

Katirvik Cultural Center

Nome, AK



With and for the People

Kawerak, Inc. represents 20 Alaska Native Tribes in northwest Alaska. A new cultural center created a space where elders, youth and visitors can come together to share in the Bering Strait's rich Indigenous cultural heritage.

APA worked closely with Kawerak to create an interpretive space that—through sharing—celebrates the region's Indigenous knowledge and cultures. Exhibits engage visitors with the region's native languages, and the community updates and curates its many modular, mobile features. Visitors return for different experiences through touch tablets and the living archives where community members contribute their knowledge to cultural objects and images. Visitors interact with a large touchwall and artifacts that educators pull from the cases, sparking dialogue and deeper cultural awareness.

