

DATE: July 9, 2025 TO: Lee Smith, City Manager FROM: Marguerite La Riviere, Library Director

SUBJECT: FY2025 Fourth Quarter Report

Current Library Schedule:

The Kegoayah Kozga Public Library year round hours are:

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

FY26 Public Library Assistance Grant:

The Library Director prepared and submitted the FY26 Public Library Assistance Grant.

Bering Sea Lions Club Youth Book Donation for Giveaway Books (\$3,000):

The Bering Sea Lions Club donated \$3,000 to the library during the fourth quarter of FY25. This enabled the library to purchase youth books and giveaway books for our summer reading program and additional youth programming throughout the year. We are so very thankful for this donation, as this in an important opportunity to get more books into Nome youth home libraries. Research has shown that having a home library of books benefits youth in many ways. This includes increasing literacy and academic growth for youth in Nome.

FY2025 Library Programming Success:

During the fourth quarter of FY2025, the library welcomed over 1,030 patron visits to its youth and adult programming. This includes preschool story hour, summer youth programming, time capsule family movie mornings, Library Teen Advisory events, Nactec Class visits, Summercise story week, class visits to learn about our summer reading program (includes a record number of 18 class visits) and the Bird Migration Event with scientist Roxy Bathrick. We were very happy to partner with Norton Sound Health Corporation's CAMP department during their summercise camp to offer a drama program that incorporates library story books. The program finished with very happy and proud families being invited to a Jack and the Beanstock play.

2025 Summer Reading Program:

The themes for our summer reading program this year are "Level Up at Your Library" and "Color Your World". Registration for the summer reading program began in June this year. We have welcomed class visits during the Spring to tour the library and learn about the summer reading program. We had a record number of class visits this year totally 18 classes from Kindergarten to High School during the fourth quarter of 2025. During the summer we have offered youth programming which includes a story hour recommended for ages 3 to 7 every week and a youth craft and library activity program every week recommended for youth ages 8 to 13. We have also offered time capsule family movie mornings representing a movie from every decade since the time capsule was created in the summer of 1990.

<u>**Time Capsule Opening to be July 17, 2025 (See Attached Flyer):**</u> Please join us as we welcome back guest Dee McKenna, former Library Director to open the time capsule created as part of the 1990 Summer Reading Program.



Summer Library Programming 2025



Save The Date with the Kegoayah Kozga Public Library RAN ME CAPSULE OPENING THUR July 17, 2025 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM in the Richard Foster **Community Room** Join us for a spectacular grand opening time capsule event, featuring the 1990 Summer Reading Programs' "Time Capsule," with special guests, Former Librarian, Dee Mckenna, Railroad Joe Davis and Harry the Bear. Your presence will make it even more memorable.