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IMPACT OF LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT FUNDS ON ALASKAN LIBRARY PATRONS

The Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded \$982,953 in LSTA funds for 2009-2010 to the Alaska State Library. The State Library awarded these funds to 50 libraries that had submitted applications for 95 exciting grant projects. These grant projects impacted thousands of Alaskans in many different ways.

Providing Library Resources to Rural Alaskans

- Delivered more than 2,700 books and reference materials to Alaska's smallest libraries for their library patrons to borrow
- Provided 13,000 books and other library materials by mail to 1,000 Alaskans living in towns without public libraries

Digitizing Alaska's History

- Provided operating funds for Alaska's Digital Archives, an online resource with more than 47,000 historical photos of Alaska
- Digitized a diary and other materials detailing Aleut culture and village life before World War II
- Detailed the history of railroads in Alaska by combining pictures, publications, and oral histories in a single online resource

Providing Online Resources to All Alaskans

- Paid for statewide access to tutors at Live Homework Help for more than 8,500 students
- Provided SAT, GMAT, and other tests and college directories and scholarship information online to 4,300 Alaskans through the Testing and Educational Resource Center

- Saved 15,000 Alaskans money on car and small engine repairs by paying for access to two online repair resources

Encouraging the Love of Reading

- Helped 11,000 young children develop a love of reading by shipping Ready to Read tubs and kits to their parents and caregivers
- Involved nearly 7,000 Alaska students in the Alaska Spirit of Reading, a statewide event focused on the works of a single author, Roland Smith
- Helped 800 children and adults in Southeast Alaska meet and enjoy children's author Bruce Hale
- Encouraged 700 boys and girls to read in Fairbanks and Barrow by having police and firemen and businesswomen read and discuss books with them
- Helped 640 children in the Mat-Su Borough find joy in reading with Mr. Billy's summer reading musical tour

Building Library Capacity

- Trained 500 librarians on myriad topics, such as customer service, Internet search techniques, the basics of running a small public library, and summer reading program, to name a few
- Brought people together to plan and implement a summit for Alaska Native libraries, archives, and museums, which will be held in April 2011

Developed by the Alaska State Library Grants Administrator with information found in our Program Year 2009 State Program Report, which was submitted to the Institute of Museum and Library Services in January 2011

ALASKA STATE MUSEUMS SERVICES CHAT 7 RECORDING

Eight museum professionals from around Alaska joined Scott Carrlee on February 16th for an online text chat.

The topics covered were:

- Museum educational loan kits
- Alaska Native Libraries Archives and Museums Summit (April 27-30 2011)
- The Museums Alaska Annual Meeting in Valdez (Sept. 21-25 2011)
- Archives Training Opportunities
- Alaska Museum Day (May 14) Film Project Deadline (March 1.)
- Museum Projects Around the State

The chat has been archived for viewing at

<http://www.museums.state.ak.us/ASMChat.html>. A transcript is also available.

The next chat will be Wednesday March 16th at 11 am. This one will be focused on the LED lighting improvements that were made at the Aviation Heritage Museum in Anchorage and the guest speaker will be Norm Lagasse.

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SUMMER READING EARLY LITERACY PROGRAM

The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is pleased to announce that the 2011 Early Literacy Manual is now available for download from the CSLP website. You'll find complete programs for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers as well as an overview of early literacy and the six skills (vocabulary, print motivation, print awareness, narrative skills, letter knowledge, and phonological awareness). To access the manual, please log in to www.cslpreads.org, go to the Downloads Menu, and select Early Literacy Manual. Registration is required but is free for any public or tribal library staff as a component of Alaska's CSLP membership through the State Library. (Copied from Washington State Library Update electronic newsletter February 9, 2011)

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