

The E-Newsletter  
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and its Friends  
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**WE'RE CELEBRATING  
THE LIBRARY TURNS 50!**

On Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, the library turned 50! We kicked off our celebration on the 17<sup>th</sup>, with cake and beverages. This month's special event will be the Spine Poetry Contest. There is also a display of photos on view in the multipurpose room. Come and see how many people you can identify!

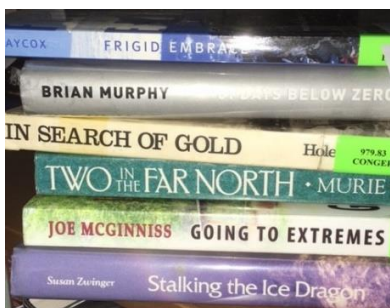
The library has several other new displays as well. The Teachers' Shelves will feature picks by our local elementary teachers of the books they love and recommend, sorted by grade level. In addition, in collaboration with the Sunshine Community Health Center, there is a Health Shelf that features a health topic of the month. Brochures, information, and topical resources will be included.

And with Spring on its way, the Literary Trail will be stocked with a new book to enjoy as you stroll around the loop.

If you have not seen the beautiful mosaic salmon display yet, you should make a special trip to the library. The sun on the glass is spectacular. Thank you to the Susitna Salmon Center.

If you would like to volunteer at the library, now is the time to sign up. Stop in at the library and let the staff know you are interested.

**SPINE POETRY CONTEST**



The Book Spine Poetry Contest has returned in honor of Poetry Month as well as celebration of the library's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Using no more than 5 books, compose a poem using the titles on the spine of the books.

Turn your book-poem stack in to one of the staff or submit a photo of your entry by email.

There are four categories this year: children, teens, adults, and ode to the library.

Entries are due April 21. In person voting is scheduled April 22-28, with prize distribution following.

**PICK, CLICK, GIVE**

A gigantic THANK YOU to all the library lovers who selected the Friends of the Talkeetna Library by using Pick, Click, Give when they registered for their PFD. What we do without you!

**STORY TIME  
THURSDAYS AT 11:15**

Storytime for all ages continues throughout the year. There will be stories, a snack and a craft, and everyone is welcome.

- April 6: Easter Baskets
- April 13: Ducks in a Row
- April 20: Earth Day
- April 27: Planting Seeds and Pussy Willows



Grab and Go bags with craft supplies will be available by 3 pm after the program until the following Saturday.

**STRONG WOMEN AT THE  
LIBRARY AND VIA ZOOM**

The Strong Women Strength Training Program is aimed at folks 40 and older who wish to improve their strength, flexibility and balance.

The group meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am for 40-45 minutes. Weights are available, and there is no fee for this program. Please call the library for Zoom info

## BREAKFAST BOOK CLUB

The Breakfast Book Club will meet on April 11th at 9:30am in the library and on Zoom. The selection is The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles. Copies of the book are available at the library. Coffee and tea is provided. Finger foods are always welcome. Call the library for Zoom information.

## PAGE TO SCREEN TWEEN PROGRAM

The Page to Screen Tween Program is for young people ages 9 to 12. It will meet Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7pm to compare Roald Dahl's book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to the movie. This program is free to participants, and there will be snacks. This is the final session for the 2022-2023 school year.

## BOOKS TO FILM TEEN PROGRAM

The Books to Film Teen Group for ages 13 to 18 has concluded the 2022-2023 season. The group will return in October with more books and movies to critique.

## GARDENING GROUP AND SEED LIBRARY

The Seed Catalog is well stocked and available for perusing. These seeds are provided for gardeners and wanna-be gardeners.

The Gardening Group meets the first and third Wednesday at the library from 5-6:30pm. The next meeting dates are April 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Join them to learn and share your gardening tips.

## GENEALOGY

Cassie and David Lierley are teaching a Beginner's Genealogy Class every Wednesday from 2 to 4pm at the library through the end of April. New comers are always welcome to join them to research their family roots.

## STEAM KITS ARE BACK!

Miss Paige of the Big Lake Library has developed a series of Facebook Live programs featuring Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math activities and projects. The Live presentations are posted online every 2 weeks and can be accessed by a link on our Facebook page.

Grab and Go bags with instruction and supplies will be available at the front desk.

## EARTH DAY, NEIGHBORHOOD TREES and SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Earth Day celebration will be held at the Denali Education Center on Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1 to 3pm.

The library will be there, distributing the Neighborhood Trees that were ordered last month, as well as materials about the Summer Reading Program.

## FRIENDS OF THE TALKEETNA LIBRARY MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Friends of the Talkeetna Library is Friday, April 14th, at 1pm at the library. New members are always welcome. Topics to be discussed include new programs and activities.

A Zoom option is also available. Please call the library at 907-861-7645 for zoom meeting and password.

## FYI

Trailhead parking permits for 2023 are available for purchase at the desk. Permits for parking for remote parcel owners are also available.

Only cash or checks for the payment of fines or permits are accepted in the library. To pay by credit or debit card, application must be made online at the matsugov.us website. If you use the online option, your permit will be mailed to you

Most of the common IRS tax forms are available at the front desk. If you need some special forms, please let us know ahead of time if possible so we can have them available for you.

The WIFI is always on and accessible from the parking lot. The log on information is posted on the front door.

## LIBRARY UPDATES ARE ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM AND ON KTNA

Check the post office and local bulletin boards as well.

Friends of the Talkeetna Library can be found on Facebook or on the web at [friendsofthetalkeetnalibrary.org](http://friendsofthetalkeetnalibrary.org)

Or Email  
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AT THE  
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MONDAY TO SATURDAY  
11AM TO 6PM  
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