p.m. sign up only	13	14 Teens: Escape the Library starting at 4:30 p.m.
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22 Library Closed	23 Toddler Time at 4H Park @ 11 a.m.	24 Teens: Murder Mystery @ 6:30 p.m. in the library	25	26 Kids and Family Double Feature: "Angry Birds" and "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" @4:30 p.m. in the Cultural Center	27	28
29 Library Closed	30 Toddler Time at YK Fitness Center (Pool) @ 11 a.m.	1	2	3	4	5

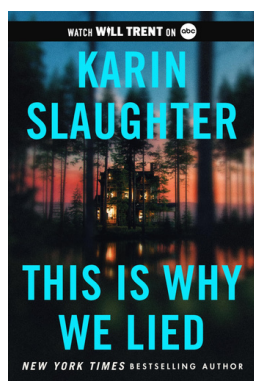
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# Adult Summer Reading Recommendations

*Generated Theresa Quiner (not AI)*

Summer is a great time to slow down and curl up with a good book, preferably on a beach or in a hammock on a sunny day. Here are some of the books that I have read this summer and books I am excited to read in the coming months!

I kicked off my summer reading with the latest Karin Slaughter mystery “This is Why We Lied”- number 12 in the Will Trent series. This series is gritty and follows the slow burn romance between Sara and Will as he grapples with the trauma of



his childhood while becoming a successful detective who investigates the worst crimes of humanity. In “This is Why We Lied”, Sara and Will are joyful as they finally head off on their honeymoon to a remote camp deep in the Georgia wilderness for a week with no phones or internet. And then an unsettling person from Will’s past appears and a body is found floating in the water...

Next on my summer reading list is “Swordheart” by T. Kingfisher. With some sunny days recently I was able to clock some excellent hammock time with this book. “Swordheart” will hit home for fans of “The Princess Bride”, and follows the adventures of Halla after she finds out that she has unexpectedly received an inheritance from her late uncle. Her jealous relatives then lock her in a room as they plot how to steal her newfound money. In a fit of despair, Halla pulls an ancient sword off the wall to end her life. To her surprise, when she unsheathes the sword a handsome warrior named Sarkis appears! He is duty bound to protect the person in possession of the sword, so they depart on a dangerous adventure to get her money and find a way to safety.

I am a longtime fan of James Beard Award-winning author Hank Shaw. Shaw spends his time foraging, hunting, fishing, and gardening, and then adapts the food he gathers to create recipes for dishes around the world. I have learned a lot about cooking wild game and fish from reading his cookbooks and recipes. His new book “Borderlands: Recipes and Stories from the Rio Grande to the Pacific” features recipes from the U.S./ Mexican border. Shaw has been traveling to the Frontera for many years “gathering stories, recipes and knowledge (honest-food.net, 2025) and this book is the culmination of his journey. I can’t wait to read this when it comes out later this month!



For folks looking for their next beach read, you can join me in reading the new Emily Henry Rom-Com “Great Big Beautiful Life”. In “Great Big Beautiful Life”, “two writers compete for the chance to tell the larger-than-life story of a woman with more than a couple of plot twists up her sleeve” (<http://emilyhenrybooks.com/>).

In recent weeks, an AI generated summer reading list that included made-up books by famous authors was published in major newspapers. Please note that this reading list was written by your local librarian and all of the books are real books published by real authors! AI has its uses, but there are many reasons to be careful with how you use it. Interested in learning more? Stay tuned for weekly Brown Bag lunch discussions on tech/ info literacy this fall including sessions on AI!

# LGBTQIA2S+ Reads, Programs and More!

Every year we enjoy putting together our Pride Month Display in the month of June! The purpose of this commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally. Join us in reading one of the many great contributions to literature by LGBTQ+ authors this month!



A new book highlighted in the display that we recommend checking out is Stonewall Honor Book and Time magazine Best YA Book of All Time recipient "Felix Ever After" by Kacen Callender. This YA novel is about a transgender teen grappling with identity and self-discovery while falling in love for the first time.

In addition to the Pride Display, the Kuskokwim Campus, library, TWC, and Bethel Actors Guild are holding several Pride events throughout the months of June and July.

On Wednesday June 11 at 12 p.m. is a **Brown Bag Lunch showing and discussion of *Dear Kin***, a 40 minute long storytelling project followed by a discussion that highlights individuals from the Alaska Native Two-Spirit and LGBTQI+ community through video and portraiture. *Dear Kin* is a letter to past, present, and future Indigenous queer relatives. KuC's own Native Arts Coordinator Golga Oscar is featured in the film.

TWC has coordinated with some Indigenous Drag Queens to come to Bethel to do Bethel's first ever **Drag Show!** Due to the availability of the performers, the rest of the Pride activities will happen on July 11 and 12. We will host a **Community Celebration** on July 11 which will include food, book talks, activities and crafting. Then on July 12, we will do **poster making** at Saturday Market in preparation for the **Pride March** at noon. The **Drag Show** will Saturday evening from 7:30-10. For more information, keep an eye out on the library Facebook page and the July newsletter.



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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