




Kegoayah Kozga Library

DATE: October 10, 2023
TO: W. Glenn Steckman III, City Manager
FROM: Marguerite La Riviere, Library Director, 
SUBJECT: FY2024 First Quarter Report

FY24 Public Library Assistance Grant (\$7,000):

The Library Director prepared and submitted the FY24 Public Library Assistance Grant and the grant was awarded and received.

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 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. 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.

Caldecott award winning Illustrator and author Michaela Goade visited Nome:

The Library Director organized a visit by Children's book illustrator and author Micheala Goade. The partners in this visit included the Nome Arts Council, the Katirvik Cultural Center, the Bering Sea Lions Club, the Nome Public Schools and Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation. During her visit, Ms. Goade attended a public meet and greet including reading from her award winning books *Berry Song* and *Salmon Boy*. She also signed copies of books generously donated by the Bering Sea Lions Club and a copy was given free to each youth that attended the meet and greet. The next day, Ms. Goade visited the Nome Elementary School and read from her books and presented age appropriate presentations about the process of making books. She presented to 13 classes at the Nome Elementary School. In the evening, she offered a free workshop entitled Writing and Illustrating Books for Children to 30 registered attendees. On her final day, Ms. Goade visited both the High School and the Anvil City Science Academy. As part of her visit to the High School, Ms. Goade made a special presentation to the Educators Rising class. This group of students have the option in their Educator's rising competition to make their own children's book and they were very interested in meeting with Ms. Goade to learn more about how to create books. Educators Rising is a national movement that offers paths for students to begin careers

in education by offering resources and workshops. This group of Nome students competed in Fairbanks at UAF last year and many of those students went on to compete at the Florida National competition. Ms. Goade met with three classes at the High School and offered a presentation to the entire Anvil City Science Academy of 60 kids. Overall, we had 550 people attend the Micheala Goade events. The Katirvik Cultural Center graciously partnered with us and donated their space for the meet and greet and the workshop and they generously provided refreshments to the attendees. It was Michaela Goade's first visit to Nome and it was a very successful visit.

2023 Summer Reading Program:

The themes for the summer reading program this year were "Find Your Voice" and "All Together Now". The library 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.

Anvil City Science Academy Back to School Event:

The Library visited the Anvil City Science Academy to help make Duct Tape Wallets for the start of the school year.

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 the first quarter of FY2024, the library welcomed over 1,000 patron visits to its youth programming.

Over one 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 over 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

Michaela Goade Author Visit September 2023



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