



Kegoayah Kozga Library

DATE: April 17, 2024

TO: W. Glenn Steckman III, City Manager

FROM: Marguerite La Riviere, Library Director

SUBJECT: FY2024 Third Quarter Report

Library Hours effective July 1, 2022:

The Kegoayah Kozga Public Library opened to 40 hours a week effective July 1, 2022 with the following hours:

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

Grant Duties for Other Departments by Library Director (\$103,317):

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 last 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. The Library Director continues to report quarterly on this grant. 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.

Rasmuson Foundation Grant (\$15,000):

The Library Director continues to purchase library materials under this grant. Library staff, library patrons and library partners have offered their book suggestions for purchases under this \$15,000 grant to the Kegoayah Kozga Public Library for Non-Fiction and Early Reader Collection Refresh and Display Updates. During this quarter, the library purchased among other materials under this grant a new 2024 set of World Book Encyclopedias (our last set of Encyclopedias were from 2017 and in desperate need of updating). Our patrons are very happy with this new acquisition and both adults and youth have been enjoying reading these new reference books in the library. The library is very grateful to the Rasmuson Foundation for their support for the Kegoayah Kozga Public Library.

Juneau Community Foundation Book Hook Fund grant (\$1,000):

The Library Director applied for a Book Hook grant and received the \$1,000 grant to purchase Children's Picture books, YA books, Beginning Chapter Books and Juvenile Chapter books. We are very thankful to this organization for supporting our Rural Alaska library. Purchase of these books have begun and we expect to have this grant fully spent by the end of April.

Libraries in Community Systems and Northern New York Library Network Public Outreach Project (\$4,000 over a two year period)

The Alaska State Library encouraged the library to participate in a rural library research patron outreach program. In total, there are 17 rural libraries nationwide participating in the research. The Library Director and Library Assistant attended a series of zoom instructional meetings monthly over a fifteen month period to learn more about research strategies and community outreach and engagement. The final project was completed during March of 2024 in which the library staff interviewed approximately 28 library patrons regarding community and the library. The funds were used to help support the Michaela Goade visit to Nome and to purchase books to giveaway to youth during our holiday and summer reading programs.

Library Programming:

The library had many challenges due to weather the first quarter of 2024. Despite these challenges, the library continued to offer our weekly story hour with only one cancellation day due to weather. During this quarter, we had over 450 patron visits to our programming. Here are additional programs that we successfully offered during this challenging winter:

Iditarod Programming:

Musher Jessica Klejka spoke at the Kegoayah Kozga Public Library after she finished the 2024 Iditarod. Jessica was raised in Bethel, she went to UAF for her college degree and then became a veterinarian. She is also the winner of the 2008 Junior Iditarod. Dr. Klejka is an extremely knowledgeable musher and an amazing story teller! She was voted most Inspirational Musher this year.

The library also offered three youth programming events over the school break including a movie morning, a story hour and a maker station afternoon. The library at the request of the City Manager had special Sunday hours from 12 to 4:30 p.m. on the Sunday of the banquet.

Saturday STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) at the Kegoayah Kozga Public Library:

The Kegoayah Kozga Public Library and NACTEC partnered to offer a STEM program entitled "Along Way Down: Designing Parachutes". The youth enjoyed the program very much and all families were invited to the library at the end of the program to learn about what the youth accomplished.

Family Lego Night:

The Library hosted an evening lego building night. We brought out our library legos and everyone enjoyed an evening of building. This was a very popular event and we will plan additional lego nights in the future.

Valentine's Day Maker Station:

The Library hosted a two day maker station for Valentine's Day. Youth and their family members stopped by the library during our open hours and made their own cards. It was our first time offering a maker station and it was very successful.

I Spy Family Adventure Night:

Search the library for I Spy Clues, develop literacy skills and win a small prize while exploring the library's collection of materials and completing the I Spy challenge.

Literacy Development Family Night Stations:

Move from station to station and develop reading skills. Activities designed for early Elementary School.

Library Staff:

The Library Director has worked for the City of Nome for over 22 years and as the Library Director since 2009. Janet Steppe, is completing her 15th year of service to the Kegoayah Kozga Public Library. The library has an open permanent part time position which requires working Evenings and Saturdays.

Meet & Greet Musher Jessica Klejka March 2024



Most Inspirational Musher 2024 at the Kegoayah Kozga Public Library



Library Quarterly Report for January, February & March 2024



SATURDAY STEM

(SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH)

AT

THE KEGOYAH KOZGA PUBLIC LIBRARY



A LONG WAY DOWN: DESIGNING PARACHUTES

NEW DATE

Saturday, February 10, 2024

12:00 to 3:00 pm

Registration required

Brought to you by a partnership with
the Kegoayah Kozga Public Library & NACTEC.

In this activity we will first look at the physical conditions on planets in our solar systems and consider how these differences might affect the performance of a parachute. For example, if you designed a parachute for Mars, what would we need to think about? We will then do experiments to model these conditions and make measurements to find out the effects of design variables. After creating a variety of parachutes together, each participant will design their own parachute, on their finding to make the slowest falling parachute possible!

To register please contact the Library.

Phone: (907) 443-6628

E-mail: jsteppe@nomealaska.org

Limited to 15 participants

Targeted for ages 8-13

Karen Keck joined the NACTEC team in spring of 2023 as a STEM teacher with the Engineering is Elementary program. A high school science for twenty years, and most recently came to Nome from Kotzebue where she was employed by the Northwest Arctic Borough School District and UAF-Chukchi Campus. She enjoys sharing her enthusiasm for science with others.



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