

KCL MONTHLY



Kuskokwim Consortium Library Newsletter



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What's Happening at the Library?

Happy May! Are you ready to read?!? Summer Reading starts May 22 but you can sign up now. See page 3 for more information.

Toddler Time is a program to support both preschool aged kiddos and their parents. It is free and there are snacks!

Monday, May 4 at 11 a.m. in the Cultural Center

Monday, May 11 at 11 a.m. in the Cultural Center

Monday, May 18 at 11 a.m. in the YK fitness Center (studio)

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 last Afterschool Adventure for the school year is May 19.

Join the RurAL CAP GROW Program in Bethel for a FREE apple tree grafting workshop on Thursday, May 14 from 6-8 p.m. at the Cultural Center. In this 2 hour course taught by Yael Hickok of Boyer's Orchard, you will learn how to graft tasty apple varieties onto cold-hardy rootstock, enabling you to grow your own edible fruit trees right in your backyard! The workshop will cover basic grafting techniques, as well as information on fruit tree planting and care. All materials are provided.

We are hosting a generative writing workshop with author Erica Watson on Friday, May 29 in the Cultural Center from 5:30-8 p.m. The group will spend time reading examples of short nonfiction, writing in community in response to prompts, sharing what comes of those prompts (always optional but encouraged) , and talking about techniques for honing our skills. Participants will leave with some drafts to keep working on, and/or tools for getting started on new projects. Writers of all levels are welcome.

We are excited to host our annual Dutch Oven Gourmet (18+) class for adults on May 30 from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Cultural Center. Sign up is required. Call the library at 907-543-4516 starting on May 18 to register. Space is limited.

The library will be CLOSED May 7 for KuC graduation and May 23-25 for Memorial Day Weekend.

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KCL 2026 SUMMER READING

PLANT A SEED, READ

It's time to get signed up for SUMMER READING! Summer reading programs at the library help students retain literacy skills developed during the school year and prevent students from losing literacy skills gained during the school year.

How do I get signed up for summer reading?

You can stop by the library and fill out a sign up sheet, give the library a call at 907- 543-4516, or sign up online. If you sign up online, make sure to drop by the library to pick up your summer reading bag that has your reading log, calendar of summer programs, and fun activities.



Who can sign up for summer reading?

The Kuskokwim Consortium Library has four age brackets for the reading challenges. challenges:

PreK: ages birth to 5

Children: ages 6 to 11

Teens: ages 12 to 18

Adults: 18+

In other words, everyone can sign up for summer reading!

When does summer reading start?

Summer reading officially begins on Friday May 22. The last chance to log pages is August 13 at 6 p.m.

What can you expect from summer reading this year?

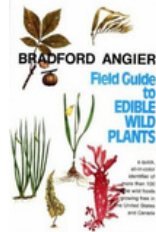
There are two elements to summer reading. The first is a reading drive with the goal of reading as much as possible in order to get entered into the summer reading raffle to win prizes at our end-of-summer reading celebration. Some prizes may include sports equipment, craft/art kits, gift cards, and so much more! Log those pages into summer reading and your chances of winning something awesome are almost guaranteed. We will also be doing another read to win challenge at the library where the first to reach 5,000 pages in their age bracket will win a prize. Like last year, we will have a visual board tracking everyone's progress towards 5,000 pages. You must stop by the library or contact library staff to move your piece in order for it to count.

The second part of Summer Reading is programming. The library will host lots of programs this summer around the theme of "Plant a Seed, Read" with local partners like Julie McWilliams, Tundra Women's Coalition, and Kuskokwim Campus. We are looking to a fun summer of planting programs, Dutch Oven Gourmet, Artapalooza, and so much more!

Reading for the Summer



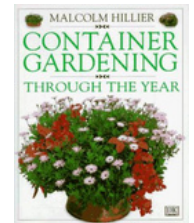
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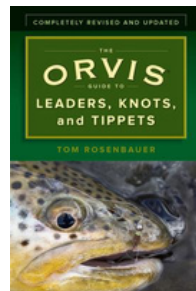
Summer Themed Reads



For more reading recs,
stop by the library!



Fishing



Gardening

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SUNDAY

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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.