Upcoming July Programs

Summer reading season is our favorite time of year at the library! Every year, we encourage the community to track their reading over the summer in order to get entered into our end of summer reading raffle. Our summer programs always have a theme as well, and this year’s theme is “Read Beyond the Beaten Path”. To go along with this theme, we have planned our summer programs to be camping related, and we are super excited about the camp programs that are coming up in July!

We have two really exciting kids’ programs coming up in July. On July 15 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officer Matthew McDonald will join us for a Wilderness Survival program. Join us to learn some important skills for staying safe in the outdoors. We are also doing a Gourmet Camp Cooking program on July 16th, and will be learning how to cook outside using Dutch ovens, cast iron skillets, and in foil packets. Library and Kuskokwim Campus Jesuit Volunteers Eleanor and Lucy are also planning some fun programs for adults. On July 7th they will be leading a walk on the tundra to learn about identifying plants, and on July 15th they are leading a group kayaking adventure on Hangar Lake. If you would like more information about any of these programs, give us a call at 543-4516.
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**July Calendar**

- **26**: Library Closed
- **18**: Toddler Time @ 11 a.m.
- **10**: Library Closed
- **12**: Tundra Time @ 5:30 p.m.
- **11**: Library Closed
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**Activities**

- **Kayaking @ 5 p.m.**
- **Camp Cooking: Dutch Oven Gourmet**
- **Wilderness Survival & First Aid Training**
- **Tundra Time @ 5:30 p.m.**
- **Molly of Denali @ 11 a.m.**
- **KYUK Archive Showcase @ 4 p.m.**
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Preregistration is required.
This summer I am doing an 8-week internship at with the Kuskokwim Consortium Library and KYUK funded by the Alaska State Library Internship Project. For this internship I will be assigning metadata to about 170 videos in KYUK’s archival collection. These videos are currently available online through the American Archive of Public Broadcasting website, but right now they do not have any metadata so the videos are searchable by any fields beyond KYUK.

Because of this, you can’t sort through the videos with specific search words. Kind of like how you can type in “bicycle” on Google and you’d get a bunch of information on bicycles. That’s the work I’m doing this summer. I’m writing a bunch of information about the videos like the topics covered, descriptions of the videos, people, places, etc. and then I will be sending this information to the American Archive of Public Broadcasting so they can attach the information to each video so that people can search for example “fish traps” or “qamut” and be able to find those specific videos. My biggest goal in doing this project is to make sure that I am representing the community well in this project. The videos I am working with cover important Yup’ik cultural and historical information. Since I am not Yup’ik, I want to work with community members to make sure I am recording this cultural information correctly and respectfully.

What do you think of Bethel?
Bethel has been really great so far! Everyone I’ve met is very kind, and I love that people hang out in Pinky’s Park. In San Diego we don’t really have a sense of tight-knit community like this, and I think it’s very special. I also love how beautiful the nature is here. I’ve been having fun learning about the plants and birds here. It’s also great to escape the 90-degree summer SoCal heat for a little while!

Any Fun Facts to Share?
Some fun facts about me are that I play the alto saxophone, guitar, piano, and I’m learning cello. I am Chicana (Mexican-American) and am fluent in Spanish. My hobbies include painting, drawing, baking, gardening, and roller-skating. My favorite bands are Pinback, Radiohead, and Modest Mouse. One of my favorite places to be is Sunset Cliffs during sunset in San Diego.
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 June 30th, Bethel has Read...

Bethel Community Reads One Million Pages
Track our progress here!

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Total Pages Read

KCL has a TikTok?!?

The news is out! The Kuskokwim Consortium Library has joined the world of TikTok. For those of you who are unfamiliar with this platform, TikTok is a social media platform where creators are given a limited amount of time in order to record a video—very similar to Vine (rip). Follow us at kcl_braryAK and check out our videos.

Despite our library's amazing and charismatic staff, we don't always know what the biggest trends are for our social media, so we want to hear from you. If you want to film a TikTok, create a YouTube video, or share an Instagram with us, we would be happy to join forces with the community. Give us a call at 907-543-4516 for more information.