




## **Kegoayah Kozga Library**

**DATE:** January 15, 2024  
**TO:** W. Glenn Steckman III, City Manager  
**FROM:** Marguerite La Riviere, Library Director   
**SUBJECT:** FY2024 Second 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 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.

#### **Rasmuson Foundation Grant (\$15,000):**

The Library Director applied for a Rasmuson Grant and was awarded \$15,000 to the Kegoayah Kozga Public Library for Non-Fiction and Early Reader Collection Refresh and Display Updates. The library is very grateful to the Rasmuson Foundation of 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.

### **Alaska State Library Continuing Education Grant (\$1,250):**

The Library Director applied for a Continuing Education grant to fulfill the Library Director's requirement to obtain Continuing Education under the Public Library Assistance grant. The Library Director attended the American Library Association's Young Adult Services Symposium focused on library services to teens and young adults.

### **Library Programming:**

The library had an amazing year of programming. During the 2023 calendar year, we offered a variety of programs including a weekly preschool story hour, school class visits, the Readers and Leaders program, the Summer Reading Program, Iditarod movie programs, Trick or Treat at the Library, the Family Night at the Foster Building, holiday programming and the Michela Goade visit to Nome including an adult book workshop. During the 2023 calendar year, the library offered over 100 programs and welcomed over 2,650 patron visits to this programming. It was a busy year!

**Holiday Programing and Christmas Extravaganza:** Over the December school break, the library offered 7 holiday programs for youth and their families including the first Family Night at the Foster Building (described below). Our programs were very successful. The Library Staff also assisted City of Nome Staff to promote and plan the Christmas Extravaganza this year. It was a great event attended by many in our community.

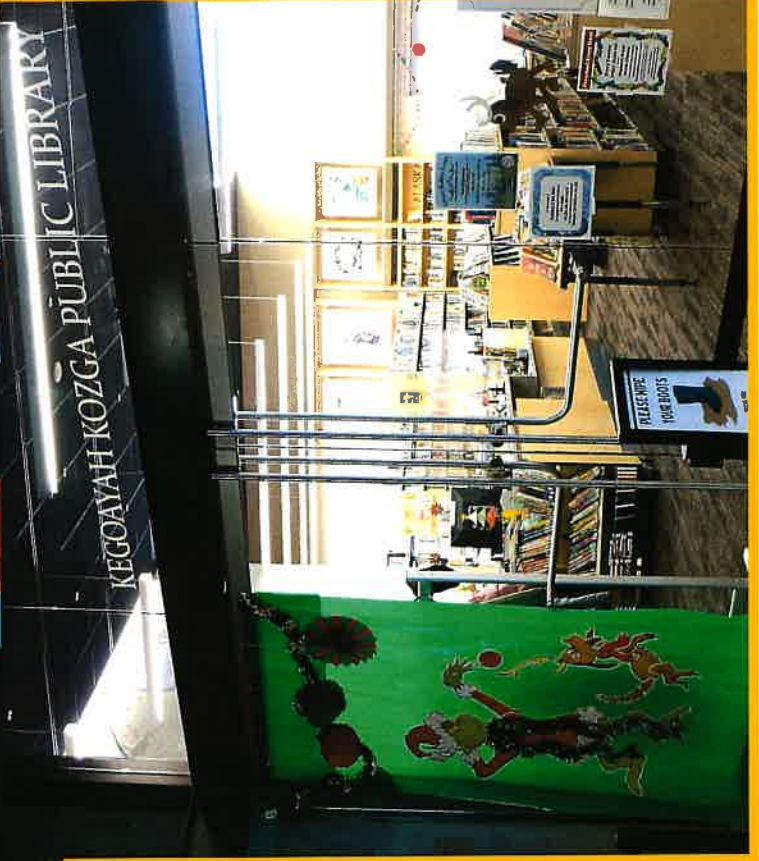
### **First Family Night at the Foster Building:**

We were happy to organize with the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum and the Katirvik Cultural Center the First Family Night at the Foster Building on December 21, 2023. The event started at 5:30 pm and ended at 7:30 pm. Youth and their adults were treated to activities at each of the three organizations. The library offered a viewing of a movie about a "Green Grump & His Loyal Dog" under our movie license. We also offered a Max the dog craft in the library. Families played in the little kid area and read books to their kids. The youth were free to wonder all evening into each of the organizations. At the end of the evening, the library sponsored a stocking stuffer gift bag. The library was happy to partner with the Bering Sea Lions Club to give a free new book to each youth that attended our program during that evening. They were so happy to bring home a brand new book to read during the school break. One library patron sent an e-mail to the library the next morning stating: ***"That was such a great event. The kids came back here and started reading and playing with their all kinds of goodies. Thank you so much."***

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Kegoayah Kozga Public Library. The library has an open permanent part time position which requires working Evenings and Saturdays.

# Kegoayah Kozga Public Library Year-in-Review 2023





**Library Quarterly Report for October, November & December 2023**

