

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

## Willow Public Library Spotlights! February 2018

### • Current WLA members are:

Marian Charles  
Melinda Dale  
Carol Goltz  
Bill Mailer  
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 the Library staff know if you are willing to be a “**Friend of the Library**” on call to help with specific tasks as needed.

### • Ongoing Programs:

*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

### • Ongoing Fundraisers:

[Pick. Click. Give.](#)

[Fred Meyer Community Rewards](#)

[Amazon Smiles](#)

*Donation Jar* at the Library

*Donation Envelopes* at P.O. and Community Center

### Check Library events online:

<http://www.matsugov.us/facilities/willow-public-library>  
and on Facebook!

Yes, **Willow Will** ... try to be the best we can be as a community.

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. Mat-Su Health Foundation's grant of nearly \$1.7 million to the Willow Library Association has us focusing, now, on matching funds from Mat-Su Borough and the State of Alaska. Public libraries in Alaska are primarily funded by public monies, and we need that to happen for the New Willow Library and Upgraded Community Center Project.**

In late April, the Borough will hold an important budget hearing in Willow. We will warmly welcome the assembly members, graciously feed them, and strongly request \$1.9 million for this project. **Please plan to come.** Community support is needed to get Borough support, Borough support to get State support, and public support to get private support. Once the budget hearing date is set, we'll be publicizing it in hopes of a **BIG turnout.**

Visit the Talkeetna and Sutton libraries if you've not yet done so. Our tax dollars have helped provide up-to-date libraries and community centers elsewhere, and now we want the same for Willow. Thanks for helping in any way you are able, one of which is to simply **show up for the April budget hearing.**

**2. Check out the Display Case!** The Trails Committee has provided lots of excellent information about trails.

**3. Book & Media Sale will be March 2, 3 and 4 in the library** -- while the Iditarod crowds are visiting. **Raffle tickets** are now available, with a drawing planned for March 4. The print being raffled is available for viewing in the library. Raffle tickets are available at the library, from WLA members, and from Friends of the Library who choose to sell them. Quite a three-day sale!

**4. Pick.Click.Give.** 2018 pledges to Willow Public Library are up by 56% over 2017 in terms of total dollars pledged (\$700), and up by 42% in terms of number of pledges (17). Thank you. This is one of many opportunities to support the Willow Library. We send personal thank-you notes to those who provide their name; to those who choose to pledge anonymously, we also say THANKS! Pledges can be made through August 31.

**5. Watch for news about an upcoming spinning class** this spring! The interest in fiber arts is growing! Stay tuned!!