

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

## Willow Public Library Spotlights! January 2017

### • Current WLA members are:

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

*Meetings are at 10:00 a.m. the second Monday of the month, September through May*

• Please let a current Association member know if you are willing to be a **“Friend of the Library”** on call to serve as needed. Helping hands are appreciated!

### • Ongoing Programs, all Free:

*Mystery Book Club*-First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

*Morning Book Club*- Last

Wednesday of the month at 11:30

*Pre-School Story Time* - Every

Friday at 11:00

*Fiber Arts*-Third Wednesday of the month at 11:00

*Technology Training* - Join Joy and others to learn technology basics.

Check online calendar for dates:

<http://www.matsugov.us/facilities/willow-public-library>

### • Ongoing Fundraisers:

[Pick. Click. Give.](#)

[Fred Meyer Community Rewards](#)

[Amazon Smiles](#)

*Donation Jar* at the Library

A **Grow Your Library Fund** is dedicated to a new library for Willow. The Pre-Development Plan is complete and funds are continually sought to move forward.

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](http://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](http://www.waco-ak.org/Breeze.php)

## Have you heard the news?

**1. Patience and/or Persistence?** WLA members will be meeting with groups in Willow to update the community regarding plans for a new library. We have been advised to keep the project “alive” so that when public monies are available, people controlling those funds will know the groundwork has been done for a new Willow Library and upgraded Community Center, and the project will be near the top of the funding lists. A Pre-Development Plan is on file in the Library for your review. We are excited about the potential of new and improved space to better serve our community. Right now, however, we are tending the fire, so to speak, to keep the project warm without fueling the flames. Both patience and persistence seem in order.

**2. Preparations for the next Library Raffle are underway, with the drawing planned for early March.** Once the fun and games of Winter Carnival are over, you will be learning more about the 2017 Willow Library Raffle. This year we are raffling a large, framed print by G. Peterson. Watch for more news about tickets and for a look at this striking piece of art, generously donated by former Willow residents Janet and John Oates.



**3. WACO recently granted money to Willow Library Association for programming,** so plans are underway to arrange for events that will be engaging for Willow residents of various ages. Input from community members is always welcome. The best place for you to check on upcoming library workshops, activities, and performances, is online: <http://www.matsugov.us/facilities/willow-public-library>

Thanks to our Library Staff for their good work!  
**Thanks for your continued support. See you at the Library!**