



## **Kegoayah Kozga Library**

**DATE:** July 16, 2024

**TO:** W. Glenn Steckman III, City Manager

**FROM:** Marguerite La Riviere, Library Director

**SUBJECT:** FY2024 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**

### **FY25 Public Library Assistance Grant:**

The Library Director prepared and submitted the FY25 Public Library Assistance Grant.

### **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 been completed by May 31, 2024.

### **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 in June with a zoom session introducing the nationwide rural libraries that participated in this patron outreach training opportunity. The library staff interviewed approximately 28 library patrons regarding our 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.

### **Bering Sea Lions Club Youth Book Donation for Giveaway Books**

The Bering Sea Lions Club donated \$3,000 to the library during the fourth quarter of FY24 to enable the library to purchase youth books and giveaway at our summer reading program and additional youth programming throughout the year. We are so very thankful for this donation as this is an important opportunity to get more books into youth home libraries. Research has shown that having a home library of books benefits youth in many ways including increasing literacy and academic growth.

### **The Rotary Club of Nome and Rotary eClub Donations for Youth Programming:**

During the end of FY24, the Rotary Club of Nome donated a set of beginning robots to start a coding robot program for Elementary age youth at the library. The staff is currently learning how to code and we look forward to presenting this program during the fall.

During the end of FY24, the Rotary eClub (International) generously purchased and donated to the library several new geography books, maps and globes to help the library facilitate family fun nights celebrating geography learning through trivia nights.

### **FY2024 Library Programming Success:**

During FY2024, the library welcomed over 2,700 patron visits to its youth programming. This includes preschool story hour, summer youth programming, holiday programming, movie nights, special Duplo story hour days, Valentine's Day Maker Station, Iditarod programming including Meet and Greet with Musher Jessica Klejaka, Caldecott winning illustrator and writer visit with Michaela Goade, "I Spy" Family Adventure night, Lego Family night, Literacy Family Nights, Nome Eskimo Community Outdoors Club Craft Morning, Nactec Class visit and Nactec Science Saturdays and ACSA Duct Tape Craft Day. We were also very happy to have the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve park rangers volunteer this summer to attend our youth programming on our sand art craft day and bring a microscope so the youth could look at the difference in grains of sand.

### **2024 Summer Reading Program:**

The themes for the summer reading program this year are "Read, Renew, Repeat" and "Adventures at Your Library". Registration for the summer reading program began in June this year. We have welcomed class visits including a summer school class visit (over 200 students have attended our summer reading class visits) 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. The library also partnered with the City of Nome Spring Clean-up Department to develop a special story hour and matching craft to encourage families to participate with the community and celebrate Spring Clean-up Days.



## Library Quarterly Report for April, May & June 2024



Fiscal Year 2024 has been  
full of Fabulous  
programming!