

## 1:00pm Opening Friday, March 8th

The library will open at 1:00pm on Friday, March 8th because that morning, library staff will engage in all-staff training. Topics include safety and emergency planning, preparing for the upcoming FanCon events and learning to use a new book binding machine purchased by KPLA. Staff will not be unavailable to answer phones during this time, but messages can be left at the director's voice mail, 907.486.8688. Books can be returned through the outdoor book drop.

## KPLA Annual Meeting March 9th, 10am

KPLA, the association that supports our library, will hold its annual meeting with snacks, elections and more in the library's Multipurpose Room, Saturday, March 9, 2024. Stop in and renew your membership, and find out what's new with KPLA.



Join the IditaREAD Challenge from March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> and experience the thrill of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race from Anchorage to Nome through reading! Read for one minute per mile of the race, totaling 1000 minutes or about half an hour daily. Along the journey, submit a book review for any book read. Earn colorful canine badges at checkpoints and prizes at the Nome finish line! Sign up at [kodiak.beanstack.org](http://kodiak.beanstack.org) or call 907-486-8686.

# Kodiak Public Library

March 2024 Newsletter



Come check out Fan Con at the Kodiak Public Library March 22nd & 23rd! Fan Con is a convention that celebrates all kinds of pop culture phenomenon, and this year, special guest author H.L. Burke will be visiting from Oregon. With something for all ages at Fan Con – video game competitions, carnival games like Stormtrooper Ring Toss, crafts, discussions and trivia (including topics like horror, K-pop, Star Trek), a Mario Photobooth, a Pokémon scavenger hunt, and more!

Shopping opportunities will be available from Grand Slam Toys & Games, The Islander Bookshop, a local artist, local comic collectors, and KPLA will offer a used book sale. Join us for this completely FREE event on Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10am-8pm & Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am-5pm.



## Volunteers Needed for Elwani Project

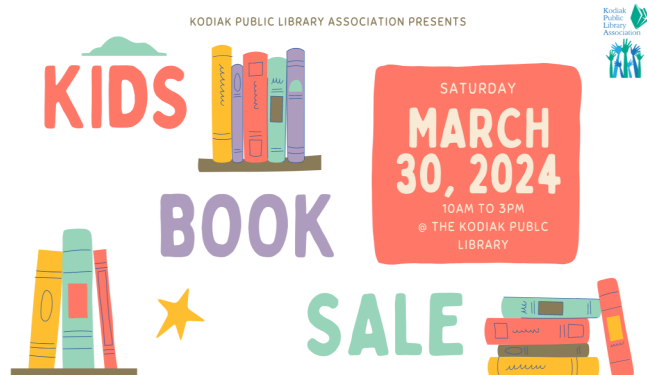
A long-overdue project that I would like to accomplish is to better describe the contents of the Kodiak High School magazine: *Elwani: Inside the life and culture of Kodiak*. First published in 1976, by the Kodiak Aleutian Regional High School, this annual publication, authored by high school students, profiled community members and places around Kodiak, like fox farms and fish sites. The contents of each issue have not been properly described for the public to easily find stories about past lives and places in Kodiak.

With the help of a few volunteers, Jessica and I plan to update the catalog records and use more descriptive online tools to identify people and places who are profiled. For example, when completed, if you wanted to learn about a fox farm on Whale Island, you would be able to find the issue with the article in an *Elwani*.

A few volunteers are needed to record the information found in the issues of *Elwani*, then Jessica will enter into the cataloging software. We will train willing volunteers to complete this long-overdue project. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Laurie, 907.486.8688 or email, [lmadsen@city.kodiak.ak.us](mailto:lmadsen@city.kodiak.ak.us). Thank you!

### Library Hours

Monday: 10:00am-5:00pm  
Tuesday: 10:00am-8:00pm  
Wednesday: 10:00am-8:00pm  
Thursday: 10:00am-8:00pm  
Friday & Saturday:



### Upcoming Events @ the Library

Wednesday, March 6: 6:30pm Zoom Trivia

Friday, March 8, Library opens at 1:00pm

Friday, March 8, 3:30pm Kodiak Hearts: Read to Shelter Animals (at the Animal Shelter)

Saturday, March 9: 10:00am KPLA Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 9 1:00pm Crafternoon: Comic Books

Wednesday, March 13 1:00pm KANA Elder Game Time with Penny Boschee

Friday, March 15, 3:30pm Game On: Video Game Club

Saturday, March 16 1:00pm Pokémon Club

Friday, March 22: 10am-8pm: FanCon

Saturday, March 23: 10am-5pm: FanCon

Wednesday, March 27 1:00pm KANA Elder Game Time with Penny Boschee

Friday, March 29 1:00pm Teen Tabletop-open play in-house games

Saturday, March 30: 10am: KPLA Children's Book Sale

Sunday, March 31, 5pm Beanstack Iditaread Reading Challenge ends

### Weekly Library Activities:

Monday: 1pm Bridge Club

3:00pm Escape Room (series ends 3/16)

Tuesdays, 11am Lofi & Chill

6:00pm Escape Room

Wednesday: 3pm Lego Club

Thursday: 3pm Chess Club (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

Friday: 10:30am—Lap Sit Story Time

3:00pm Escape Room

Saturday, 11am: Escape Room (series ends 3/16)

**The Library will be closed Monday, March 25th in honor of Seward's Day—honoring the person responsible for the purchase of Alaska from the Russians.**