Engaging Where We Are

Community Partnerships That Promote Family Engagement and Outreach

Objectives

- Identify Programming Goals
- Locate Community Partners
- Generate Ideas for Summer Reading 2022: Read Off the Beaten Path

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Transition,
Change, Adapt

Identify Progamming Goals

- Think about it in the context of your library's Mission Statement:
    - Set in the beautiful Matanuska-Susitna Valley, Wasilla Public Library is open to residents and visitors alike. The library contributes to **building a sense of community** and **provides opportunities** for improving quality of life by **providing access to a broad range of resources** designed to meet the **educational, professional, intellectual, cultural and recreational** needs of the area's diverse, rapidly growing population.
- Think about it in the context of your personal objectives:
    - To **inform and inspire** young minds through careful, comprehensive library services.

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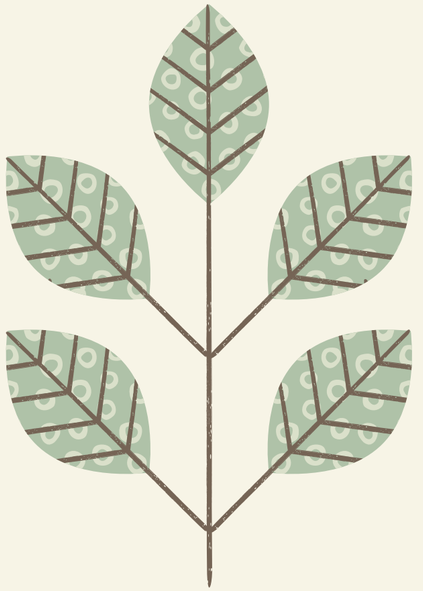
New Immediate Goals

- Use the resources available to us RIGHT NOW and:
    - Provide Opportunities
    - Increase Access
    - Build Community

Locate Community Partners



Book Delivery with Kids Kupboard

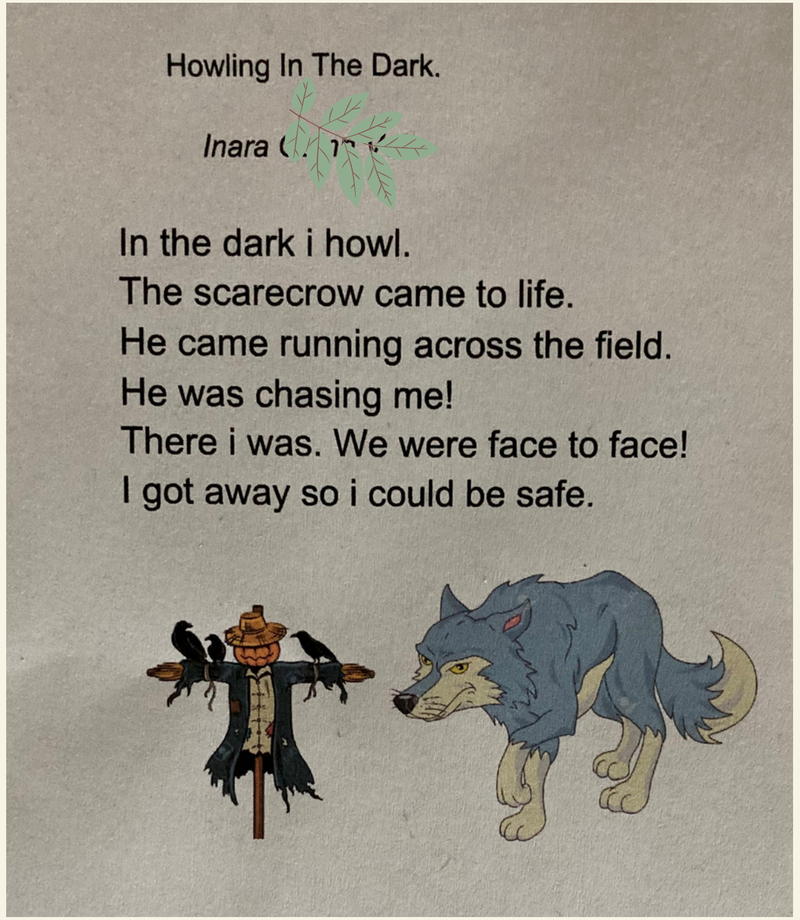
Paperback books for kids and adults, generously provided by Wasilla Public Library's Friends group, were carried to neighborhoods all over the Valley by Kids Kupboard.

