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Happy September!

September is National Library Card Sign Up Month so support your library by getting a library card or convincing your friends to get one! Read more about what KCL is doing for National Library Card Sign Up month on page 4.

The library will be closing on Mondays for the foreseeable future due to low staffing. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Join the library and UAF Cooperative Extension's Jasmine Shaw for workshops on Canning Soup and a family Jam Making workshop, and for drop in pressure gauge testing and gardening Q&A. Workshops fill up, so reserve your spot by calling the library at 907-543-4516.

Tuesday, September 2

- 5-9pm Canning Soups workshop *sign up required.

Wednesday, September 3

- 12-2pm Drop in pressure gauge testing and Gardening Q&A
- 4-6pm Family Jam making *sign up required

Toddler Time at the YK fitness center is happening Monday September 29 in the pool. This is a free program for all preschool age children to learn, grow, and make friends!

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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Leaning into fall

By Theresa Quiner

September is here. Summer is so short and precious in Alaska, and this time of year can be bittersweet as it sinks in that winter is around the corner and summer is officially over. This summer was extraordinary though, with hot days, very few mosquitos, and great berry and fishing seasons. For one of the first times since moving to Alaska in 2012, I feel ready for fall. There is very little time for rest when the days are long and the weather is good, and we know that bitter temperatures will be here before we know it. I hope that many of you feel the same as I do, and are ready for many of the wonderful things that come with colder temperatures.

For library staff, one of the things we look forward to in September is rest. We stay very busy throughout the year with library programs, and we work hard to provide a variety of activities for the community to enjoy. In September, we take a much needed break from most programming. We use this time to get caught up on projects. Our Youth Services Librarian Mikayla, who plans and implements all of the summer reading programs, takes a long and much needed vacation. And we use this time to plan for the fall and winter because with colder temperatures come many of the fun community activities that people anticipate all year. October will bring many big library events and fundraisers for some of the community partners we work closely with, including the annual Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration, the Steel Salmon and Raven Auction, a benefit concert for KYUK, a Halloween screening of Rocky Horror Picture show, and the Halloween Bonanza which will include Trunk or Treat, the GCI Carnival, and a Haunted House at KYUK. These are in addition to the many fun things happening with organizations around town, including sports and other activities sponsored by LKSD.

We hope that you can lean into the joys of colder temperatures as we do, and enjoy afternoon naps, cozying up with a good book, and coming together as a community at the fun community activities this fall.

If you need a few book recommendations to get your cozy on this fall, here are a few that caught my eye.

Non-fiction: "The Age of Magical Overthinking: Notes on Modern Irrationality" by Amanda Montell

Cookbook: "Turkuaz Kitchen: Traditional and Modern Dough Recipes for Sweet and Savory Bites" by Betül Tunç

Fiction: "The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman

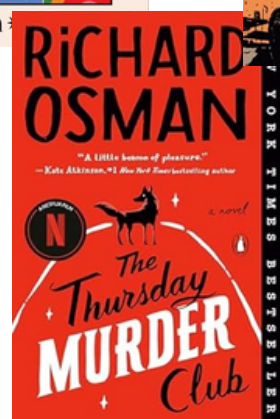
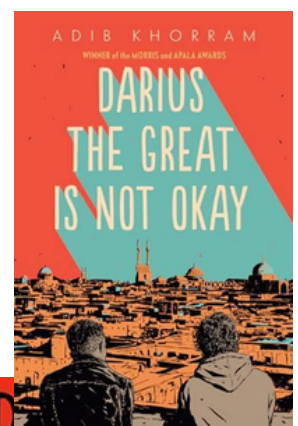
Picture Book: "The Wild Robot" by Peter Brown

Juvenile Chapter Book: "Willodeen" by Katherine Applegate

Juvenile Graphic Novel: "Lunar Boy" by Jess and Cin Wibowo

Teen Chapter Book: "Darius the Great is Not Okay" by Adib Khorram

Teen Graphic Novel: "The Beginning After the End" by TurtleMe





Celebrate your library this September by signing up for a library card! The Kuskokwim Consortium Library has 3564 library card holders. Our goal for this year is to sign up 500 more community members for library cards by July 2026. Help us achieve this goal by getting a library card, signing up your kids for library cards, and checking with your friends on whether they know about their library. Thank you to all our library users!



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SUNDAY/MONDAY

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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.