Estate Planning, Living Wills, and Other Ways the Big Read Conversation Continues

Well, the Big Read is officially over. Over 650 people participated in programs related to the themes in *Can’t We Talk About Something More Pleasant?* by Roz Chast. But, like so many good conversations, we are left in mid-sentence with so much left to say. The goal of the Big Read was to bring us together for the shared experience of reading a good book, and in that process we learned more about ourselves and our community. There are several ways the conversation will extend beyond the Big Read. In response to the large turnout to the Estate Planning workshop held in January, the library will host a three-part estate planning series. Attorneys Lindsay Wolter, Terri Spigelmyer, and Andy Haas will present a free seminar on Tuesday, March 19, from 6:00–7:00 pm entitled *Estate Planning for Blended Families* (second marriages and/or families with step-children). They will present a second seminar on Tuesday, April 16, 6:00 pm, called *Estate Planning for Couples and Families with Minor Children*. Their final seminar, *How to Avoid Probate*, will be presented on Thursday, May 16, 6:00 pm. All seminars will be held at the Homer Public Library. See page 3 for more programs offered in the community.

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It’s that time of year again! Don’t forget to file for your Permanent Fund Dividend... and when you do file, don’t forget your favorite nonprofits, such as the Friends of the Homer Library. With your support we are able to offer programs like the Big Read, purchase supplies for Storytimes, provide financial assistance for the Summer Reading & Learning Program, and offer civic events such as Lunch with a Councilmember, Candidate Forums, and more. There are a limited number of hardcopy PFD applications at the library, or use the library’s computers to file electronically. Don’t delay, file today! The last day to file for the Permanent Fund Dividend is March 31.
**Individual**
Tracy Asselin
Dotty Cline
Jeremey Day
Cheryl Green
Beverly Greischel
Dave Schneider & Bonnie Jason
Alison Kelley
Barb Kennedy
Nora Rojek & Dean Kildaw
Janet Klein
Darins Kleine
Aulikki Knight
Heidi Maupin
John Miles
Martina Miller
Sierra Morris
Charles Nagel
De Patch
Keri Rheinfrank
Francie Roberts
Melonia Shipman
Kait Skundrich
Drue Smith
Summer Steele
Kirsty Sullivan
Simyra Taback
Patricia Westbrook
Anne Wieland
Carly Wier
Troy L. Wise

**Family**
Tonda Allred
Lynn Burt
Kathryn Carssow
Linda Chamberlain
Susan and Jack Cushing-Jason Davis
Jennifer Delignieres
Clyde Boyer &
Vivian Finlay
Mike Haines
Kathy & Dave Harum
Patricia Kasem and Richard Hoeschen
Bruce and Ruth Hunting-
Nancy Levinson
Therese Lewandowski
Milli Martin
Scott & Susan Miller

**Book Lover**
Diana Carbonell
Diana Conway
Michael McKinney & Roberta Copeland McKinney
Carla Fabian
Mako Haggerty
Sara Jackinsky
Bradley & Sally Keene
Jeanne McArthur
Neil McArthur
Mike & Cathy McCarthy
Thomas & Jacqueline McDonough
Scott & Kate Meyer
Eileen Mullen
David & Marga Raskin
Gerald Scholand
Debbie Smith
Kathy and Maynard Smith
Christy & Jeff Tyler
Bob Shavelson & Miranda Weiss
Vicki Wisenbaugh
Ian Xavier

**Bibliophile**
Sue Wohlgemuth &
Ken Landfield

**Best Friend**
Wayne & Donna Aderhold
Helen Armstrong
Bruce Barnes
Sean Carey
Steve Hughes &
Robbie Coffey

**Pick-Click-Give Basic**
Janet Ames
Jenny Stroyeck & Michael Armstrong
Philip Barber
Dave & Molly Brann
Susan Braun
Kristine Bredehoft
Nancy Chastain
Iris Fletcher
Nell & Richard Gustafson
Helen Gustafson
Victoria Gutschow
Alexander Johnson
Aaron Knoll
Ann Maguire
Lian McMillian
Vicky Merrell
Carolyn Norton
Thea Person
Carey Restino
Margo Reveil
Christine Scott
Amanda Smith
Christopher Turner
Lindsay Wolter

**Pick-Click-Give Bibliophile**
Paul & Tina Seaton

**Pick-Click-Give Best Friend**
Darius Baltz
Rich Chiappone
Rebecca Hauser
Lisa Krebs
Sherry Pederson

**Business Membership**
Juneberry Lodge

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**Friends of the Homer Library Members,**

**Thank You for your support!**

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Alder Fletcher
Pauli Lida
Maynard Linder
Paula Martin
Sue Mauger
Emily Munns
Giula Tortora
Peter Velsko

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**Pick-Click-Give Book Lover**
Lynn Bittner
Tracie & Eric Brown
Mike Byerly
Blythe Campbell
Rianne Campbell

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Thank you for supporting your library with your membership.

