"Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation." ~ Walter Cronkite

Willow Public Library Spotlights! November 2016

• Current WLA members are:

Marian Charles Melinda Dale Carol Goltz Bill Mailer Mark Merrill Stephanie Richey Virginia Richey Maire Rhode Bonnie Warner George Wilkie Meetings are at 10:00 a.m. the second Monday of the month; no meetings in the summer.

• Please let a current Association member know if you are willing to be a "**Friend of the Library**" on call to help as needed. More helping hands are appreciated!

• Ongoing Programs:

Mystery Book Club-First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Morning Book Club- Last Wednesday of the month at 11:30 Pre-School Story Time - Every Friday at 11:00 Fiber Arts-Third Wednesday of the month at 11:00 Technology Training - Join Joy and others to learn technology basics.

• Ongoing Fundraisers:

<u>Pick. Click. Give.</u> <u>Fred Meyer Community Rewards</u> <u>Amazon Smiles</u> Donation Jar at the Library

Upcoming Programs and Activities: Check online for most current information: http://www.matsugov.us/facili ties/willow-public-library and on Facebook! Event details are publicized on the WACO mail list and posted on the Post Office and Library bulletin boards. To receive the mail list messages you must be signed up. Please see: <u>www.waco-ak.org/Maillist.php</u> If you don't sign up to receive community news in your electronic mailbox, please check the monthly E-Breeze: <u>www.waco-ak.org/Breeze.php</u>

Have you heard the news?

1. **Maire Rhode** is our new Willow Library Association volunteer. Congratulations and thank you for serving, Maire!

2. Kara Eubanks is donating her artistic talent to creating the beautiful displays you are seeing in the glass display case outside the library. The current theme is one of giving thanks, with the focal point being flags, provided by veteran **George** Wilke, representing five branches of the U.S. military. Thanks to Kara and to George for sharing their talents and service! Take a close look at the display case when you enter the Community Center.

3. Update on New Library for Willow: It will come as no surprise that State and Borough money for our new library is not forthcoming. A meeting of the Feasibility Committee this fall resulted in good discussion and a commitment to keeping the project alive and "in the wings" so that when the usual funding sources are again supporting such projects, we will be at the top of the list. WLA has been encouraged to continue with local fundraising efforts and to maintain a passion and persistence for a much-needed new library, even though our original timeline is not currently realistic. Hopefully, the Willow community will continue being optimistic and persistent regarding this project, which includes a new library and upgrades to the Community Center. Our current library does a fine job with what it has to work with, but it is Willow's turn to build a library that can better meet the diverse needs of our community. Our challenge now is to find the right balance between patience and persistence as we move forward.

