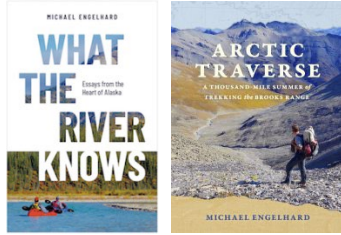


Pratt Museum to Host Book Release Event, *Portraying the Wide, Open Spaces*, with author Michael Engelhard

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On the First Friday of June, the Pratt Museum will Host Author Michael Engelhard as he Presents His New Release, “What the River Knows: Essays from the Heart of Alaska”

The Pratt Museum is proud to host *Portraying the Wide, Open Spaces* as a free First Friday event on June 7th. Longtime wilderness guide, anthropologist, and Fairbanks author Michael Engelhard will be presenting *Arctic Travers: A Thousand-Mile Summer of Trekking the Brooks Range* and *What the River Knows: Essays from the Heart of Alaska*, which is a new release. Readings and video clips will be followed by a question-and-answer session and book signing. Engelhard’s books will be available for purchase at the event, which begins at 4pm at the Pratt Museum.

Local artist and longtime Pratt Museum Patron Rika Mouw will also present some of her wilderness-centered artworks during the event.

About Michael Engelhard A cultural anthropologist and longtime outdoor instructor, Engelhard specialized in land use, subsistence, and symbolic aspects of landscapes. He is the recipient of several literary awards, including a Rasmuson Individual Artist Award and three Alaska Press Club Awards. His writing has been featured in *Outside* magazine, *Alaska* magazine, and *Earth Island Journal*. He is the author of over six books, including *No Walk in the Park*, *Ice Bear*, and *American Wild*. More information and contact information is available at <https://michaelengelhard.com>.

About the Pratt Museum The mission of the Pratt Museum is to strengthen relationships between people and place through stories relevant to Kachemak Bay. It fulfills its mission by facilitating engagement between community members and strengthening understandings of our shared place. Through these activities, the unique relationship between the people and places of Kachemak Bay will be sustained far into the future. The Museum is open daily from 10am – 6pm during the summer months. Visit the Pratt Museum at 379 Bartlett Street in Homer. Tel (907) 235-8635. More information is available at <https://www.prattmuseum.org/>.

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