

BRIDGES

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Connecting People, Land and Culture

Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center

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Exhibits are open, a fitting tribute to Morris and Interior Alaska!

Visitor's Voices

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What a truly fine expression of the best of Alaska.

Looks great! I love the sensory interaction. Sights, smells, sound. Fantastic!

Morris would be proud, as well as our ancestors and the current population. This display is a gem of great brilliance depicting our rich Athabascan heritage.

Truly a WELCOME center – thanks!!

Awesome. Like a movie set.

It's so great to see this vision come to life. Beautiful!

BRAVO! So real I want to live right here!

Every time I come here I realize how much I love Alaska.

Beautifully done, a fitting tribute to a man & his love for this place and the people.

Amazing exhibits – it's as real as you could possibly make it. Good job, Fairbanks.

Reminds me of home!

I love the sound effects ... mosquito buzzing, sound of cutting salmon, birds. Fabulous!

Best presentation of Alaska I've ever seen and I live here!!

Grateful for the honorable memorial to our Elders and Alaska!

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Open and fabulous – our exhibits are garnering rave reviews. A well-traveled couple from Australia told us it's the best visitor center they've ever been to. But it's the comments from locals that let us know we've gotten it right. "It reminds me of who I am and why I love Alaska and never want to leave," said Kathy Halverson. We extend our sincere thanks to our donors and friends for making it happen! The exhibits are open seven days a week from 8am - 5pm through winter.



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MORRIS THOMPSON
CULTURAL AND VISITORS CENTER



Open Daily
8am-6pm/Summer (May 11-Sept 25)
8am-5pm/Winter (Sept 26-May 10)

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Staying Connected at the Morris Thompson Center

What We're Watching

Join us for free films 7 days a week in our 100-seat, hi-definition theatre. Call 459.3730 for information.

Week of December 6th:

10 am: 40 Below in Fairbanks
Noon: Alaska Winter Wonder
2 pm: Light of the North
4 pm: The Permafrost Frontier

Week of December 13th:

10 am: The Aurora Explained
Noon: Good Time Girls of the Gold Rush
2 pm: Alone in the Wilderness
4 pm: In Winter's Domain

Week of December 20th:

10 am: Alaska at War
Noon: The Alaska Pipeline
2 pm: Journey of Discovery
4 pm: The Wolf Pack

Week of December 27th:

10 am: At the Time of Whaling
Noon: Alaska's Wild Legacy
2 pm: City of Gold
4 pm: Deadly Ascent

Week of January 3rd:

10 am: Gold and Glory: Iditarod XIX
Noon: Ice Age Crossings
2 pm: Kingdom of the Ice Bear
4 pm: Alaska Gold

Week of January 10th:

10 am: Wild Neighbors
Noon: The Gold Rush
2 pm: Drums of Winter, Part 1
4 pm: Drums of Winter, Part 2

Week of January 17th:

10 am: Fairbanks: Land of Ice and Wonder
Noon: Winter Patrol: Denali by Dogsled
2 pm: 6 On 6 Off
4 pm: Season of the Sled Dog

Week of January 24th:

10 am: Dog Gone Addiction
Noon: Iditarod '85
2 pm: Sled Dogs: An Alaskan Epic
4 pm: Yukon Quest: Challenge of the North



The first Friday of every month from 5-8 pm

December 4: Fiber Arts

January 1: No 1st Friday event. Happy New Year!



For Kids

The First Saturday of every month from 1-2 pm

Family Story Time, Alaskan-themed books for children ages 5 and under and their parents, sponsored by Alaska Public Lands Information Center and Alaska Geographic, 459.3730.

Holiday Events

Sat, December 5: Holiday Films. Join us for hot chocolate and the holiday film *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. 12 noon.

Sat, December 12: Holiday Open House. Join us for a day of holiday cheer! Listen to music, watch a film, make an ornament and enjoy the spirit of the holidays downtown. 12-4 pm

Noon: *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* Film

1 pm: Holiday Music with the 9th Army Band

1:30 pm: Reading of *The Night Before Christmas*

2 pm: Soap Carving with Ida Ross

3 pm: *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* Film

Sat, December 19: Holiday Films. Join us for hot chocolate in the lobby and the holiday film *Walt Disney Christmas*. Noon.

Mon, December 21st: Downtown Winter Solstice Celebration. Join us for hot chocolate, s'mores and a fun activity while we wait for the fireworks. 4-8 pm

Open Workshop Night

Every Wednesday at 6 pm

Bring your own projects and supplies.

Come join us in the Artisan's Workshop.

For more information, contact Ann Fears, 459.3741.

Denaakk'e Language Immersion Night

Every Thursday, 6 - 8 pm

Learn Denaakk'e (Koyukon Athabascan) through fun, hands-on activities. The initial lessons will focus on the family and will expand to animals, feelings and weather. Instructed by Susan Paskvan. For more information call 459.3741.

Call 459.3730 for more information. Calendar is subject to change.
All programs are free unless otherwise stated. Winter Hours: 8 am to 5 pm

Building Partners

Alaska Geographic Store

www.alaskageographic.org • 907.459.3710

Alaska Public Lands

Information Center

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Our Mission

The Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center combines the missions of its partners to:

- Celebrate Interior Alaska's people, land and culture
- Promote economic development with an emphasis on rural Alaska
- Be a community gathering place, where diverse cultures come together to appreciate and respect one another

