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Celebrating the 8th Annual UAS Authors Event, OCOB 2023 with Bren Smith, & Reestablishing face-to-face Community

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Benefits of Membership:

- A commemorative Friends of the Egan Library lapel pin.
- Invitation to the annual UAS Authors' Reception and other events throughout the year.
- FRIENDS newsletter highlighting library news and initiatives.
- One time 25% discount on select of University of Alaska Press titles (details at <http://uas.alaska.edu/library/give.html>)
- Invitations to review and select materials withdrawn from the collection.
- Recognition in the annual Honor Roll of Friends



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CELEBRATING UAS AUTHORS Face-to-Face

The eighth annual Authors' Reception
will be held in the Egan Library
on Friday April 14th, 2023

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We look forward to sharing a no-host bar and an opportunity to gather together inside the Egan Library as we continue our journey of reestablishing connection with friends and colleagues face-to-face, while celebrating the intellectual achievements of UAS.

Come learn more about the Friends of the Egan Library,
UAS Alumni & Friends, and
ScholarWorks@UA.



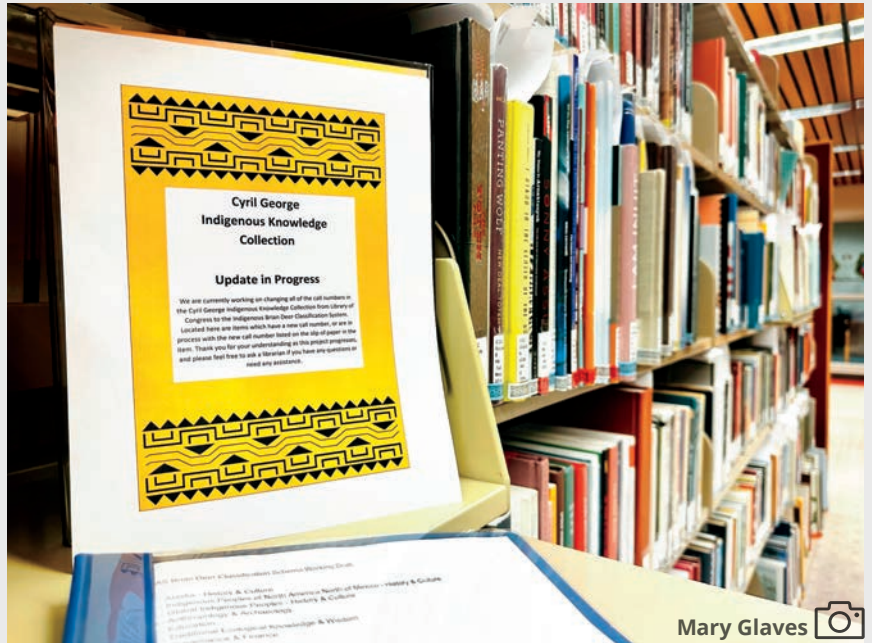
 Photo (left & right) Mary Glaves




Cyril George Collection (CGC) at the Egan Library:

As reported last year, the Egan Library was heading into a project to apply new call numbers to the items in the Cyril George Indigenous Knowledge Collection. Two former UAS students were hired over summer 2022 and they worked on reviewing items to apply new call numbers. They made it through about 40% of the collection, and work has continued on the review since then.

Often when libraries go through this process, they close the library while reviewing and updating items, and then reopen afterwards. They also have usually done the review on their whole collections. Egan Library hasn't been able to close and focus solely on this collection with all our efforts, so instead we have been living in the transitional review period for a while now.



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Many items are shelved right now via a temporary call number, not found in the library catalog. That's led to everyone needing to have an open-minded and exploratory approach to helping find materials in the collection! The ongoing work will continue to take some time. Information on the collection, the project, finding materials, and more is located on this site:

<https://uas.alaska.libguides.com/CyrilGeorge>



The Writing Center: Spring Semester Happenings & Summit 2023

There's a lot going on in the Writing Center! We have had a busy spring semester, hiring new tutors, running a writing contest in collaboration with the Gastineau Channel Historical Society, and working on Summit, our undergrad academic journal! Now with a full team of tutors, we are ready to help with the many upcoming midterm and final projects and papers.

We were able to hire two new tutors this semester: AJ Shultz and Don Scalia. AJ is an English major from Anchorage. He's always working or on the move, and hopes to one day be a screenwriter, ideally for Doctor Who. Don Scalia is a marine biology major, and we are excited to add another STEM major to our team, to better help students with more scientific-based projects. Don loves to read, and they are trying to read a book a week this year.

Our writing contest includes two categories: historical flash fiction and short historical nonfiction (with prizes of \$250 in each category!). Prize money is provided by the Gastineau Channel Historical Society, and the Native and Rural Student Center is also offering guidance to students interested in entering. The deadline for submissions is March 31; please visit our contest website for guidelines and resources:

<https://uas.alaska.edu/juneau/writing-center/history-writing-contest.html>

We are hosting Creative Writing Hours in the WC on Wednesdays from 1:30-2:30 pm and Thursdays from 4:00-5:00 pm. Drop in to write with others, create accountability for yourself, and track your writing progress. We hope you join us (especially if you want help entering the historical writing contest mentioned above!

Finally, we are wrapping up production on our fourth edition of Summit. This volume will feature a collaborative cover by student artists as well as nine student essays. Each edition of Summit honors a student's work with the Ernestine Hayes Award for Excellence in Essay Writing. This year, our winner is Jack Imel.



