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What's Happening at the Library?

Happy February! The library is planning an incredible month of programs. First and foremost: TODDLER TIME! Toddler Time dates/locations for February are:

Monday February 2 at 11 a.m. in the Cultural Center
Monday February 9 at 11 a.m. in the YK fitness Center (studio)
Monday February 16 at 11 a.m. in the Cultural Center
Monday February 23 at 11 a.m. in the YK fitness Center (pool)

Afterschool Adventures will start again on February 3 at 4:30 p.m. in the Alaska room. Join us for educational and fun activities every Tuesday in February!

The library is partnering with the Southwest Alaska Arts Group Friday, February 6 from 5-6:30 in the cultural center for a First Friday Art Show. The library will host an all ages craft.

Want to learn more about trading card games like Pokémon, Yu-Gi-Yo!, or Magic the Gathering? Join us for Trading Card Club Saturday February 14 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The first ever Bethel Comic Convention is happening February 20-22. There will be special guest artists, authors, and familiar faces. All nerdoms welcome and cosplay is encouraged! You can sign up to volunteer for free entrance by calling 907-543-4516. For a full schedule of events, scan the QR code or go to: www.uaf.edu/bethellibrary/kuskocon.php. Big thanks to Malone insurance, the Alaska State Council on the Arts, and the VFW Auxilliary for their donations to help support this program!

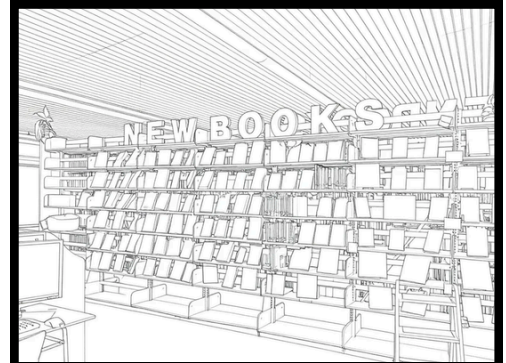
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Chess Club is starting again on February 28 at 12 p.m. in the Alaska room. All ages and chess levels are welcome.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Library Closed	2 Toddler Time in the Cultural Center @ 11 a.m.	3 Afterschool Adventures 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Alaska room. Bethel Book Club Radio Show @ 1pm on KYUK	4	5	6	7 First Friday arts and crafts 5 p.m. in the cultural center.
8 Library Closed	9 Toddler Time in the YK Fitness Center Studio @ 11 a.m.	10 Afterschool Adventures 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Alaska room.	11	12	13	14 Trading Card Club 1 to 3 p.m. in the Alaska Room
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22 Library Closed	23 Toddler Time in the YK Fitness Center pool @ 11 a.m.	24 Bethel Book Club Radio Show @ 1pm on KYUK Afterschool Adventures 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Alaska room.	25	26	27	28 Chess Club 12 to 2 p.m.
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KUSKO CON



Bethel's first comic convention, KuskoCon, is a three day celebration of graphic arts, storytelling, fandoms and more!

CULTURAL CENTER | BETHEL

Friday, February 20 | 4:30-9

Saturday, February 21 | 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Sunday, February 22 | 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.



\$5 for one day pass | \$10 for 3 day pass | \$20 for 3 day family pass

Ask the library about free admission for volunteers

With special guests Don Rearden, Tadd Galusha, Lee Post, Casey Silver, Dimi Macheras, Ranger Fox, Wyatt White, George Young, Jimmy Riordan, Bosco's, VELMATRON Band, local vendors and artists!

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New Graphic Novels

By Theresa Quiner

We are so excited to be working with a new book vendor- Bosco's Cards, Comics and Games out of Anchorage! We reached out to Bosco's last summer to ask them if they would be interested in flying to Bethel to sell merch at our upcoming KuskoCon later this month. The owner John Weddleton said absolutely, and then we asked them for help developing our graphic novel collection in the library. They have been a huge help to us! We sent them a list of every graphic novel that we have in the collection, and they gave us a list of recommended titles that we should get based on what we have, what gets checked out, and what is popular in the store. We are very excited that our first batch of books has arrived and library staff are busy getting them ready for checkout. Here are a few highlights of some series and books that we are especially excited about.

"It's Jeff" by Kelly Thompson and Gurihiru. (recommended age 10+) At last, the ingenious, the extraordinary, the unbearably innocent Jeff the Land Shark embarks on his own adventures across the Marvel Universe. This one is a particular favorite of KCL library staff! It's hilarious, and Jeff is super cute!



"Cretaceous" by Tadd Galusha. (recommended age 10 +). When a Tyrannosaurus Rex is separated from its family unit, it embarks on a harrowing journey to reunite with them before the raw, real dangers of the Cretaceous Era separate them for good. This one is highly recommended for dinosaur lovers who struggle with reading because the story is told without words. The author will be joining us for KuskoCon so make sure to read this one before meeting the author in real life!



"Jujutsu Kaisen" by Gege Akutami. (recommended age 15+) The story follows high school student Yuji Itadori as he joins a secret organization of Jujutsu Sorcerers to eliminate a powerful Curse named Ryomen Sukuna, of whom Yuji becomes the host.

"Chainsaw Man" by Crunchyroll. (recommended age 16+) The story follows Denji, an impoverished teenager who makes a contract that fuses his body with that of Pochita, the dog-like Chainsaw Devil, granting him the ability to transform parts of his body into chainsaws. Denji eventually joins the Public Safety Devil Hunters, a government agency focused on combating Devils whenever they become a threat to Japan.

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MONDAY

11 A.M. - 5 P.M.

TUESDAY

11 A.M. - 7 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

11 A.M. - 7 P.M.

THURSDAY

11 A.M. - 7 P.M.

FRIDAY

12 P.M. - 6 P.M.

SATURDAY

11 A.M. - 4 P.M.