

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

EYE ON ALASKA OWL FACEBOOK PAGE

The Alaska Online With Libraries (OWL) project recently established a Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Alaska-OWL-Project/286626654693376>. As of this writing it has 22 “likes” and some participating libraries are posting news. Here’s a post from Robin at the Kenny Lake Library:

Our library hosts an ITV site for Prince William Sound Community College. They have been paying for an additional DSL line into the library to be sure they have the bandwidth they need. Now that we are fast and have our own ITV equipment, they are going to be able to drop the expense of the extra line, and also take their ITV unit somewhere else that it needed. Funding is always tight and our site is always on the chopping block so this will help them keep our outreach site open.

Then on Monday, PWSCC had reps out from Mat-Su College, looking at how we do outreach so they can start doing something similar in the valley. I was able to tell them that the public libraries are all getting equipment and should be approached as possible outreach sites. So that was a good way to spread the word. Robin

If you’re on Facebook and have an interest either in libraries or broadband, consider “liking” and sharing the page with your friends. Let them see how library broadband is being done in Alaska.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

INDEPENDENCE MINE ACCIDENT MAN

In a posted titled “It’s a pleasure to meet you, Mr. Man”, UAA Archivist Arlene Schmuland related how data from archival records was reborn into a hand drawn infographic:

She [an anthropology student] and another student were going through the accident reports dating from about 1938 to 1943 and creating a database of incidents. What Penny chose to focus on for her paper was where the miner was most likely to be injured—not location in the mine, but location on the body. And she decided that the best visual way to show this was to draw a man with the sections of his body color coded for frequency of incidents.

The result was “Independence Mine Accident Man.” For a picture of the Mr. Man and how he took life from Alaska Pacific Consolidated Mining Company records, read the full entry at <http://www.consortiumlibrary.org/blogs/archives/2011/12/01/its-a-pleasure-to-meet-you-mr-man/>.

Do you have a sharable story about how someone used resources from your museum, archives or library to create something new? Drop a line to the *Friday Bulletin*

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

DON’T STRESS OVER BBB COMPLAINT E-MAILS

A number of us at the Division have been getting insistent e-mails demanding that we review the latest complaint from the Better Business Bureau against us. The e-mails urged us to open files or click on links to review the allegations. We didn’t do it and neither should you.

These e-mails are fake. The actual Better Business Bureau knows about them. Visit <http://www.bbb.org/us/article/alert-scam-email-claims-its-from-bbb-30916> to read “ALERT Malicious Complaint Email Claiming It’s From BBB.” It shows you how to spot the fake e-mails and notes the BBB is working with law enforcement to stop the spammers running this campaign.

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