Want to become a member? Stop by the library or visit:
Ongoing Library Programs

**SPARC Radio Club**
Tuesday, March 5, 6:30-7:45 pm
- Amateur radio club.

**Adult Chess Club**
Thursday, March 7 and Thursday, March 28, 5:00-6:00 pm
- Players of all levels welcome.

**Lunch with a Councilmember**
Monday, March 11, 12:00-1:00 pm
Bring your lunch and questions. Councilmember Heath Smith will be available.

**Walk-In Tech Help**
Saturdays, March 2 and 16, 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, March 12, 6:00-7:30 pm
- Share your knowledge about genealogy and learn from others.

**Homer Storytellers**
Saturday, March 16, 3:00-5:00 pm

**Writer’s Refuge**
Tuesday, March 19, 5:45-7:45 pm
- A Writer’s Critique group. (Repeats every 3rd Tuesday.)

**Parent Conversations**
Thursday, March 21, 6:00 pm
- Monthly group discusses topical concerns for raising healthy teens & tweens.

**HPL Book Club**
Tuesday, March 26, 4:30-6:30 pm
- *Touch* by Courtney Maum (Repeats every 4th Tuesday. Titles vary.)

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

**Preschool Storytime**
Tuesdays, 12:45 pm and Wednesdays, 10:00 am.

**Small Fry Storytime**
Mondays, 11:00 am and Thursdays, 11:30 am.

**Lego Lab:**
Wednesday, March 6, 3:00-4:30 pm
- Kids 8-11 years old. (Repeats every first Wednesday of the month.)

**LARP: Live Action Roleplay**
Every Friday 3:00-5:45 pm.

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**March Special Events**

**Lunch & Code:** Learn the basics of coding with Dash and Dot. For 8-10 year olds. **Monday, March 4, 12:00-1:00 pm.** Register online: [https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library](https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library)

**Estate Planning for Blended Families:** For families with second marriages or stepchildren. **Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 pm**

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**Homer Public Library will be closed Monday, March 25 for Seward’s Day**

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Additionally, there are many non-library programs throughout the community that address the needs of caregivers and their loved ones. **The Caregiver Support Group** meets at Homer Senior Citizens the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, from 2:00-3:30 pm. Contact Pam Hooker, 299-7198 for more information.

Hospice of Homer offers a **Weekly Walk-in Bereavement/Grief Group** that meets every Tuesday, 3:00 pm at Hospice of Homer, call 235-6899 for more information. On April 2, 6:00 pm at Kachemak Bay Campus, Giulia Tortora, MD, will give a talk called **Making Sense of Medical Decisions** that will include information on living wills and how to request medical options that meet each individual’s needs. To find out more information, contact South Peninsula Hospital Health & Wellness, 235-0970.

The conversations around caregiving, dementia, aging, and dying will continue in our homes, with our friends, and in the community. Thank you for taking part in the Homer Big Read 2019! Keep reading!
ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 6, 6:00 pm @ Homer Public Library

Election of officers and updates on FHL activities. Please call 435-3195 to RSVP.

CELEBRATION OF Lifelong Learning

It’s time to nominate your favorite Lifelong Learner or Youth Learner for our annual Celebration of Lifelong Learning fundraiser! Who do you admire for their passion for knowledge and their ability to share that knowledge with others? Eligible candidates must have a library card and be able to attend the ceremony on Saturday, April 13. Pick up a nomination form at the circulation desk or on our website: www.friendshomerlibrary.org

Applications are due March 12.

Estate Planning for Blended Families
(When you or your partner have a child from a previous relationship.)
Tuesday, March 19

Estate Planning for Couples and Families with Minor Children
Tuesday, April 16

How to Avoid Probate
Thursday, May 16
6:00 pm @ Homer Public Library

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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