

FRIDAY BULLETIN

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ALASKA OWL REPORT

Here’s Shane Southwick with this week’s summary of developments from the Alaska Online With Libraries (OWL) project:

The good news I am receiving questions from several of you about the Alaska OWL project and the current status of the project. The not so good news is, despite some recent momentum with the project OWL is not progressing as smoothly as we would have liked.

As many of you are aware OWL put a competitive RFP out to bid for an Internet Service Provider (ISP) in January of 2011. Our hopes were to have that bid awarded and to be working with an ISP by now. The bid process has been narrowed down to two companies who are currently going through the bid contest period. We certainly hope this gets resolved sooner than later and OWL can begin working with an ISP on the broadband piece of the project. Because of U.S. Department of Commerce (USDC) restrictions we are limited to purchasing equipment only for libraries that currently have internet download/upload speeds compliant with USDC standards. Once a bid for our RFP is awarded we will begin the process of increasing broadband speeds to all libraries allowing us to move forward purchasing equipment for everybody.

On a positive note, OWL has hired a new staff member. His name is Alex Pock and he has been hired as our grant compliance officer. He comes to us from the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game where he worked as an accounting technician. Alex also spent several years working with the Boys and Girls Club overseeing their grant compliance issues. We are excited to bring Alex on board and use his expertise to benefit the OWL project.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns relating to the Alaska OWL Project. I can be reached by e-mail at shane.southwick@alaska.gov or by phone at 800.-776-6566 (in state only).

ANLAMMS TESTIMONIAL

Here is a note we received from Roz Goodman about her attendance at last month's ANLAMMS summit:

“I attended the Northern Light, the Alaska Native Library, Archives, and Museums Summit and Preconference in Anchorage April 27-30. Every day was a learning experience both in the sessions and during the breaks and meal times. Having worked in a variety of Alaska villages since 1978 I couldn't help but reflect on the increased amount of interest, participation and knowledge shared by Native library, archive and museum staff and the greater amount of awareness, respect, and understanding of Native cultures, interests and concerns by non-Native staff. It was refreshing to be a part of all the cross cultural communication and common effort to identify all the parts and pieces that need to work together to provide the very best library, museum and archive services to Native Alaskans no matter where in the state they live.

The variety of workshops and activities and the caliber of the presenters and guest speakers were outstanding. Some were more practical than others and some more thought provoking than implementable but every session or interaction during breaks or meal I attended was beneficial. I gleaned either a new tidbit of information I could implement in my library work or a personal insight into my relationships with the library aides I train as a consultant or library users I assist locating and using library resources in the libraries in which I work.

One reason for the huge success of the Summit was the Scholarship component which allowed library, museum and archival staff from villages all across the state to attend without creating a financial burden to their village or institutional budgets. This enabled more people to attend. The great hotel accommodations and the included meals enabled attendees to eat well and relax properly so they had more time and energy to focus on and participate in the program.

Thank you IMLS for providing funding for ANLAMMS. The individual and group outcomes and follow up work inspired by the Summit will spark additional discussions and plans to implement a critical and currently non existing on-going, year round professional development program for those who work in Alaska's Native libraries, museums and archives.”

ALASKA LIBRARY SNAPSHOT DAY

The Alaska Library Association's first annual Snapshot Day has come and passed, and there are already some beautiful pictures on Flickr from libraries around Alaska. See <http://www.flickr.com/photos/aklibraryassoc/sets/72157626395440188/with/5575593210/> to check them out!

If you took pictures and/or took statistics at your library on or around April 28th, please share your images and data. For information on how to upload your images to our Flickr account, how to submit your statistics, and forms, see <http://snapshotak.pbworks.com/>.

Although this year's event was organized quickly, it's encouraging to see the images on the website, and it will be great to see how the photos and data are used. If you want to join in on the fun next year, watch for announcements in the spring. If you're interested in planning next year's event, please contact a committee member: <http://snapshotak.pbworks.com/w/page/37551067/Snapshot-Alaska-Committee-Members>.

BARANOV MUSEUM SHARES A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Photo 76 of the Baranov's Museum Facebook "Wall Photos" album is a thank you note from a young visitor. The visitor liked the scavenger hunt and really enjoyed a wedding photo of his grandparents wedding. As this picture shows, this third grader is also a budding artist:



To view other photos shared by the Baranov Museum, visit <http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.84508093587.78359.84148558587>. Photo used with permission of the Baranov Museum.

