

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

ALASKA OWL UPDATE

The OWL Training at the State Library Office in Anchorage on October 3, 2011 was a great start. We had a short, one-day session with participants from 11 libraries' staff and IT specialists. Training was provided by Matt Shiffler and Donna Rowher from the UAF Videoconferencing Services staff and OWL and Alaska State Library staff. This was a good opportunity for librarians and IT personnel to ask questions, share information and video chat with Fairbanks librarians on their newly installed videoconference equipment. We're looking forward to the next training in Anchorage, November 7/8/9 for smaller libraries.

Work is underway for broadband upgrades for Lake Minchumina, Unalaska, Dillingham, Kenny Lake, Chiniak, Pelican, and Egegik. GCI has completed broadband the upgrade for Koyuk.

Equipment for OWL Phase 1 libraries has started arriving in Hoonah, Wasilla, Cooper Landing, Big Lake, Craig, Fairbanks, Gustavus, Homer, Kenai, North Pole, Petersburg, Sutton, Talkeetna, Trapper Creek, Willow, Wrangell and Palmer. As more libraries get upgraded broadband, more orders will be going out.

The photo below shows Matt Shiffler with the video cam turned on the Anchorage October training group:



WHO WE ARE: JULITA LIM (ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT)



Julita Lim came to Juneau from the Philippines in July 1990 with her family. She began working at Fred Meyer in August, and began in working for the State of Alaska in September of that same year. She still works part-time for Fred Meyer.

This is Julita's first job as an Administrative Assistant for the State. Everything is involved in this job: personnel, accounting, travel, administration, mail, clerical, procurement. She is "Julita-of-all-trades"! She also had a chance to learn more about the Division's workings when she assisted one summer at the State Museum at the front desk. There she greeted visitors and worked the cash register.

She certainly has learned a lot in this job because her previous job she did accounting and travel only. This job has much more variety and she says that makes her enjoy herself at work. With job variety she has a chance to keep learning new skills and practicing them.

MORE ON MANGO LANGUAGES

If you or your patrons are not seeing "Create a Profile" on the Mango Languages screen at <http://libraries.mangolanguages.com/alaska/start>, visit <http://alaskalibrarynetwork.org/get-help/> from the computer having the problem and fill out the form. That will send vital IP address information to Division staff trying to resolve your access issue.

Once you create a Mango profile, you should receive a confirmation e-mail after about an hour or so. Follow the instructions in the e-mail to complete your signup. If you don't get a confirmation e-mail, check your spam/junk/quarantine folders for a message with Mango in the subject line. If it is not there, call Mango Languages at 877-626-4611 (M-F 9am – 5pm EST)

If you wish to promote Mango Languages for Alaskans, the Alaska Library Network (ALN) has posted downloadable bookmarks and posters to <http://alaskalibrarynetwork.org/services/products-services/brochures-bookmarks/>. You may also choose to link your website to <http://libraries.mangolanguages.com/alaska/start>,

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

ESSAYS WANTED FOR SHI BOX OF KNOWLEDGE SERIES

The Sealaska Heritage Institute is soliciting essay-length articles for their new Box of Knowledge Occasional Papers series. They welcome submissions dealing with all aspects of Alaska Native life, including history, anthropology, archaeology, art history, political science, linguistics, sociology, and literature. For more information see http://www.sealaskaheritage.org/programs/occasional_papers.htm. (Hat tip to Zach Jones for this item.)

JUNEAU PUBLIC LIBRARIES NANOWRIMO EVENTS

NaNoWriMo stands for National Novel Writing Month. Since 1999 NaNoWriMo has used each November to share the news that everyone has a book in them that can come to life. All they need to do is write 1667 words a day for 30 days. See their website at <http://www.nanowrimo.org> for details.

The Juneau Public Libraries are holding a number of events in honor of this upcoming month of literary frenzy, including weekly write-ins at all branches and one “writing under pressure” workshop. Learn more about JPL’s plans on their blog at <http://juneaubookblog.wordpress.com/2011/10/08/nanowrimo-jpl/>.

If your library is hosting NaNoWriMo events, we’d like to hear about them. So would the NaNoWriMo Alaska regional forum at <http://www.nanowrimo.org/en/regions/usa-alaska>.

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