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## **Patience Frederiksen Named Director of State Libraries, Archives & Museums**

JUNEAU – Patience Frederiksen has been named director of the Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums in the Department of Education & Early Development. She replaces Linda Thibodeau, who will retire June 30.

“Patience is widely known and highly respected in Alaska’s library community, as well as on the national state library scene. I am confident in her leadership as we move into a new era for our division,” said Linda Thibodeau, retiring director.

Ms. Frederiksen is head of library development at the Alaska State Library. She has served as grants administrator and government publications librarian at the State Library; as a reference librarian at the University of Alaska Anchorage/Alaska Pacific University Consortium Library in Anchorage and at the University of Alaska Southeast Egan Library in Juneau; and as a librarian at the Anchorage and Juneau public libraries. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in creative writing and history from Carnegie-Mellon University and a master of library science degree from Syracuse University.

As director, Ms. Frederiksen will oversee the Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums, which in June will open the new Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff State Library, Archives and Museum facility in Juneau.

The Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums collects, protects, preserves and shares official, personal and corporate documents and objects of permanent value that tell the stories of Alaska’s history; and provides leadership, consultation, continuing education, and operating assistance to Alaska’s hundreds of libraries, archives and museums. The division performs its work with 50 employees and a budget of approximately \$8 million.

“I look forward to exploring the ways in which libraries, archives and museums can collaborate for the benefit of all Alaskans,” Ms. Frederiksen said. “We are moving into an exciting new building and an exciting time in the development of the Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums.”

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