Library staff are so excited to announce that we are receiving the 2023 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The National Medal is the highest honor that a library can receive for providing excellence in service to the community. We are being recognized alongside three other libraries, and KCL is the smallest library to receive the medal this year. Thank you to Senator Lisa Murkowski for nominating us for the award for the second year in a row.

We believe that some of the factors that led to us receiving this recognition are the quantity, quality and diversity of programming that we provide to the community. We came out of the pandemic restrictions with rejuvenated energy for bringing the community together to learn, connect and celebrate. After the isolation that most of us experienced during the pandemic, we can say with confidence that the library was integral to bringing the community back together this past year. We brought several beloved authors to the community including Seth Kantner and Don Rearden. We organized the 2022 community Indigenous Peoples’ Day celebration with eight hours of activities including Yuraq performances. We held an Arctic Entries storytelling event. Many of our programs went outside to teach skills that make living in Bethel a richer experience such as Wilderness Survival, Dutch Oven Gourmet Cooking, kayaking programs, and ethnobotany walks. We also held programs for marginalized community members such as Project Homeless Connect events.

The library is also committed to working alongside other organizations to help improve the safety net for marginalized community members. Through this effort we have been involved with the Bethel Housing and Homelessness Coalition since its inception, and we are so excited that this amazing group of people have reached one of our primary goals this year as the construction began for Bethel’s first Permanent Supportive Housing facility.

Many people don’t realize the breadth of services that the library offers and the many ways that the library improves the lives of people in this community. We truly have something for everyone. The library is only able to provide the diverse services that we do because our community partners are always willing to collaborate. Thank you to our many community partners and to the Bethel community. It is truly an honor to serve this community.

-Theresa Quiner, Library Director
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**Event Schedule:**

- **Library Closed**
- **Toddler Time**
  - 11 a.m.
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- **Upcycled Candle Making**
  - 6 p.m.
- **Kayaking from Boat Harbor**
  - 6 p.m.
  - Pre-registration required
- **Movie Showing:**
  - "The Da Vinci Code"
  - 1 p.m.
- **Edible Science Experiments**
  - 12 p.m.
  - Pre-registration required
- **Kids T-shirt Design Pt 1**
  - 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Kids T-shirt Design Pt 2**
  - 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Adult T-shirt Design Pt 1**
  - 5:30-7:30 p.m.
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Summer Reading has begun! It is time to start logging pages. If you are not signed up for summer reading, it is not too late. Registration will be open all summer so you can scan the QR code or stop by the library to sign up in person. To log pages for summer reading, check out the QR code on page 4.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY**

**Saturday June 3rd at 1 p.m.** the library will be showing “The DaVinci Code”. This is part of our most read books to film series. Minors can attend this movie but parental guidance is encouraged. The next movie screening will be “Fellowship of the Ring” in July.

**Saturday June 17th at 12 p.m.** is **Edible Science Experiments**. Learn about science through food! Sign up by calling the library at 907-543-4516.

**Upcycled Candle Making** is at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 23rd for adults. Join the library for some candle making fun and learn how to make candles using upcycled containers. If you would like to bring your own jar for candles, please bring something between 2-6 oz. The library will supply jars and other materials for the program.

**Kids T-Shirt Design** is Tuesday June 27th and Thursday June 29th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Adult T-Shirt Design** is Wednesday June 28th and Friday June 30th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Toddler Time** will be on Wednesday June 7th & 21st at 11 a.m. On June 7th, Toddler Time will be held at the 4H playground. June 21st Toddler Time will be held at the Cultural Center.

The Kuskokwim Consortium Library will be **CLOSED** July 1st -4th. Please return all books to the book drop at the front of the cultural center.

**Alaska Digital Library**

Now that summer is in full swing, it can be tough to stop by the library to pick out a book. Since we have the Alaska Digital Library, that will not be a problem. With your library card, you have access to the Alaska Digital Library using the Libby or Overdrive apps. You can access thousands of audiobooks and eBooks right from home. Hours of entertainment for long car rides, boat trips, and flights without the additional weight of books! Learn more by checking out our website uaf.edu/bethellibrary or adl.overdrive.com.

**Race to 25k**

The race is on. Starting June 1st the first group to reach 25,000 pages (or get the closest) before August 18th wins a movie showing and ice cream sundae party hosted by the library. Log your pages below.

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**SUMMER STAFF RECS**

- The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave
- People We Meet on Vacation by Emily Henry
- Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
- Book Lovers by Emily Henry
- Malibu Rising by Taylor Jenkins Reid
- The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
- Dog Man Twenty Thousand Fleas Under the Sea by Dav Pilkey
- The House on the Cerulean Sea by Tj Klune
- The Thing about Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin
- Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
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**KUSKOKWIM CONSORTIUM LIBRARY STAFF**

- THERESA QUINER, LIBRARY DIRECTOR
- MIKAYLA MILLER, YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR
- OLIVIA STEMKOWSKI, ADULT SERVICES COORDINATOR & JESUIT VOLUNTEER
- THOMAS DANIEL, CIRCULATION ASSISTANT

**HOURS**

- **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