



Kegoayah Kozga Library

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TO: Daniel Grimmer, Acting City Manager

FROM: Marguerite La Riviere, Library Director

SUBJECT: FY2025 Third Quarter Report

Library Hours:

The Kegoayah Kozga Public Library is opened 40 hours a week 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

Library Grants:

Public Library Assistance Grant FY2026 (\$7,000) Application submitted:

The Library Director completed the FY2026 Application for the State of Alaska Public Library Assistance grant and should know if the grant is awarded by July of 2025.

DIRLEAD Meeting:

The Library Director received grant funds through an Alaska State Library inter-library cooperation grant to attend the 2025 DIRLEAD library leadership meeting in Anchorage held in February. DIRLEAD is composed of the Library Directors of the top 20 Alaska communities by population pursuant to the last census. In addition to an annual in person leadership meeting, the group meets once a month via zoom to discuss important developments in library leadership including grant opportunities, literacy development and overall strategies to provide high quality library services to each of their Alaska communities.

Library Programming:

Geography Trivia Nights for Middle School Students supported by Rotary International:

The Rotary Club (eClub District 5010 International) provided to the library a collection of new geography related programming supplies including geography books, world globes, geography games and geography maps. These updated tools were used to provide a 6 week geography program which culminated in a geography trivia night for middle school age youth. Each youth received a World Geography book to keep as a gift from Rotary.

During the kick-off night, we showed a movie which had been created through International Rotary entitled "Sharing Our Stories" and included High School Youth in Nome, White Horse and Toronto in which students described and showed their favorite things about attending their High Schools in their communities. We are very grateful to Rotary for supporting this new educational and fun programming at the library. The youth participants are already asking for Geography Trivia Part 2.

Elementary School Battle of the Books:

The library (at the request of a parent group) partnered with the parents to offer support for the Elementary School Battle of the Books program. Our staff provided strategies to the group to help prepare students to participate in the annual statewide battle of the books competition. We were happy to support this important school based program which encourages literacy in our community.

Nome Kennel Club Serum Run 100th Anniversary:

At the request of the Nome Kennel Club, the library presented a special Saturday story hour. We designed a special sled dog craft that included the logo of the Nome Kennel Club and read lots of fun stories about sled dogs. Our normal story hour is on Tuesdays so this was also an opportunity for working parents to attend a story hour.

Iditarod Programming:

The library offered a special sled dog story hour during Iditarod and youth could drop by the library all week to pick-up a special sled dog craft.

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 second time offering a valentine maker station and it was very successful.

Preschool Story Hour:

The library offers a weekly preschool story hour on Tuesdays starting at 10:30 am. The library offers this program 52 weeks out of the year.

Full Time Library Staff:

The Library Director has worked for the City of Nome for over 23 years and as the Library Director since 2009. The Library Assistant is completing her 16th year of service to the Kegoayah Kozga Public Library.



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