

Virtual Adult Storytime

Theme: Tales & Travel Alaska

The purpose of the Virtual Adult Storytime is to provide older adults in the Wadsworth Community with content to facilitate sharing and reminiscing during a time we cannot meet in person.

Story/ Book/ Folktale (People of all ages benefit from hearing stories read aloud. For older adults it can be a chance to stir memories and use their imagination)

Alaska Facts:

In 1867, Russia agreed to sell Alaska to the United States for \$7.2 million, which amounted to about two cents an acre.

Alaska became a state on January 3, 1959. It is the largest state at over 590,693 square miles, twice as big as Texas. The capital city is Juneau.

The state flag was designed by a 13-year-old boy. After calling on students throughout the territory to submit their ideas, Alaska ultimately decided on Benny Benson's scene of the Big Dipper and the North Star in 1927.

Dog mushing is the official sport of Alaska.

Moose, caribou, and bear killed by cars in Alaska are considered property of the state. When roadkill is reported, the carcasses are butchered by volunteers and distributed as food to charity organizations.

Alaska's state motto is "North to the Future". The state's nickname is "The Last Frontier" or "Land of the Midnight Sun".

In Barrow, Alaska, the longest night lasts for 67 days. In the summer they make up for it with 82 days of uninterrupted sunlight.

Video link to book read about Alaska:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_kMbo1pxnA&feature=youtu.be

Charlie and The Blanket Toss by Tricia "Nuyaqik" Brown

Travel Guides:

<http://www.alaska.gov/kids/>

https://www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/map/USA/alaska_map.htm

<https://www.travelalaska.com/>

<https://www.alaska.gov/visitorHome.html>

“Tell Me a Story” Pictures (A picture can truly say a thousand words; the pictures included here can spur older adults to remember and even be creative in describing a story from the image. After prompting them, let them become the storytellers.)

Use leading statements and questions such as:

“What is happening in this photo?”

“Who has seen this before?”

“Tell me if you had one of these?”

“This one is funny.”

Etc.

Pictures attached below

Video Links (These are provided for supplementing the theme. Music, dance, etc. enrich auditory, visual, and memory in older adults. Entertainment and engagement are enhanced with these tools)

Alaskan State Song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOQeZVnoURQ>

Traditional Music:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beU485Bxqxs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=168Cjptem8>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Q005EIC2Ew

Traditional Dance:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSHCxb1O5gQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMS2xWVw5Lw>

Blanket Toss (Nalukataq):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4LwhEYOfU-g>

Theme-related Activities (Continued enrichment of the theme provided)

Learn more about Native Alaskan culture:

<https://alaska.gov/kids/learn/nativeculture.htm>

Library Resources (If anyone is interested in this topic, here are some resources that can be provided to you. Please contact the outreach team at outreach@wadsworthlibrary.com and the items can be placed on hold or delivered to you.)

- Ultimate Survival Alaska DVD
- Gold Rush Alaska DVD
- Hidden Alaska : Bristol Bay and Beyond by Melford, Michael
- The great parks of Alaska DVD
- North to Alaska DVD
- Treasures of Alaska : last great American wilderness by Jeff Rennie
- Tip of the iceberg : my 3,000-mile journey around wild Alaska, the last great American frontier by Mark Adams



ALASKA

POPULATED PLACES

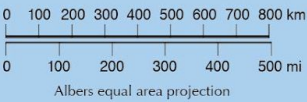
- 100,000 – 499,999 • Anchorage
- 25,000 – 99,999 • Fairbanks
- 24,999 and less • King Salmon
- State capital ★ Juneau

TRANSPORTATION

- Principal highway ———
- Railroad ———
- Ferry - - - - -

PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Streams ———
- Lakes ———
- Mountain ▲







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