

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

Willow Public Library **Spotlights!** March 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 Merrill
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.

• **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

See You In the Willow Library!
Happy Library Week
April 10-16

Upcoming Programs and Activities:

March 29, **Alaska WildBird Program** - Red Hawk, 7:00

April 9, **Meggie Aube and percussion group**, 4:00

April 30, **Mat-Su Community Chorus**, 4:00

May 28, **5K Fun Run**

Event details and any changes 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

Yes, as a last resort you can call the library at 907-861-7655.

New Library Update

Efforts continue behind the scenes to be prepared to move forward when the opportunity presents itself. Bill Mailer has volunteered to build a model of the new library, based on design plans to date. A list of potential donors is being prepared so that when public funds are committed to the project we are ready with contact information for organizations, businesses, and individuals who are potential donors. Meanwhile, we will try to learn more about company/organization funding cycles. If you are following legislative budget discussions and votes, you know there will not be a public windfall coming our way soon, but we want to be well positioned when State and Borough monies are again being allocated for such projects, and will continue to do fundraising for our local contribution to a new library in Willow. Every dollar helps.

Willow Library Friends

We've had twenty people volunteer to be Friends. It's not too late to let us know if you, too, are willing to be “on call” to help with programs, activities, and tasks as needed. Send us a note: willowlibraryassociation@gmail.com

Successful Art Print Raffle and OWL Videoconference

Bill Miller of Willow was the lucky winner of the Machetanz print and \$875 was raised for the Grow Your Library fund. Thanks to ticket buyers and congratulations to Bill.

Also, the recent videoconference with author Ernestine Hayes nicely demonstrated the potential of OWL (Online With Libraries). Check out this capability at: library.alaska.gov/dev/owl.html