

# KCL MONTHLY



## Kuskokwim Consortium Library Newsletter

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### What's Happening at the Library?

March is here and so are some exciting programs and events being held at the library. First and foremost, Chess Club is being held on March 1 from 12 to 2 p.m. in the Alaska room. All chess levels are welcome to participate.

Toddler Time is a time for your kiddos to play, make friends, and learn every Monday at 11 a.m.

March 3 & March 10 will be at the Cultural Center.

March 17 will be at the YK Fitness Center (Studio).

March 24 & March 31 will be at the at the YK Fitness Center (Pool).

The Friends of the Library Book Sale is happening March 5-8. Read more on page 3.

March 6-8 at the Cultural Center is an all ages Makerspace with Anchorage based artist Jimmy Riordan. This is your chance to work on some of those big projects you need space for or start something new! We'll have art supplies and Jimmy is excited to lend a hand. Don't have a project and interested in joining the fun? The library, in association with Jimmy and Bethel Community Services Foundation, will be painting community sandwich boards. Help out the community by helping paint some boards highlighting community programs sponsored by BCSF. There will be ways to participate for people of all skill levels. The studio space will be open March 6 & 7 from 4 to 6 p.m. and March 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The library will be CLOSED March 14 & 15 for the UAF Spring Break holiday.

On March 27 at 6:30 p.m. the library will be showing "Sacred Alaska". This is an award-winning documentary focusing on Alaska Native culture and spirituality and the influence the Russian Orthodoxy has had on Alaska. For more information about the film, go to their website: <https://sacredalaskafilm.com/>.

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# MARCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 Library Closed	24 Toddler Time at YK Fitness Center (Pool) @ 11 a.m.	25	26	27	28	1 Chess Club in the Alaska Room 12 to 2 p.m.
2 Library Closed	3 Toddler Time at the Cultural Center @ 11 a.m. Book sale donation drop off 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.	4 Book sale donation drop off 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.	5 Friends of the Library Book Sale Center 2 to 6 p.m.	6 Friends of the Library Book Sale at the 2 to 6 p.m. Makerspace with Jimmy 4 to 6 p.m.	7 Friends of the Library Book Sale 3 to 7 p.m. Makerspace with Jimmy 4 to 6 p.m.	8 Friends of the Library Book Sale 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Makerspace with Jimmy 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
9 Library Closed	10 Toddler Time at the Cultural Center @ 11 a.m.	11	12	13	14	15
16 Library Closed	17 Toddler Time at YK Fitness Center (Studio) @ 11 a.m.	18	19	20	21	22
23 Library Closed	24 Toddler Time at YK Fitness Center (Pool) @ 11 a.m.	25	26	27 Sacred Alaska Movie Screening 6:30 p.m.	28	1
30 Library Closed	31 Toddler Time at YK Fitness Center (Pool) @ 11 a.m.					

**Library CLOSED**



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



# BOOK SALE

## **Donation drop off**

February 24-28th 11 am-6 pm  
March 1, 11 am-4 pm  
March 3 & 4 11 am-6 pm

## **Book Sale**

March 5 & 6, 2-6 pm  
March 7, 3-7 pm  
March 8th, 11 am-4 pm  
(coffee/ baked goods for sale)

*Donations must be clean, free of mold, and in good condition!  
Textbooks not accepted.*

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information**

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The third annual Friends of the Library Book Sale is here! Join us March 5-8 for books, baked goods, coffee, and cozy bookshop vibes. The funds raised from this event support library programs throughout the year, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and so much more.

The library is in search of in good condition used books to be dropped off starting March 3 at 11 a.m. The library gets asked if we accept book donations frequently, and this is the one time of the year that we do! We are also searching for donated baked goods to sell.

### **Drop off book donations**

Monday March 3 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Tuesday March 4 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### **Book Sale Hours**

Wednesday March 5: 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Thursday March 6: 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Friday March 7: 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Saturday March 8: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#LibraryGivingDay is April 1, and it is an opportunity for libraries around the country to raise funds to support library programs throughout the year. KCL provides robust programming for the different demographics in the community. These include our many youth programs, adult programs, Project Homeless Connect, and community events such as the Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration, author events, Trunk or Treat, WinterFest and Tales on the Tundra. We also sponsor the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, a fantastic early literacy book program for kids under 5. All of our programs are free so that they are inclusive for all members of the community, regardless of income. However, it takes money to provide these programs to the community. KCL has funds with two foundations to support our programs- Bethel Community Services Foundation Friends of the Library Fund and the University of Alaska Foundation Kuskokwim Consortium Library fund.

## **Scott's Superb Selection: To Say Nothing of the Dog by Connie Willis**

Connie Willis's *To Say Nothing of the Dog* is difficult to summarize. The novel follows Ned Henry, a historian from 2045 capable of time travel. He is tasked with going to the 1930s to locate the whereabouts of a missing object. Things do not go well, some time travel mishaps occur, and Ned is sorely in need of vacation time. 2045 contains his demanding boss, so his coworkers send him to Victorian Era England in an attempt to get away from the hustle and bustle. Unfortunately, Ned Henry does not get a break, as the actions of fellow historian Verity Kindle threaten the entire space time continuum, and so they spend Ned's vacation in Victorian times trying to fix Verity's mistake *Back to the Future* style.

*To Say Nothing of the Dog* caught my eye for one simple reason: I needed to know what kind of book would feature this title. The 1997 science fiction romance does not disappoint. It lures you in with an enthralling and intriguing beginning as Ned is constantly strung along by bosses and forces beyond his control. After getting a few dozen pages in, you realize the book has tricked you into reading a Victorian romance with a cast of eclectic characters. A superstitious mother who consults the spirits before every decision, a self absorbed daughter who refuses to yield to anyone else, a persistent

suitor determined to win the affections of his love at first sight, and that is to say nothing of the dog, Cyril, a bulldog who is as lovable as he is immovable.

I am not surprised Connie Willis has won seven Nebula awards. She has woven an intricate tapestry of themes of fate, causality, control, love, and coincidences that perfectly convey the novel's plot. The way thoughts and references constantly tumble over themselves is a delight to behold. The time travel is complicated, but not so absurd it is impossible to follow. The novel is chock-full of allusions to other books, most of which completely eluded me. The story is fascinating for how it slowly evolves. It becomes a mystery with no suspects. Rather than slowly whittling down a short list of dubious individuals to find the inevitable culprit, Ned and Verity constantly struggle to find a single person who may prove to be the elusive Mr. C.

Most notably, the novel is hilarious. Certainly, Ned, Verity, and other characters have their quips. However, I laughed most at the cosmic absurdity of events that occur, all seemingly designed to make poor Ned's life as difficult and inconvenient as possible. Connie Willis never takes anything that happens too seriously, and despite the fact that the entire fabric of spacetime is at stake, the novel is very lighthearted and playful. I highly recommend this book to readers looking for an enthralling and engaging read.

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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