



## **Kegoayah Kozga Library**

**DATE:** July 7, 2023  
**TO:** W. Glenn Steckman III, City Manager  
**FROM:** Marguerite La Riviere, Library Director

**SUBJECT:** FY2023 Fourth Quarter Report

### **A full year of Extended Library Hours Began July 1, 2022:**

The Kegoayah Kozga Public Library has been open their scheduled 40 hours a week for one full year:

**Monday through Thursday 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.**

**Friday and Saturday 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.**

**Closed Sundays and Holidays**

### **FY23 Public Library Assistance Grant:**

The Library Director prepared and submitted the FY24 Public Library Assistance Grant.

### **Grant Duties for Other Departments by Library Director:**

In addition to writing and maintaining the grants for the library, the Library Director was tasked by the Finance Director and the City Manager with the following grants:

### **DHSS Healthy and Equitable Community Funding 2023 grant Amendment #1 (\$103,317.00):**

The Library Director submitted a new grant request this year for funding to the Alaska Department of Health and Safety. This reimbursement grant in the form of Amendment #1 to our current Memorandum of Agreement was awarded in the amount of \$103,317. Prior awards have been successfully completed and all reports submitted which were: DHSS Community Funding 2021 grant (**\$171,049.82**) and Community Funding 2022 grant (**\$68,549.87**). Since 2020, the City of Nome has been awarded **\$342,916.00** under this grant program.

### **All Library Programming has been in-library programming since June 2022:**

The Kegoayah Kozga Public Library returned to all in-library programming last June. During FY2023, the library welcomed over 2,000 patron visits to its youth programming. This includes story hour, older youth programming, holiday programming, movie nights, special Duplo story hour days and the readers and leaders programming. We were also very happy to have one of the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve park rangers volunteer this summer to attend our youth programming on our sand art craft day and bring a microscope so the youth could look at the difference in grains of sand.

**Readers and Leaders:** This program is led by High School English Teacher Rachel Finney. Readers and Leaders meets twice a week at the library for one hour each day during the school year (mid/late September-mid May). The goal of the program is to increase literacy and fluency skills among 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. We celebrated the completion of our first year offering this program and invited participants and their families to join an end of the year celebration that included giving each youth attendee a free book donated by the Bering Sea Lions Club.

**2023 Summer Reading Program:**

The themes for the summer reading program this year are "Find Your Voice" and "All Together Now". The library has registered 140 youth for the summer reading program this year. We have welcomed class visits including a summer school class visit and offered youth programming including a story hour recommended for ages 3 to 7 and a youth craft and library activity program recommended for youth ages 8 to 13.



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