

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

“IT’S GREAT TO BE BACK” SAYS LINDA THIBODEAU

Thanks to all of you who sent expressions of concern and support following the recent announcement of breast cancer. The moral support was tremendously buoying during my time of emotional turbulence. I have been to the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, where I received excellent, and brief, treatment. I have returned to Juneau and to work and can report an excellent health prognosis. I will be out for another brief follow-up treatment in the latter part of November. I strongly encourage all to have annual mammograms – that’s how they caught my cancer.

MUSEUMS COLLECTIONS DATABASE RETURNS

After a long process, the State Museums’ Collections Database has returned to the web. The database is linked from many Museum pages, including their home page at museums.alaska.gov. You may search the collections directly at www.eed.state.ak.us/collections/.

SCENES FROM A GROUNDBREAKING

The preliminary groundbreaking for the State Library Archives Museum (SLAM) project took place on October 3, 2011. Museum Curator Bob Banghart was Master of Ceremonies for the event, which featured the following honored guests:

- **Sorrel Goodwin**, Member of the hereditary Auk Kwaan Tlingit Leadership, & great-great-grandson of Sheep Creek Mary James, Big Dipper House Matriarch & owner of the Sheep Creek Mary Estate, which included all lands with the area of our site to the original tide line.
- **Senator Dennis Egan**
- **Representative Beth Kerrtula**
- **Representative Cathy Munoz**
- **Michael Hanley, Commissioner**, Department of Education and Early Development
- **Marc Luiken, Commissioner**, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
- **Brian Meissner & Thomas Hacker, Lead Architects**, ECI/Hyer Architecture & Interiors :: THA Architecture

Below are a few pictures for the folks who read the PDF version of this newsletter:



NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

DOG MUSHING IN ALASKA PROJECT JUKEBOX

The Alaska and Polar Regions Collections at Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska is pleased to announce completion of our latest multi-media oral history website: *Dog Mushing in Alaska Project Jukebox* (www.jukebox.uaf.edu/akmushing).

The story of dog mushing is an integral part of Alaskan history. Dog traction dates back to the prehistoric record when dogs were first used to pull loads. Dog teams were a vital part of the subsistence and trapping economy in rural Alaska until the advent of snowmachines in the 1960s. Dog teams were key to the gold rush and broad settlement of Alaska, including as haulers of mail and supplies. Today sled dog races and recreational mushing are reminders of those early days when dog teams were essential to life in Alaska.

The Project Jukebox website features oral histories, historic film clips, and still photographs to highlight various aspects of dog mushing in Alaska. Topics include: dog racing, dog breeding, village use of dogs,

traveling and camping with dogs, dog teams and tourism, dog team mail carriers, old trails, and building sleds. You can access the site at www.jukebox.uaf.edu/akmushing.

For further information, contact Project Jukebox at (907) 474-6672. This project is supported in whole or in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the Alaska State Library.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALASKA STATE LITERACY ASSOCIATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR ALASKAN EDUCATORS

The Alaska State Literacy Association is hosting a Professional Development Institute this October 17th and 18th in Juneau. Marcia Invernizzi, co-author of *Words Their Way* and the Phonological Awareness and Literacy Screening (PALS), is one of the keynote speakers. The theme, "Digging Deeper: Mining for Meaning," focuses presentations on building student cognition across all content areas through comprehension strategies and vocabulary development. Visit www.akliteracy.org to download more information and registration forms.

GRANT: BUILDING COMMON GROUND

The ALA Public Programs Office is accepting applications for *Building Common Ground: Discussions of Community, Civility and Compassion*, a multi-format discussion program for public audiences to spark action, engagement and reflection within the community. More information, including programming resources and the online application, is available at www.ala.org/commonground. Applications are due November 18, 2011. This library programming initiative is supported by the Fetzer Institute.

The goal of the *Building Common Ground: Discussions of Community, Civility and Compassion* project is to engage the public in contemplation and discussion of the importance of community, civility and compassion in their daily lives. By bringing adult audiences together in the library for programs and events that include reading, viewing, reflection, discussion and civic engagement initiatives, *Building Common Ground: Discussions of Community, Civility and Compassion* programs will support public libraries as they strive to enhance the quality of life and learning in their communities.

In December, 30 public libraries around the country will be selected to host a series of 4 to 8 events between February 1, 2012 and November 30, 2012. The selected libraries will receive a \$2,500 grant to support program-related expenses and other benefits. Resources to begin building a competitive application, including programming guides, a list of potential community partners and ideas for programming that will inspire the community to action, engagement and reflection are available at www.ala.org/commonground.

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