

"Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation." ~ Walter Cronkite

Willow Public Library

Spotlights!

February 2016

• **Applications** for Willow Library Assoc. (WLA) members are available in the Library.

• **Current WLA members** are:

Marian Charles
Melinda Dale
Carol Goltz
Bill Mailer
Mark Merrell
Stephanie Richey
Virginia Richey
Bonnie Warner
George Wilkie

Meetings are at 10:00 a.m. the second Monday of the month; no meetings in the summer.

• Please let a current Association member know if you are willing to be a "**Friend of the Library**" on call to help as needed. More helping hands would be wonderful.

• **Two book clubs** meet regularly: the Mystery Book Club meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., and a "read your own book" club meets Wednesday at 10:00 on the last Wednesday of the month.

• **Storytime** for preschoolers is every Friday morning at 11:00.

• **On-Going Fundraisers:**

[Pick. Click. Give.](#)

[Fred Meyer Community Rewards](#)

[Amazon Smiles](#)

Donation Jar at the Library

Art Print Raffle - Machtetanz print of two Malemutes - print and \$5 tickets are at the library!

Upcoming Programs and Activities...with more coming:

- Feb. 18, Les Brake's Self-Drive Safari in Africa - 7:00
- March 6, Art Print Raffle Drawing
- April 9, Meggie Aube and Percussion Group - 4:00
- April 10-16, National Library Week
- May 7, Mat-Su Community Chorus - 7:00
- May 28 - Library Fun Run (Stephanie Richey, organizer)

Event details are publicized on the WACO mail list and posted on the Post Office and Library bulletin boards. To receive the mail list messages you must be signed up. Please see:

www.waco-ak.org/Maillist.php

If you don't sign up to receive community news in your electronic mailbox, please check the monthly E-Breeze:

www.waco-ak.org/Breeze.php

The Request Is Submitted

Although well aware of the funding issues facing the Alaska Legislature, our committee did submit a funding request to the State for a *Willow Library Replacement and Community Center Upgrade*. There will be future capital improvement projects and the sooner we are on record in the established process by requesting state funding, the more likely it will come our way. The formal request has been completed, and WLA thanks those who provided letters of support and who will continue the positive effort to bring about these improvements to Willow -- be it sooner or later.

Willow Library Friends

Yes, the Library has friends -- lots of you; when we need a helping hand, may we call you? WLA is creating a list of those to contact when we need cookies baked, chairs set up, a poster created, books shelved, materials organized, flyers posted, decorations put up, a display arranged, stories read, a cabinet painted, a chair repaired, some boxes moved, whatever! We're a pretty small group, working hard to support Julie and the Library's programs, but sometimes we don't have the time or skills needed. **Are you willing to be on the Willow Library Friends list?** If so, please send us your name, phone#, and e-mail address; we'll get in touch. You can always say "no" when it's not convenient, but we'd appreciate an "on call" list to go to when we need a little help. Hope we hear from you!

willowlibraryassociation@gmail.com

The Fun Run is Returning on Saturday, May 28!

See you at the Willow Public Library!