

Traditional String Stories with David Kitag Nicolai

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Date/Time: Tue, Nov 19th 6:00pm

Location: Homer Public Library Fireplace Lounge



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David Kitag Nicolai, a string storyteller, has performed at the Alaska Native Heritage Center and the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

String figures, or string stories, have been found in every indigenous culture on the six populated continents. String figures from arctic and sub-arctic cultures have been considered by the International String Figure Association the most difficult string figures to construct in the entire world. As recently as five years ago, there were only four people in the state of Alaska (all Alaska Natives) who knew a large number of string figures.

David was born and raised in Anchorage, AK. He is of Yup'ik, Athabascan, and French Canadian heritage and is a practicing mechanical Professional Engineer. He grew up learning about his traditional culture from his parents, Matthew and Margaret Nicolai, and his extended family. David started learning string stories (also called string games) from his dad and paternal grandmother when he was 12.

This event is in conjunction with the One Hundred Year Celebration of the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood Traveling Exhibition, which will be on display in the library between November 14 and 23.

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