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Kuskokwim Consortium Library Newsletter

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December Events @ the Library

Happy Holidays from the Kuskokwim Consortium Library!

The library is hosting Toddler Time December 7th & 21st @ 11 a.m.

In December, we are celebrating the season with *WinterFest!* WinterFest is a three day celebration with a lot of fun holiday activities for kids.

Tuesday December 13th we are showing the Christmas classic "Home Alone" and serving Hot Chocolate and Popcorn. We will also provide a holiday craft.

Wednesday December 14th will have cakewalks sponsored by Bethel Friends of Canines, games, and more fun holiday crafts.

Thursday December 15th activities will include cookie decorating, Holiday Karaoke, and holiday crafts.

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KUSKOKWIM CONSORTIUM LIBRARY

WinterFest

3-DAY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION & FUNDRAISER

DECEMBER
13TH
14TH
15TH 5:00 PM
Until
6:30 PM

Suggested donation for entrance (pay what you can!)
Day pass: \$2 for Kids, \$5 for adults, \$10 for family.
3 Day pass: \$20 for family.
Proceeds support the BCSF Friends of the Library Fund

<u>DAY ONE</u>	<u>DAY TWO</u>	<u>DAY THREE</u>
Holiday Movie: Home Alone	Cake Walks (\$1/ ticket) and bake sale sponsored by Bethel Friends of Canines	Cookie Decorating
Popcorn & Hot Chocolate	Games and Holiday Crafts	Holiday Karaoke
Holiday Crafts		Holiday Crafts
Candygram and bake sale (TWC)		Bake sale (TWC)

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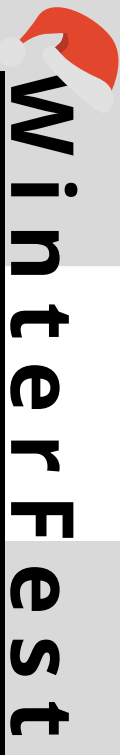
Winterfest is a fundraiser, and the suggested entrance fee is \$2 for kids, \$5 for adults, & \$10 for a family. You can also get a 3 day pass for the entire family for \$20. However, please do not let the entrance fee stop you from coming- just **pay what you can!** All entrance fees support the Friends of the Library Fund with Bethel Community Services Foundation. The library fund with BCSF is how the library pays for children's programs and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library throughout the year.

Bethel Friends of Canines is providing a bake sale and cakewalk to raise money on Wednesday December 14th.

Teens Acting Against Violence will be selling candy grams all three days of WinterFest and selling baked goods on Wednesday December 15th.

Kuskokwim Consortium Library closes Thursday, December 22nd and does not reopen until Tuesday, January 3rd.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Library Closed	28	29	30 Toddler Time Special story time with BPD Officer Hicks! @ 11 a.m.	1	2	3
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11 Library Closed	12	13  5:00 to 6:30 p.m.	14 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.	15 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.	16	17
18 Library Closed	19	20	21 Toddler Time @ 11 a.m.	22 Library Closed	23 Library Closed	24 Library Closed
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A Year in Review at the Kuskokwim Consortium Library

2022 was a fantastic year at the library and we stayed busy! We started off the year by launching our **“Bethel Reads a Million Pages in 2022”** reading campaign. As community members logged their pages to help us reach our goal, we raffled off cool swag each week for people who participated. We have fewer than 500,000 pages to go, and are confident that we will reach our goal before the end of the year. Reading programs like this are a fun way to promote reading for the whole family. If you want some of the cool swag that we are raffling off, there is still time to log pages through the end of the year!

The biggest library news from 2022 is that we were nominated by Senator Lisa Murkowski for the **National Medal for Museums and Libraries**. This federal award honors libraries and museums who make significant and exceptional contributions to their communities. This is the top honor that a library or museum can receive, and while we did not end up receiving the award, we were selected as one of the 15 finalists in the nation. We were nominated again for 2023, so stay tuned to see if we are selected for the award next spring!



Library staff missed seeing the community during much of 2021 due to pandemic restrictions, and we were geared up and ready to go with tons of programming as soon as the Covid restrictions eased up in February. We started off the new year by receiving a **\$10,000 humanities grant** from the American Library Association, and with this grant in partnership with the Southwest Alaska Arts Group we were able to do a series of cultural and arts programs last winter and spring. This included a discussion with Anchorage based writer Joan Nockels Wilson about her new book “The Book of Timothy”, and an “Evening of the Arts” with Alaska authors Don Rearden, Seth Kantner, and local writers Ben Kuntz and Sara Guinn.

We also had an author event and Native Foods Potluck with Ann Fineup-Riordan, Mark John, and Alice Rearden to discuss the new book **“Ircenrraat: Other-than-human Persons”**. We wrapped up the humanities programming with Bethel’s first **Arctic Entries: Tundra Tales** storytelling event, with local storytellers Mike Williams Sr, Ann Kosacheff, Barb Atchak, Grant Fairbanks, Tim Kamguk Andrew, Carey Atchak, and Eva Malvich sharing stories about their lives. Bev Hoffman and Olivia Cohn hosted the event, and Seattle based musician Jami Sieber performed. We have had a lot of fun loading some of this cultural content to the library YouTube channel, and KYUK and Alaska Public Media aired the event on the radio as well.



Photo credit Elyssa Loughlin, KYUK 2022



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The library and KYUK partnered last summer to get a professional library science archival intern to help KYUK with their long term project to digitize and make available content from their extensive archive. Juliana Clark came to Bethel all the way from Southern California for the internship, and spent the summer creating search terms and establishing metadata for over 100 videos which are available through the **American Archive of Public Broadcasting**. She also showcased some of the material through weekly viewings at the library, and worked with the community to get feedback on the accuracy of the metadata. The video archive can be accessed at <https://americanarchive.org/participating-orgs/1703>.