LIBRARY SCIENCE COURSE CHANGES

In Fall 2023, our 100 level library science courses will get a new name, updated description, and added modality. Formerly LS 110: Library Resources and Information Literacy and LS 111: Library Information Literacy for E-Learners, the course will now have one course number and a new name - LS 101: Introduction to Academic Library Research. The new number is the same course number used by UAA and UAF, which will make it easier for students to find our course offering across the UA system. The new name is also in line with the naming used at UAA and UAF. LS 101 will be offered as an asynchronous course and as a hybrid course where students can attend face-to-face in Juneau or online from anywhere in real time.

The course description has also been updated to better reflect the learning outcomes of the course:

“Introduction to the research process and information literacy skills, including strategies, tools, and techniques for locating, evaluating, and ethically using information from library collections, databases, and the internet. Students will also explore current issues in information literacy, such as mis/disinformation and algorithmic bias.” We hope that these changes will increase enrollment in the course, which provides vital research skills for students - those who are new to academic research, those who are returning to school, and those who just want to improve their ability to find and evaluate information.



Professional Learning Communities Through CELT

This academic year, the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) held two professional learning communities, or PLCs, for faculty, staff, and administrators. In the fall semester, CELT facilitated a book group around the text *Stop Talking: Indigenous Ways of Teaching and Learning and Difficult Dialogues in Higher Education* by Ilarion (Larry) Mercurieff and Libby Roderick. The book follows the outline of a five-day intensive offered to faculty at UAA during the 2009-10 academic year, and it is a mix of shared experiences of Alaska Native Elders, students, and faculty; Alaska history; and teaching and administrative strategies to support Indigenous students. CELT first offered this book group opportunity in Spring 2022, and it was such a success that it was offered again in Fall 2022, with plans to offer an additional session in Fall 2023. So far, a total of 25 faculty, staff, and administrators have participated.



In addition, this year CELT has partnered with the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Cultural Safety to run an additional PLC for faculty, staff, and administrators called *Decolonizing Our Spaces*. This group has met bi-weekly throughout the academic year to discuss issues around decolonizing our campuses and to work on individual changes in our own areas. Meetings consist of small group and large group discussions, shared resources, and opportunities to get to know colleagues and collaborate across disciplines. There have been 34 participants in the PLC over the course of the year. CELT hopes to continue this group moving forward.

Center for Excellence in Learning & Teaching

OCOB 2023

Bren Smith and The Future of Food

During the 2022-23 academic year, the UAS community has been reading and discussing

Eat Like a Fish: My adventures as a fisherman turned restorative ocean farmer by Bren Smith. This effort is coordinated through an Egan Library initiative led by Jonas Lamb (Public Services Librarian) called One Campus, One Book.

One Campus, One Book (OCOB) is the common reading program at UAS-Juneau and 2022 marks the 11th year of celebrating literature and the relationships and communities that develop between readers, writers and our stories. Discussing a common book can also provide a safe venue for beginning difficult dialogues and allows members of the UAS community (and the broader Juneau community) to begin each academic year on the same page.

This year UAS partnered with the Sitka Public Libraries, Barnacle Foods, the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation, UAF School of Fisheries and Ocean Science and others to celebrate and explore mariculture, food security, local foods and the deep connections our communities have to the ocean.

Related events in October (Barnacle Foods Facility Tour, Ocean to Table Panel Discussion) provided opportunities for Alaskans to learn more about the role of mariculture and aquaculture in the Alaskan economy, local and global food security and in mitigating effects of climate change. *Eat Like A Fish* provided readers a timely introduction to issues central to life in Southeast Alaska as showcased in Tlingit oral literature and the research and economic development sectors.



During the week of March 6th, Bren Smith visited Juneau and Sitka supported by an Interlibrary Cooperation Grant from the Alaska State Library. In Juneau he met with local seaweed farmers, fielded questions from UAS biology students and presented the keynote *Sea Farming, Sustainability and the Future of Food* (recording available on UAS YouTube channel through March 24, Bren Smith: *Sea Farming, Sustainability and the Future of Food*). Smith also traveled to Sitka where he visited with students from Mt. Edgecumbe and Sitka High Schools, accompanied UAS Associate Professor of Aquaculture, Angie Bowers for a skiff-powered tour of the UAS bull kelp farm and presented the keynote *Ocean Farming and the Fight for Equality in a Changing World*.

Contributions to the UASAA/Friends of the Egan Library/Evening at Egan Fund can be used to support speaking fees for featured authors.





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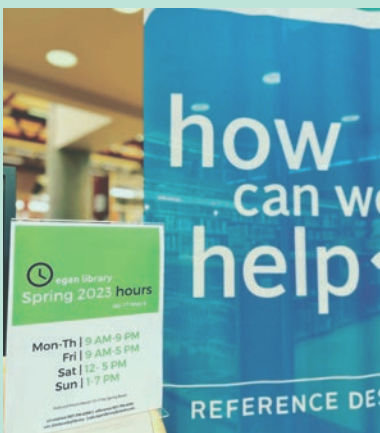


Egan Library is on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. We're also here, at the library, in person, all year long. Come see us! We have been so happy to see and help students again inside our beautiful space, and to host events like the Authors' Reception inside. We respect everyone's comfort level as we still work to re-establish our face-to-face community. So, if you can't join us quite yet, that's okay too. Please connect with us however you can-- Phone call, email, social media, or chat with us from our webpage when the chat service is live.

We'll continue to provide information on social media including: When there are changes to hours, special events or displays, new books and resources, job opportunities in the library, and more.

There's certainly no replacement for face-to-face. But, when we can't 'see' you, lets stay connected.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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