Artists’ Talk @ the Homer Public Library

Deland Anderson, Argent Kvasnikoff, and Jane Regan all have art currently displayed at the library, and will give a collective Artists Talk at the library on Thursday, December 13, 6:00 pm. Anderson, who has lived and painted in Homer for twenty years, will discuss the paintings Iliamna Incursion and Grewingk Gametes, which are currently displayed in the Fireside Reading Room. Anderson writes of his art, “The sky, the water, the mountains and weather have been my subjects. These paintings are no different in that respect. But in one way they are different from my previous work: these scenes are presented through the lens of jellyfish.” The pieces fill the library with color and add dimension to the space; they will be on display through February.

Argent Kvasnikoff was born in Homer, and currently resides in Ninilchik. He has generously donated a sculpture to the library, Tuggeht Janju Tets’, which now hangs above the reading bar. This piece is part of the larger Qena Sint’isis series, originally displayed at the Pratt Museum. Over a three-month period Kvasnikoff created an alphabet “to infuse aboriginal ideas and concepts into a new written form of the terminally waning Dena’ina language.” He sees culture as fluid, and in his work seeks to defy cultural objectivism. We are honored to have his alphabet displayed permanently at the Homer Public Library. Continued on page 4

The Big Read is Almost Here!

The Big Read is an opportunity for the community to come together for the shared experience of reading a good book, and we want you to join us! The 2019 selection is Can’t We Talk About Something More Pleasant?, a graphic memoir by frequent contributor to The New Yorker, Roz Chast. Darkly humorous, Chast’s memoir examines the challenges surrounding aging and caregiving. Over a six-week period a variety of events will be offered, beginning with the Kick-Off on Friday, January 11, at Alice’s Champagne Palace, 7:00 pm, with comedic skits by Pier One Theater and live music by Burnt Down House, and culminating on Saturday, February 23, with a Keynote Address by Roz Chast. Events will include book discussions, writing workshops, community conversations, and more. Copies of the books and The Big Read Calendar of Events will be available starting December 15 at the circulation desk.
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Don't see your name? Support your library by becoming a member at:
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Coordinator’s Corner

As I write it’s snowing, and we’re eagerly awaiting the arrival of a Christmas tree, generously donated by Spenard Builder’s Supply. We’re abuzz in anticipation of decorating the library for the holidays. For the second year in a row, the tree will be decorated with book wishes for the library; Jacque Peterson from the Library Advisory Board made each one by hand. We would be ever so grateful if you would consider purchasing a needed book from the Homer Bookstore. A library is a community endeavor, and our Book Giving Tree is a reminder of the many layers of people and organizations that invest their time, resources and energy to make it a meaningful space to connect, learn, and grow. We are thankful to all of our board members, patrons, volunteers, and businesses that support our library.

This holiday season, don’t forget to slow down and check out some good books for yourself! On December 4, 6:00 pm Homer Downtown Rotary brings us holiday music by the Homer High School Swing Choir. Hope to see you there!

-Mercedes Harness, FHL Coordinator
Ongoing Library Programs

**SPARC Radio Club**
Tuesday, December 4, 6:30-7:45 pm.
- Amateur radio club. (Repeats every 1st Tuesday.)

**Walk-In Tech Help**
Saturday, December 1, cancelled,
Saturday, December 15.
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.)

**Homer Storytellers**
December Cancelled
Will resume January 19.
- Share your stories. Repeats every 3rd Saturday

**Writer’s Refuge**
Tuesday, December 18, 5:45-7:45 pm.
- A Writer’s Critique group. (Repeats every 3rd Tuesday.)

**HPL Book Club**
Tuesday, December 18, 4:30-6:30 pm.
- *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone (Repeats every 4th Tuesday.)

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

**Preschool Storytime**
Tuesdays, 12:45 pm and Wednesdays, 10:00 am. *No Storytimes December 24-29.*

**Small Fry Storytime**
Mondays, 11:00 am and Thursdays, 11:30 am. *No Storytimes December 24-29*

**Lego Lab:**
Wednesday, December 5, 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.
- Live Action Roleplay, crafts, and quests. 10-18yr olds.

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Upcoming Special Events @ The Homer Public Library

**Swing Choir by the Fireside:** Sponsored by the Downtown Rotary, enjoy holiday music. Tuesday, December 4, 6:00 pm

**<HPL Code> Unusual Discoveries:** Blend of traditional and digital storytelling. Thursday, December 6, 3:30-5:30 pm.

**<HPL Code> Byte Sized:** Unplugged and digital activities that support computational thinking. Saturday, December 8, 10:30 am–12:00 pm. *Online registration required.*

**Holiday Card Making:** We’ll have out the card making supplies in the Kids’ Room! Saturday, December 8, 2:30-4:30 pm

**Lunch with a Councilmember:** Bring your lunch and questions. Councilmember Tom Stroozas will be available Monday, December 10, 12:00-1:00 pm.

**Genealogy Peer Support:** Share your knowledge about genealogy. Learn about library resources. December 11, 6:00-7:30 pm.

**Author Reading with Rebecca Snow:** Rebecca Snow will share excerpts from her book *Glassmusic.* Saturday, December 15, 2:30 pm.

**Writers and Authors Wanted for Big Read Drama Slam:** Want to bring some comedy to the Big Read Kick-Off? Rehearsals are January 3-11. *Sign up by December 20* to participate. 435-3195.

**Parent Conversations: Expectations:** This group meets monthly to discuss topical concerns for raising healthy tweens & teens.

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Author Reading with Rebecca Snow

Rebecca Snow’s debut novel, *Glassmusic,* was released from Conundrum Press in 2014 and shortlisted for the 2015 International Rubery Book Award. Set in the Fjorlands of Norway, the novel centers around the character Ingrid, who is her family’s secret keeper, and who must learn when to stay quiet and when to speak out. Rebecca Snow was awarded a fellowship in poetry for the 2015 Longleaf Writers Conference, and her poetry and creative nonfiction have appeared in *Progenitor, Rattle,* and elsewhere. She is currently writing a speculative novel set in the Pacific Northwest. Originally from Seattle, Snow moved to Homer this fall. She will be teaching Introduction to Creative Writing online this spring for the Kachemak Bay Campus. Register now to join her class! You can also find her online at www.rebeccasnow.co

Saturday, December 15, 2:00 pm
Fireside Reading Room.
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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Jane Regan will also be present to discuss her hand-quilted wall hanging, also on display in the Fireside Reading Room. Her piece is a variation of the traditional American pattern “Log Cabin.” It is unique because it is hand quilted, rather than machine quilted.

She writes “I like it because of the bright colors—especially important to me in the winter.”

On these darkest days of the year, what better way to celebrate, than with art? Please join us for good conversation and to learn more about the art currently on display at the library.

**Thursday, December 13, 6:00 pm**