

# KCL MONTHLY



Kuskokwim Consortium Library Newsletter



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## What's Happening at the Library?

Oh the Ides of March and the cold temperatures still lingering. You're in luck because the library has ways to help keep you stay entertained and support your local community!

The Friends of the Library Booksale is happening March 4-7 in the Cultural Center. See page 4 for more info!

Toddler Time is a program to support both preschool aged kiddos and their parents. It is free and there are snacks!  
Monday March 9 at 11 a.m. in the Cultural Center  
Monday March 16 at 11 a.m. in the YK fitness Center (Pool)  
Monday March 23 at 11 a.m. in the YK fitness Center (Studio)  
Monday March 30 at 11 a.m. in the YK fitness Center (Pool)

Afterschool Adventures is a fun afterschool program where kids can craft, explore, and learn! It is every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Alaska room.

The library will be CLOSED March 13-15 for UAF-KuC Spring Break.

The Library is partnering with TWC and Bethel Actors Guild for an Escape Room being hosted at the Teen Center (519 Mission Dr.) This is for all ages but the difficulty level will be upper teens and adults. Solve riddles and clues on Friday March 20 from 6-9 p.m.

Chess Club is back! All chess levels and ages are welcome. Join us Saturday March 7 & Saturday March 28 from 12 to 2 p.m. in the Alaska room.

Trading Card Club is Saturday March 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. If you like Pokemon, Yu-Gi-OH! or Magic the Gathering, please come and share your passion. Other trading card lovers welcome.

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# MARCH CALENDAR

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.	4 Friends of the Library Booksale 3 to 7 p.m.	5 Friends of the Library Booksale 3 to 7 p.m.	6 Friends of the Library Booksale 4 to 9 p.m.	7 Friends of the Library Booksale 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Chess Club 12 to 2 p.m.
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15 Library Closed	16 Toddler Time in the YK Fitness Center pool @ 11 a.m.	17 Afterschool Adventures 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Alaska room.	18	19	20 Escape Room 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Teen Center (519 Mission Dr.)	21 Trading Card Club 1 to 3 p.m. in the Alaska Room
22 Library Closed	23 Toddler Time in the YK Fitness Center studio @ 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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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

# BOOK SALE

WEDNESDAY MARCH 4, 3-7 P.M.

THURSDAY MARCH 5, 3-7 P.M.

FRIDAY MARCH 6, 4-9 P.M.

SATURDAY MARCH 7, 11 A.M.-4 P.M.



The fourth annual Friends of the Library Book Sale is here! Join us March 4-7 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 February 25 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. We are adding some fun new elements this year as well! The Southwest Alaska Arts Group is hosting a First Friday March 6 from 5-6:30 with live music, and the Bethel Actors Guild is hosting an open mic night in the book sale from 6:30-9.

### Drop off book donations

Wednesday February 25 - Tuesday March 3 during library hours.

## Donate Here



Friends of the KCL Fund- BCSF

#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.

The Bethel Violence Prevention Coalition (VPC) seeks community member input on their thoughts, experiences, and knowledge on topics that impact rates of violence in the community. Responses will be kept anonymous and the information gathered will be the source material for generating the VPC's strategic plan to reduce violence in Bethel over time. Survey participants 18 and older may choose to enter their name into a drawing to receive \$1,000!

### **\*\*Content Warning\*\***

This survey asks questions about domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and other violence-related topics. Remember, all questions are optional (with the exception of drawing entry preference). Please engage in whatever way is safest. If support is needed after engaging with this subject matter, advocates are available at Tundra Women's Coalition Crisis Line (1-800-478-7799 or 907-543-3456)

Please send any questions to [taylor\\_finley@twcpeace.org](mailto:taylor_finley@twcpeace.org)



# Mikayla's Romance Reads for March

While the library highlighted books for KuskoCon during February, I am always a fan of romance. Here are some of my most recent romance reads!

*Game Changer* by Rachel Reid is about Scott Hunter, a professional hockey player, and Kip Grady a professional smoothie maker. Scott has been closeted his entire sports career for fear of what it would cost him but he wants the cute guy at the smoothie shop so much that he is willing to risk it. This is the first book in the *Game Changers* series. This series is very popular with the release of the second book, "Heated Rivalry", on HBO, but this is my favorite book in the series. It is a sweet and beautiful love story.

*Radiance* by Grace Draven is a fantasy romance where a human and a non-human race have a political marriage to end the war between their people. Both Ildiko and Brishen are disgusted by the appearance of their arranged spouse but over time they form a unique friendship and respect for each other. This story is a unique read for me but I liked how it focuses on the relationship building and cross-cultural understanding of their partner.

*When He Was Wicked* and *An Offer from a Gentleman* by Julia Quinn were both recent rereads for me with the new season of *Bridgerton* coming out. The *Bridgerton* series is an old school regency romance series that I loved prior to the show. It is really cool to see what they keep and change from the books as the series progresses. *An Offer from a Gentleman* follows Benedict Bridgerton's love story and is fairly akin to a Cinderella story. *And When He was Wicked* is the story of Francesca finding love again after the sudden death of her husband.

March is also Women's History Month and in my personal opinion, celebrating a genre that is historically written by women for women is a great way to celebrate this month!



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**SUNDAY**

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**MONDAY**

11 A.M. - 5 P.M.

**TUESDAY**

11 A.M. - 7 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY**

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