



## **Kegoayah Kozga Library**

**DATE:** January 15, 2025  
**TO:** Dan Grimmer, Acting City Manager  
**FROM:** Marguerite La Riviere, Library Director

**SUBJECT:** FY2025 Second Quarter Report

### **FY25 Public Library Assistance Grant (\$7,000 total in 2 parts):**

The Library Director prepared and submitted the FY25 Public Library Assistance Grant and the grant was awarded in two parts this year. The library initially received a partial grant of \$1,829. The library received the second payment of \$5,171 during the second quarter to make the full award \$7,000 which is the amount we have been receiving the last 5 years.

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

The Library completed the Rasmuson Grant and provided a final report to the Rasmuson Foundation. 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 our community and the Kegoayah Kozga Public 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 Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums ("ATALM") conference in November.

### **Library Programming:**

The library had an amazing year of programming. During the 2024 calendar year, we offered a variety of programs including a weekly preschool story hour, school class visits, NACTEC visit, the Summer Reading Program, partnership with the NSHC Camp Department to offer Adult cooking classes, Community Outreach Interviews, Iditarod programming and movie programs, fall movie night, Trick or Treat at the Library, craft programming at the Anvil City Science Academy, Teen Advisory Group meeting and holiday ornament programming including our first holiday lego program built by the youth of Nome. During the 2024 calendar year, the library offered over 150 programs and welcomed over 2,550 patron visits to this programming. It was a busy year!

**Nome Elementary School Battle of the Books Book Club:**

The library has partnered with Elementary School parents to offer a Battle of the Books Book Club in which we read the battle of the books and create specialized games to help the Elementary School students learn the information they need to participate in the schoolwide battle of the books and prepare for the statewide battle of the books.

**Holiday Programing:** During December and over the Winter school break, the library offered 15 holiday programs for youth and their families including holiday themed story hours, holiday card and ornament making programs and the first Lego Holiday Village youth team building program (see attached photos). We look forward to turning this program into an annual event.

**Library Staff:**

The Library has two full time employees. The Library Director has worked for the City of Nome for over 23 years and as the Library Director since 2009. Library Assistant Janet Steppe completed her 16<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Kegoayah Kozga Public Library in January of 2025. We are also very fortunate to have part-time employees that assist us to keep the library open our full hours and provide support for youth programming.

**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**

1st Annual Lego Holiday Village brought to you by the Youth of Nome, Alaska



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# Nome gets scary at Halloween

By Laura Robertson

Last Thursday, ghouls, princesses and pirates took over the streets of Nome to celebrate Halloween. Costumed kids traipsed around alone, with friends, or in their parents' cars. In addition to street-style trick or treating, Nomeites could also stop in at Halloween festivals at the library and the hospital.

At the library, kids could pick up stuffed animals and candy. The event was busy this year, with over one hundred attendees over the course of the day. That's up from around 25 last year, according to Library Director Marguerite La Riviere.

At the hospital, a costume competition saw John Joe win 60,000 Alaska Air miles for his inflatable squirrel outfit. He followed his win by trick-or-treating around town.

On Saturday, the Nome-Beltz junior class put on the annual Halloween Carnival. There was fry bread

and cotton candy. In the gymnasium, kids and parents could throw darts at balloons, shoot at the mascots of neighboring schools, get their faces painted, and try their luck in a cake walk.

The first hour was for young children and their families, but as the night went on, teens arrived.

The line for the haunted house doubled back on itself. It was circus themed and included a real chainsaw. Though it was a teethless one, according to Tenscovkya Smith, the noise and mild fumes lent an air of authenticity to the terrors awaiting the eager crowd.

The carnival brought just over \$10,000, leaving the junior class with approximately \$8,000 in profits, according to Rosa Wright, junior class advisor. The funds go towards expenses for prom, caps and gowns, signs, and other graduation supplies.



(BOO)KISH—Layla, Anthony, Aubrey and Damian Seeganna enjoy a Halloween celebration at the library.