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“You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me.”

-C.S. Lewis
LIBRARY NEWS & UPDATES

By: Mikayla Miller

So much is happening this month at the library! The KCL staff has switched up the locations of the new books and the graphic novels. For any graphic novel fan, the adult graphic novels can be found in the adult fiction section. The teen graphic novels are now in the teen fiction section. The old graphic novel shelf is now the NEW BOOKS display, so be sure to check it out! The library staff is also working on weeding the Children’s collection; so if you are having trouble locating a book, just ask a staff member.

Art with Jimmy sessions are starting up again this month. With the break, the library has had plenty of time to plan some really cool art projects for kids of all ages! These are going to happen every other Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. via zoom. Art supplies will be ready to be picked up at the library the week before.

We are starting a new program series called: The Junior Librarian league. This is for 8-12 year olds who are interested in helping the library with collection development, programming, and learning about what it means to be a librarian. The first meeting is going to be on Saturday, November 13th at 12:00 p.m. in the Alaska room. This is going to be an information session and a book talk. The second session is going to be on November 20th same time and place. Founding members are going to be creating their own book talk to be displayed on the library YouTube Channel.

Welcome to New YPCC Manager: Marybeth Whalen

Bethy Whalen started as the Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center Coordinator in September. She has lived in Bethel on and off since 2008, and most recently was working for the Lower Kuskokwim School District. Bethy has a Masters in Gastronomy with a concentration in Food Policy from Boston University, and is constantly destroying her kitchen in an effort to figure out how to make absolutely perfect, delicious, beautiful food without ever having to read a recipe or measure anything at all.
MEET KUSKOKWIM CONSORTIUM LIBRARY STAFF

Theresa Quiner, Library Director

Theresa (she/her) has been with the Kuskokwim Consortium Library for 6 years, and the past 5 has been serving as the library director. She has a bachelor’s degree in English, and her Master’s in Library Science degree from East Carolina University. Prior to moving to Bethel, Theresa worked in the Orange County Library in North Carolina, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Division of Subsistence, and the Des Moines and Iowa City libraries in Iowa. She loves to read all sorts of things ranging from young adult fiction to adult mystery, suspense, fantasy, romance, and contemporary fiction.

Mikayla Miller, Theresa Quiner, Eleanor Oser, and Thomas Daniel

Eleanor Oser, Adult Services Coordinator & Jesuit Volunteer

Eleanor (she/her) originally hails from Worcester, MA and is in her second year as the Adult Services Coordinator and Jesuit Volunteer at the library. That means a lot of things, but primarily she coordinates adult-oriented programming such as monthly Book Clubs and author discussions and provides one-on-one assistance on the computers. She is not sure she has a favorite book, but lately she has been enjoying The Three Body Problem by Liu Cixin and all of Louise Glück’s poetry.

Mikayla Miller, Youth Services Coordinator

Mikayla (she/her) has served as the Youth Services Coordinator for over a year now. She plans programs for kids ages birth through teen, like Art with Jimmy and Teen Time. She is originally from Sioux Falls, SD. She is working on her MLIS Degree from University at Buffalo. Her favorite book series at the moment is The Way of the Househusband by Kousuke Oono, which features an ex-mafia boss retiring to be a househusband.

Thomas Daniel, Student Worker

Thomas (he/him) has been involved with the Kuskokwim Consortium Library as a volunteer and a student worker for 5 years now and is a local to the Bethel area. Thomas is getting his degree from UAF in Business Administration. Thomas has acquired vast knowledge and he is an unstoppable Yu-Gi-Oh! player.