Juliana also worked with the library to update our cookbook collection- come check out some of the new titles! She also got to be **"Molly of Denali"** for the KYUK float in the 4th of July parade and for a bilingual Yugtun storytime at the library!

Youth Services Coordinator Mikayla planned some amazing children's and family programs throughout the past year! We continued to partner with Anchorage based artist Jimmy Riordan to put on kids and family programs, including some multi-day workshops such as **"Holiday Animation"**, **"Leather Tooling"**, a **"Stuffed Animal Lab"**, and a **3D modeling workshop**. We love working with Jimmy and so do Bethel kids! We also held a Crafting Makerspace. Mikayla worked with kids ages 8-12 to start a **"Junior Librarian League"** to get kids involved in the library, and the group hosted a family game night last spring. We also brought back one of our most popular programs **"Toddler Time"** after a hiatus during the pandemic! Parents with young children are able to meet up multiple times a month at Toddler Time to drink coffee and visit while their children play.



Our summer reading program **"Read Beyond the Beaten Path"** was a huge success, and our adult and children's programs were all camp or wilderness themed. We partnered with several organizations such as Healing with Music and Dances' Harmonica player Mike Stevens and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for different programs. Mike visited all the way from Canada to teach kids how to play the harmonica and to perform in an outdoor concert in the cultural center parking lot! We also held a **Wilderness Survival** program that adults were eager to join as well, and a camp crafting program. We had tons of fun learning to cook outdoors in Dutch--

--Ovens in our **"Gourmet Camp Cooking"** program. As always, we wrapped up our summer reading programs with our **End of Summer Celebration**. At the celebration, we raffled off books and prizes and have fun games, cakewalks and crafts. It is a great way to celebrate all of the fun that we had over the summer. Summer reading programs incentivize children (and adults) to read over the summer in order to prevent losing literacy skills gained during the school year.





The library Jesuit Volunteer organizes our adult programs, and this year we expanded our offering of programs geared towards adults quite a bit! Eleanor Oser was FY22 JV, and she continued the work of previous JVs by working with the Housing Coalition and associated agencies on programs geared towards supporting Bethel's unhoused population. This includes time allocated to assisting other service agencies such as Winter House and the Food Bank. One of the primary programs that the JV runs is an event called **Project Homeless Connect**. At this event, the library works with about 20 service agencies to provide a variety of services in a convenient one-stop-shop model. The Housing Coalition also collects survey data at the event that is used to support funding applications for future housing projects.

Currently, this data is being used to support the planned Permanent Supportive Housing facility that is in the works to go next to Winter House!

Some of our new adult programs included several adult crafting workshops. Eleanor also partnered with KuC JV Lucy to plan some really fun adult summer programs including **Beginners Birding, Painting with Lucy, a Tundra Walk, and Kayaking**. Kayaking was a huge hit, and is definitely a repeat for next summer! As Eleanor's time at the library ended, we welcomed our 2022-2023 JV Olivia, who jumped right into organizing programs. Just last month, we held an adult **Teeny Tiny painting** program which was a huge hit as well!



Photo credit MaryCait Dolan , KYUK 2022

The library was honored to coordinate the 2022 **Indigenous Peoples' Day celebration** on behalf of the Kuskokwim Campus on October 10th. We worked with 7 community and tribal organizations to plan a day long celebration at the cultural center. This included a Native Foods Potluck and elder talking circle with Calricalraq elders called "Yupit Qanruyutait: Maxims of Yupit Philosophy".

KYUK showcased some of their Yugtun content from the archive, and AVCP Healthy Families held a crafting and akutaq making workshop. The TWC Teens Acting Against Violence group organized an IPD march, and we wrapped up the celebration with an evening of Yuraq performances. We are already looking forward to the 2023 celebration! Thank you to AVCP, YKHC, TWC, the Mother Kuskokwim Tribal Coalition, LKSD, Orutsararmiut Tribal Council, BRHS and the Southwest Alaska Arts Group for your partnership in planning this event.

The fun continued in October when the GBH Boston **Molly of Denali** crew visited again in October! The library has been partnering with GBH and Alaska Public Media for two and half years to bring Molly programming to Bethel and to get community input on the educational materials developed for the show. This year GBH is developing new "Molly Community Science" curriculum, and we set up a booth at Saturday Market to do crafts and



to get input from parents. Stay tuned next year to see the product that Bethel gave input into the development of! We wrapped up the month with our annual **Trunk or Treat** Halloween Activity. A ton of trick or treaters came to get candy from the many people who decorated their cars (including the school bus decorated by the National Honor Society Students!)

We would like to thank everyone who attended our programs, volunteered with us, donated money to support us, and who used the library this past year. We are honored to serve this community, and love the people we serve and the work that we do. We hope to see each of you again in 2023!



Thank you to our many partners including the Southwest Alaska Arts Group, Orutsararmiut Native Council, AVCP, Bethel 4-H, USFW, KYUK, Covenant Church, Mother Kuskokwim Tribal Coalition, Winter House, Tundra Women, BCSF, BPD, BFD, YKHC, LKSD, and more!

**As of 6 pm
November 30th
Bethel has read...**



951932 pages

1. Filling out this Google Form:
<https://forms.gle/BWmmRdDfPqv7fwAe8>
2. Call the Library with you pages at 907-543-4516
3. Drop off a Bethel Reads One Million Pages Bookmark



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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