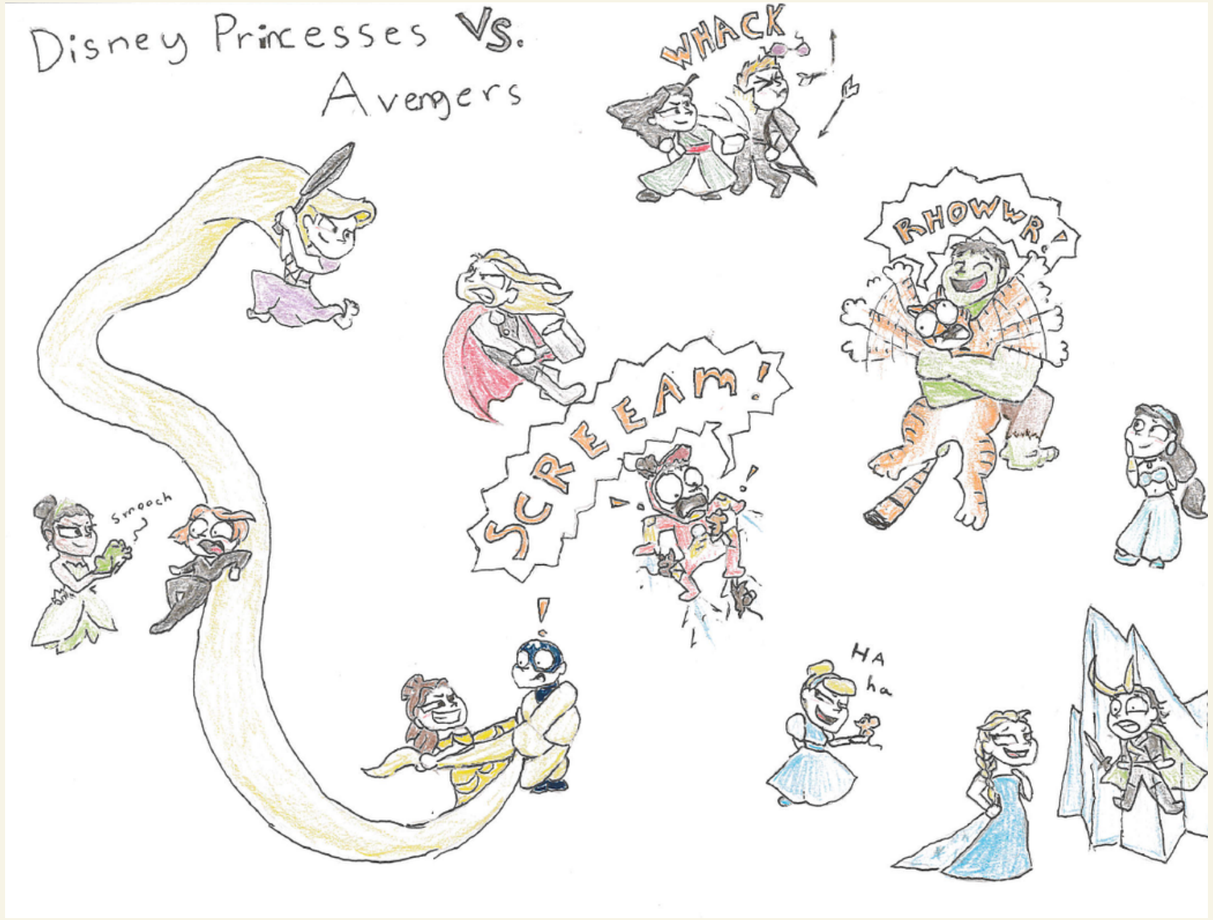
MSBSD Teachers & Librarians

Partnering with the teachers & librarians of the Matanuska-Susitna School District, students were invited to participate in our first ever Bookmark Contest.

Which led to more contests...

...and more amazing engagements...





...and community partnerships.

MAT-SU VALLEY FRONTIERSMAN

Partners + Summer Reading

Paint Nights With Sara & Co.

Alaska WildBird Rehabilitation Center

READ
BEYOND THE BEATEN PATH
CAMP iREAD
FIELD GUIDE
iREAD
Summer reading at its best!

Ideas for 2022

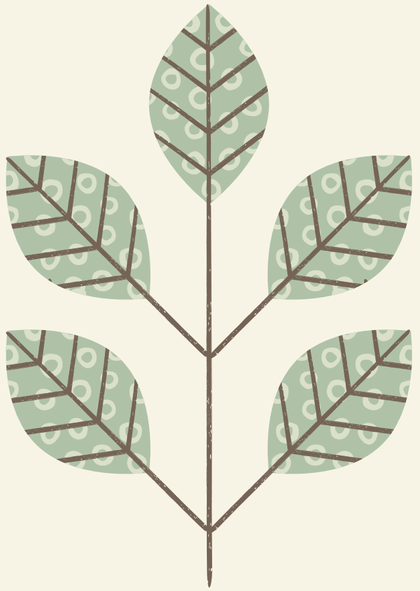
Weekly "Experience" Drawings

- Be the DJ at a local radio station
- Throw out the first pitch at Mat-Su Miners Game
- 1:1 time with a local athlete or at a local gear shop
- Be the Baker/Food Truckie
- Other possible partners: Black Birch Books, Game Theory, Aegis Comics, Valley Recycling Solutions, Just Add Paint

Ideas for 2022

Possible Presentation Partners

- Eagle River Nature Center
- Arctic Orienteering
- Geocache Alaska!
- Alaska Museum of Science & Nature
- National Park Service
- Alaska Scouting & Campfire Groups
- Cooperative Extension Service



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