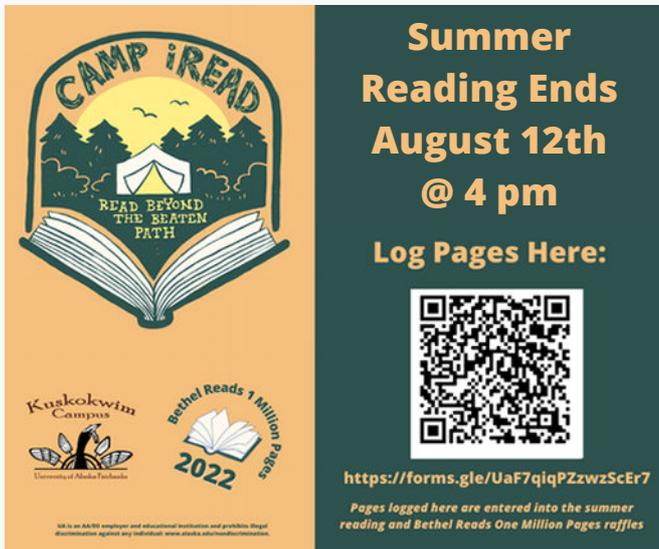


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What's Happening at the Library this August?

By Mikayla Miller



Summer is flying right by, but it's not over yet. The Kuskokwim Consortium Library still has two weeks of summer reading and programs. Our final program for our Summer Reading is "Campfire Stories" August 9th-12th from 4 to 6 pm. This is a four day workshop for kids and teens to work on telling a story in whatever platform they choose. We will present some of those stories at our End of Summer Reading Celebration Saturday August 13th. Aside from a showcase of stories, the End of Summer Reading will also be where our readers will be able to win prizes for all the reading they did this summer. Prizes like a bike, gift card, art supplies, or fitness passes. There will be books, games, music, and cake walks. It's sure to be a blast! Just be sure to log pages by August 12th @ 4 p.m. as this will be the cut off for all pages entered into the drawing for the summer reading prizes. Get those pages in and fill up those log sheets. The reading badges will also be passed out at the end of summer reading celebration.

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Just because summer reading is ending doesn't mean that the reading stops! Don't forget about our Bethel Reads One Million Pages challenge. Keep logging those pages to win our amazing Bethel Reads One Million Pages Hoodie or Bethel Reads One Million Pages mug.

If you are looking to get involved at the library, you can join our Library Advisory Board. This is a committee that helps the library establish policies and makes the library better for the community. Any youth interested in helping the library can join the Junior Librarian League! This is a club that plans youth related activities, helps with collection development for both the children's and teen collections, and promotes the Kuskokwim Consortium Library. The next JLL meeting is August 27th @ 1 p.m. in the Alaska room. The library is also looking for volunteers to assist with programming. Those interested please contact us by calling 907-543-4516.

Keep in touch with the library news and events by subscribing to this newsletter via email, following us on social media, or checking out our website uaf.edu/bethellibrary/.

AUGUST CALENDAR

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 31 Library Closed | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 KVUK Archive Showcase @ 4 p.m. | 5 | 6 End of Summer Reading Celebration @ 2 p.m. |
| 7 Library Closed | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| <u>Camp Fire Stories @ 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.</u> | | | | | | |
| 14 Library Closed | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 Library Closed | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Junior Librarian League Meeting @ 1 p.m. |
| 28 Library Closed | 29 | 30 | 31 Toddler Time @ 11 a.m. | 1 | 2 | 3 |

"The Way of the Househusband" by Kousuke Oono, Book Review

By Thomas Daniel

The Way of the Househusband by Kousuke Oono is a Manga that follows a former gang legend turned stay-at-home husband. The story is about a man named Tatsu, a guy that used to belong to a gang, who walked away from the yakuza life to become a stay-at-home househusband. There are moments in the manga that shows Tatsu taking the role of househusband extremely seriously to the point that it's entertaining. In fact, most of the manga has some very good moments that could make you laugh out loud while reading along as Tatsu scares his neighbors with a terrifying personality, but wins them over with amazing cooking. One moment from the manga being when Tatsu was doing stretching positions it reminded him of his time as a gang member... every single one. Or being whacked by Miku, his wife, on accident when getting rid of a cockroach, or thinking that the buffet was trying to ambush him into getting everything from the table. However, the funniest moments are when he does simple things that become scary or intimidating to other people around him. Him singing the birthday song almost scared his own wife or just holding a golf club scared an employee from helping him find something. No matter what peaceful life Tatsu is living as a househusband, he either keeps on comparing the life he is currently living with the life he lived as the gang legend or almost making everything in his life like his time in the gang. One could almost say it's as if he misses that life?



I would highly recommend this book for manga readers and lovers or those that love a slice of life genre or to those who want a good laugh for a stressful day. This is also a good starting manga for those who are not as experienced with the genre. The manga could be found at the Kuskokwim Consortium Library in the young adult graphic novels section. You can also watch the anime adaptation on Netflix.

Get to know the Library's New Jesuit Volunteer: Olivia Stemkowski!



Why did you apply to be a JV?

The reason I applied to become a Jesuit Volunteer was something I always had in the back of my mind. I wanted to go out into the world to do something with my time and energy. I loved forming connections with others and meeting other people in various ways. Because of the people I had met in my adult life, I became more passionate about representing values that were important to me in what I desired most from life!

What are you most excited about? (At the Library, Bethel, the Program, etc.)

I am excited to work in a library setting where I can explore my passion of learning. This year-long position offers myself a new type of environment away from home that allows me to explore multiple interests. Especially with this position and while applying to the Jesuit Volunteer Corp Northwest, I was looking for a position that was important to what I represent myself as and with that, I wanted to connect with people and to be the bridge of support for those who need assistance in accessing information and technology. And because of this recognition, I fell in love with working in a library where the library serves the community to bring people together.

Where are you from?

I am from Highland Mills, New York, which is about an hour from New York City!

Degrees and/or Awards?

I graduated from the University of Scranton with a Bachelor's degree in History, a minor in Art History and a concentration in Peace and Justice Studies.

Any other information you would like to share?

I love to hike and do many outdoor activities, especially kayaking and biking! But most of all I am passionate about art!



The library is seeking community members to serve on our Advisory Committee! The committee will help establish annual priorities, fundraise, and help us establish and evaluate our policies. If you are interested in helping to make the library a better place, please email Theresa at tquiner@alaska.edu or by calling 907-543-4517.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library service offers a free book once a month to children under 5 to promote early literacy. To sign up, call the library or go online to <https://imaginationlibrary.com>.



As of July 28th, Bethel has 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 |

Welcome to Library Explorers!!



The Kuskokwim Consortium Library was able to partner with Alaska Public Media once again to be a part of their Library Explorers campaign. KCL along with the Homer, Kodiak, and Seward libraries made videos spotlighting the libraries and an educational activity. All you have to do is stop by the library to pick up your Library Explorers passport and go to this webpage: <https://alaskapublic.org/education/library-explorers/>. On each passport is a spot where kids can fill out the passwords for each library. Start your exploration of Alaska Libraries today!

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