

FAIRBANKS in CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Baby in a Basket by Gloria Rand; illustrated by Ted Rand

In 1917, Fairbanks' first kindergarten teacher and her children, Betty and baby Ann, are leaving Alaska for the winter by sleigh, when disaster strikes during a snowstorm. This is a suspenseful survival tale in picture book form

Children Of The Gold Rush by Jane C. Haigh and Claire Rudolf Murphy

True stories about children in the Alaskan Gold Rush era, including some children from the Fairbanks area, give readers young and old a glimpse into life when fortune-seekers from all over the world streamed into the heart of Alaska.

Deneki: An Alaskan Moose by William D. Berry

Set in interior Alaska south of Fairbanks, the story of a young moose calf through the seasons comes to life in the drawings of an extraordinary Fairbanks wildlife artist. You can visit a likeness of Deneki himself in the Berry Room mural in the Noel Wien Library.

Free Radical by Claire Rudolf Murphy

In the middle of the summer Little League baseball season in Fairbanks, fifteen-year-old Luke is stunned when his mother confesses that she is wanted by the FBI for her role in the death of a student during an anti-Vietnam War protest thirty years ago.

The Giant Cabbage: An Alaska Folktale by Cherie B. Stihler; illustrated by Jeremiah Trammel

Moose grows an enormous cabbage, sure to win a prize at the fair, but needs the help of all his friends to load it onto a truck in this Alaskan version of a Russian folktale. The author is a local elementary teacher.

Gold City Girl by Jo Anne Wold; illustrated by George Armstrong

Chronicles the last summer for a young girl in an Alaskan mining town in 1916 – just before her family moves to Fairbanks.

Hannah's Alaska by Joanne Reiser; illustrated by Julie Downing

Hannah helps her new friend adjust to life on the outskirts of Fairbanks, where moose, bears, thirty-pound cabbages, and dancing auroras are common sights.

Raven and River by Nancy White Carlstrom; illustrated by Jon Van Zyle

A picture book poem told in words and winter-tinged paintings quietly evokes Fairbanks braided river and our feathered year-round neighbors.

Secret Moose by Jean Rogers; illustrated by Jim Fowler

A young Fairbanks boy develops an interest in moose and their habits after he sees a wounded moose in his own backyard and decides to follow it, help it, - and keep it a secret from his family and hunters in the area

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