This month, we’re looking for volunteers to…

- Help with our annual Ice Cream Celebration!

Call 435-3195 to volunteer!

Join your Friends! Visit the Friends’ website to find out more about member benefits: friends.homerlibrary.org

The fun continues in July with the Universe of Stories! This month includes Musical Trivia Night, Maker Lab: Bath Fizzies, and, for teens and adults, a guided recreation of the Apollo 11 Lunar Landing! Kids and teens won’t want to miss the science opportunities in programs such as <M2M> Avatar Academy (9-11 year olds), <M2M> Girls Get IT! (9-12 year olds) and Space Academy (5-8 year olds). Also this month Blast Off! Book Club (6-8 year olds) and Fan Fic Workshop (11-15 year olds) meet again for more idea sharing and learning.

We’ll close out the summer with the Summer@HPL Lego Contest (submissions due Monday, July 29, 6:00 pm) and, for kids and families who have participated in Summer@HPL, the annual Ice Cream Celebration on July 31, 6:00-8:00 pm. So keep reading, learning, and sharing stories! See page 3 for a complete listing of events. Several programs require registration. To register, please visit: https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library

BOB the Bookmobile Updates

BOB the Bookmobile has been on the move! We are grateful for the BOB drivers and volunteers for making the rounds this summer. This month BOB will visit soccer practice at the High School, Wednesdays, July 10th – 31st, 11:00am-1:00 pm. BOB will also be in the Fourth of July Parade with a rocking drill cart team. Be sure to wave!

BOB will take part in the First Friday festivities, on Friday, July 5, 5:00-7:00 pm, at Grace Ridge Brewing Company. Please join us to celebrate BOB’s new artwork by graphic designer Rachel Tussey. We hope to see you there!
Friends of the Homer Library Library,
Thank You for your support!

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Ginger Drais
Cara Falco
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Giula Tortora
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Ongoing Library Programs

**SPARC Radio Club**
Tuesday, July 2, 6:30-7:45 pm
- Amateur radio club. (Repeats the first Tuesday of the month)

**Walk-In Tech Help**
Saturdays, July 6 & 20, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Bring your computer, tablet, or smartphone and get help with your tech questions. (Repeats every 1st and 3rd Saturday.)

**Genealogy Peer Support**
Tuesday, July 9, 6:00-7:30 pm
- Share your knowledge about genealogy and learn from others.

**Writer’s Refuge**
Tuesday, July 16, 5:45-7:45 pm
- A Writer’s Critique group. (Repeats every 3rd Tuesday.)

**HPL Book Club**
Tuesday, July 23, 4:30-6:30 pm
- *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens (Repeats every 4th Tuesday. Titles vary.)

**Adult Chess Club**
Thursday, July 25, 5:00 pm
- hone your chess skills!

**Knitting Circle**
Every Monday, 1:30-4:30 pm
- All are welcome. Refreshments.

**Preschool Storytime**
Wednesdays, 10:00 am.

**Small Fry Storytime**
Thursdays, 11:30 am.

**LARP: Live Action Roleplay**
Every Friday 3:00-5:45 pm.
- Live Action Roleplay, crafts, and games.

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**July Special Events @ HPL**

Register for Summer @ HPL: So many fun & free things to do at the library this summer! Registration is still open: https://www.cityof homer-ak.gov/library

**Chess Club for Kids:** Back by popular demand! Fridays, 11:00 am-12:00 pm.

**<M2M> Avatar Academy:** Design and build a 3D model of a character from a book or game and then digitize your character. Tuesday, July 2, 4:00-5:30 pm. Online waitlist only.

**<M2M> Girls Get IT! Camp:** 5-day camp for girls aged 9-12 who are curious about engineering, computer science, and robotics. July 8-12. Ages 9-12. Online registration required.

How to Prepare Kids for Reading with Speech Therapist Ashley Brasfield: Learn techniques for reading aloud to your child, and simple at-home strategies and tips for speech & language development. Families of all ages welcome. Tuesday, July 9, 10:30-11:30 pm.

**Apollo 11 Guided Recreation:** Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Lunar Landing! Bring your lunch and join us for a guided recreation of Apollo 11’s journey.

**Monday, July 15, 12:00-1:00 pm.**

**Maker Lab:** Bath Fizzies: Make DIY bath fizzes and learn about the science behind them! For teens 13-17. Space is limited to 12. Tuesday, July 16, 6:00-7:30 pm. Ages 10-14.

**Teen Musical Trivia:** Musicals are a universe of their own! Compete against your friends to answer the most questions.

**Pizza provided. Ages 14-17.**

**Thursday July 18, 6:00-7:00 pm.**

**Fan Fiction:** Bill Noomah will lead a freewheeling conversation about fan fiction for kids ages 10-15. Thursday, July 25, 3:30-4:30 pm.

**Space Academy:** We’ll make objects fly as we explore the concepts that make flight possible. In partnership with PBS. Ages 5-8. Monday, July 22, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Registration required.

Manga/Anime Meet Up: For teens interested in Japanese comics and animation. Thursday, July 25, 6:00-7:30 pm.

**Starry Night @ the Library:** Visit the Star Lab, help us create constellations with paper circuits and explore other hands-on space activities for families. Friday, July 26, 6:00-7:30 pm.

**Lego Contest:** See the library’s website for complete guidelines. Submissions accepted only: Monday, July 29, 6:00 pm.

**Ice Cream Celebration:** The annual Ice Cream Celebration for Summer @ HPL families celebrates reading and learning!

**Wednesday, July 31, 6:00-8:00 pm.**

To register for events visit:
https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library
From the Desk of the Library Director

Homer has given me a whirlwind introduction! Everyone in town provided a warm welcome. After two months in the library I feel like I’m getting my feet under me, though with plenty still to learn. One thing became clear on Day 1: Homer loves its library.

People seem eager to share what the library means to them. Some see it as a place for lifelong learning, others as a public forum for the debate of political and community ideas. Many tell me they come here to spend time with their children.

Personally, I think the library is a place where people learn to learn for themselves. I don’t mean learning just in the academic sense (although we offer plenty of materials to help with that!). I mean learning in its broadest possible sense: finding new interests and deepening the appreciation of old ones, developing competence and confidence, pursuing an individual vision of happiness. There is no curriculum and no final exam. We carry peer-reviewed articles if you want them, but we also stock mystery novels and comic books, music and movies, classics and books less than a month old. The library is the world in one building.

I look forward to becoming part of the whirlwind. As the summer ramps up I plan on immersing myself in FHL activities and the city more broadly. Thank you to everyone for making me feel a part of the community already.

-Dave Berry, Library Director

Free bags of non-perishable food for hungry and/or homeless youth are available in the lobby of the library all day Monday - Saturday during the summer. Food is provided by the Homer Food Pantry and prepared by the Summer@HPL Teen Volunteer Corps.

The Friends of the Homer Public Library is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) community organization established in 1982 that encourages public use and enjoyment of the Homer Public Library services and facilities. With the financial and volunteer support of its members, FHL provides resources for programs such as the Summer Reading Program, the Top Drawer Collection, preschool story hour, and author readings, among others. FHL volunteers work closely with the library staff to publicize the valuable tools and services available at the library to all community members at no cost, without discrimination. FHL also provides resources for capital improvements to the facility.

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