

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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ANLAMS SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE THIS MONDAY

Scholarships for the April Alaska Native Libraries, Archives and Museums Summit (ANLAMS) are available, but the application deadline is coming up soon!

Scholarships will cover one or more of the following costs: (1) basic registration; (2) accommodations; (3) travel.

Awards will be based upon financial need, the extent to which you will benefit from the training received, and the amount of funding available.

Applications are available at <http://www.library.state.ak.us/dev/anlams.html> and must be received by February 28, 2011. Once your application is received, you will receive a confirmation. For more information about ANLAMS, including scholarship information, please contact Project Coordinator: Angela Demma by e-mail at anlams@alaska.gov or by phone at either 907-717-9112 or 800-776-6566 (in Alaska).

MARCH ARTIFACT OF THE MONTH: ALEUT BASKETRY HAT

In honor of International Women's Day, the Sheldon Jackson Museum has chosen an Aleut basketry hat as Artifact of the Month for March. Each year around the world hundreds of events occur throughout March to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women.

Aleut women were the basket makers, and Aleut grass weaving is some of the finest weaving in the world. There are baskets known to have as many as 1,053 stitches per square inch.

Preparation for weaving the baskets included gathering the rye grass, drying, bleaching it and splitting it. Weavers accomplished the splitting using an elongated and sharpened thumbnail as their only tool, making fine grass threads, often as thin as silk. Aleut grass weaving is usually associated with finely woven baskets or mats. At the time of Euro American contact, these items, along with grass socks and summer hats, were made for everyday use. As ready-made products became available, the time-consuming, handmade grass objects became less important in the Aleuts' daily life. Instead of creating basketry objects for their own use, Aleut women began making grass objects as trade or souvenir items.

This Aleut basketry hat was acquired and then donated by the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum in December 2009. It is a small hat, approximately 9 inches in diameter, pre 1900s. It is finely twined, possibly the "Attu fish-basket stitch," which is described as plain twined weaving over divided warp.

The hat will be on exhibit at Sheldon Jackson Museum from March 1st through March 31st. An image of the hat can also be viewed on our website at http://www.museums.state.ak.us/sheldon_jackson/artifact_of_month.html

Winter hours at the Sheldon Jackson Museum are from 10:00am to 4:00pm Tuesday through Saturday. Discounted inter admission is \$3 for adults; no admission is charged for those 18 and under. The Sheldon Jackson Museum is located in Sitka at 104 College Drive.

FREE WEBINAR: REACHING TWEENS & TEENS (AND MORE!) WITH TUTOR.COM'S LIVE HOMEWORK HELP

Tutor.com is offering two free webinars on using the state Live Homework Help service for library outreach. From their description:

"Please join us for a comprehensive introduction to the innovative Tutor.com Learning Suite. During this session, we will give you an overview of the Learning Suite and conduct a real-time session with an online tutor in the online classroom. We will chat with the tutor, share files and web pages and work through some real homework examples. We will also review our client marketing materials and share marketing tips and strategies for a successful Tutor.com program at your library."

Wed, Mar 9, 2011 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM AKST

Register at <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/852500825>

Thu, Mar 10, 2011 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM AKST

Register at <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/208530209>.

System Requirements

PC-based attendees

Required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server

Macintosh®-based attendees

Required: Mac OS® X 10.4.11 (Tiger®) or newer

WORKSHOPS ON DEWEY CLASSIFICATION AND MARC STANDARD

The AkLA Cataloging Roundtable has received an ILC grant to fund workshops that will be available and free to Alaska library staff. The classes to be held in Anchorage, August 1-4, 2011 are:

* MARC21 Coding (one day) : an introduction to the MARC21 standard on its use and function intended to help anyone still new to MARC to learn its importance (for new catalogers and for non-cataloging staff).

* Dewey Decimal Classification : beginning (two days) and intermediate (one day).

Participants may apply to support travel to the workshops. To learn more about the workshops and to register, see the Cataloging Handbook webpage:

<http://akcathandbook.wetpaint.com/page/MARC+AND+DEWEY+WORKSHOPS>

AKLA 2011 – INTEGRATING LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS

The design team working on the Alaska Library, Archives, and Museum Project (LAMP), gave a presentation at AkLA 2011 titled "Integrating libraries, archives and museums." From the program description:

"There is a growing trend towards integrating libraries with archives and/or museums. Reasons for doing so vary, but economics often play a role. This session will look at some of the impacts, benefits and considerations of integration, especially as relates to facility design. Two current Alaskan case studies will be presented: the State Library Archives Museum Project and the Seward Community Library Museum."

Slides from the presentation can be found on the AkLA 2011 Conference wiki at <http://aklaconference2011.pbworks.com/w/page/36012129/Integrating-Libraries-Archives-and-Museums>. More information about the LAMP project can be found at <http://alaskalamp.blogspot.com/>.

FEDS RELEASE TOOLKIT FOR FINANCIAL EDUCATION FOR HS STUDENTS

The U.S. Department of Education has released an educator toolkit with lesson plans to help students prepare for the 2011 National Financial Capability Challenge (<http://www.challenge.treas.gov/>).

The toolkit addresses five core competencies of financial education: earning, spending, saving, borrowing, and protecting against risk. It covers, among other topics, developing a personal spending plan, balancing checking and savings accounts, understanding the costs and benefits of buying insurance, using credit wisely, minimizing exposure to identify theft, and making investments in the future through education. In addition, this year's toolkit includes interactive online lessons and Spanish language materials.

The Challenge, which opens March 7, will include a voluntary online exam for high school students. The top-scoring students will be recognized at a national awards ceremony, and other high scorers will receive official certificates.

The toolkit can be used for year-round classroom instruction. See <http://www.challenge.treas.gov/toolkit/>. (Reprinted from EED Information Exchange 2/18/2011.)

CREATING CHARTS IN EXCEL 2007 – RECORDED WEBINAR

The Division's Technical and Imaging Services (TIS) section recently gave a staff presentation on creating bar, line and pie charts in Excel 2007 that others might find helpful.

The recording is in Elluminate and can be found at <https://sas.illuminate.com/p.jnlp?psid=2011-02-24.1048.M.AC02F0A18DE3CC1DE0EA14F0E51B57.vcr&sid=2010175>. Please check <http://www.illuminate.com/Support/?id=62/> to ensure your computer is set up to view the recording.

Using Excel 2003? Try this tutorial from Microsoft - <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/excel-help/CH001000373.aspx>.

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