LAM TRANSITIONS

Along with the addition of Alex Pock to Alaska OWL project staff; there have been a number of changes in staffing within the Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums:

Karen Boddy, the very picture of quiet competence retired from State service April 30, 2011 after over 30 years working with the State Library and Capital City Libraries. Karen was a strong advocate for consortial consultation and worked with every part of the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums to improve access to their materials. Karen was also a statewide source of expertise as highlighted by the bouquet of roses she received from her fellow SIRSI administrators the day before she retired. Karen will

be sorely missed. One of her last acts was to agree to be photographed for Library Snapshot Day. See <http://www.flickr.com/photos/aklibraryassoc/5694643284/in/set-72157626395440188> for the photo.

Katie Fearer has been promoted to Public Services Librarian, filling a position that has been vacant for over a year. At this time, she'll be focusing primarily on licensing and management of electronic resources, but she'll also supervise ILL, as well as the reference and circulation areas. Her contact information is unchanged.

Maeghan Kearney is our new Government Publications Librarian, managing the Alaska State Publications Program and coordinating our partial federal and Canadian depositories as well.

Shari Kitchin left the State Library on May 11, 2011 to take a full time job at the Juneau Public Libraries. We are happy for JPL and sniffing into our coffee.

Sheri Somerville, our previous Government Publications Librarian, left the State Library on April 13, 2011. She is getting married and moving out of state. Our eyes are misting up as we throw rice at her and the luckiest guy in Oregon.

LISTEN ALASKA – NEW CONTACT FOR AUTHENTICATION ISSUES

In addition to the many things she did for the State Library, our Division and the Capital City Libraries, Karen Boddy was also the contact for Listen Alaska member libraries that had library card authentication issues.

The new contact for Listen Alaska card authentication issues is now Cate Burnstead of the Juneau Public Libraries. She can be reached by e-mail at CateB@juneau.lib.ak.us. This is a contact for library staff only. Patrons who have trouble accessing Listen Alaska should contact their local library for assistance. Only the communities listed at <http://listenalaska.lib.overdrive.com/116702E0-8556-4F6E-B298-C0722DC05249/10/413/en/Libraries.htm> have access to Listen Alaska.

Daniel Cornwall, Head of Technical and Information Services, and Karen's now-former supervisor regrets not passing along this change in authentication contacts sooner and apologizes for any inconvenience suffered as a result.

DIGITAL PIPELINE: BOOKS, NEWSPAPERS & BUSINESS

The Digital Pipeline got a bit wider with the addition of three new databases:

Book Collection: Nonfiction - Full text entries on core subject areas, as well as information on careers, health, sports, adventure, technology, life skills and more.

Newspaper Source Plus - More than 900 full-text newspapers, providing more than 36 million full-text articles. This resource includes the Alaska resources: Alaska Journal of Commerce, Alaska Oil & Gas Reporter and AP Regional State Report – Alaska, plus selected issues of the Anchorage Daily News back to 1997.

Small Business Reference Center - Offers a wide variety of information on small business and entrepreneurial subject areas, common business types, a help and advice section, and provides information on how to create business plans that lead to successful funding.

These join the databases available at <http://sled.alaska.edu/databases/home.html>. If you have a story of how the Digital Pipeline has helped you or a patron that you can share, we'd like to hear about it.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT LAM IN JUNEAU

- Culture and Commerce on the Waterfront:

The public is invited to an open house ON Friday, May 13 from 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m. at the Alaska State Library Historical Collections on the 8th floor of the State Office Building.

On display at the library will be: historic films, including footage from the whaler *Herman*, and clips of the wreck of the *Princess Kathleen*, early photographs of people engaged in economic and cultural activities on the waterfront, images of military and fishing vessels, canoes, bidarkas, and other boats in regional waters.

- Museum Day

Don't miss Juneau Museum Day, this Saturday May 14 from noon to 5 p.m. Free shuttle service, compliments of Holland America-Princess Tours, will provide transportation between the Alaska State Museum, Juneau Douglas City Museum, Last Chance Mining Museum, Aunt Claudia's Doll Museum, St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, the Canvas Art Studio, and the Maritime Festival at Marine Park. Free openings and activities are at every site.

Alaska State Museum Activities -noon to 5 p.m.:

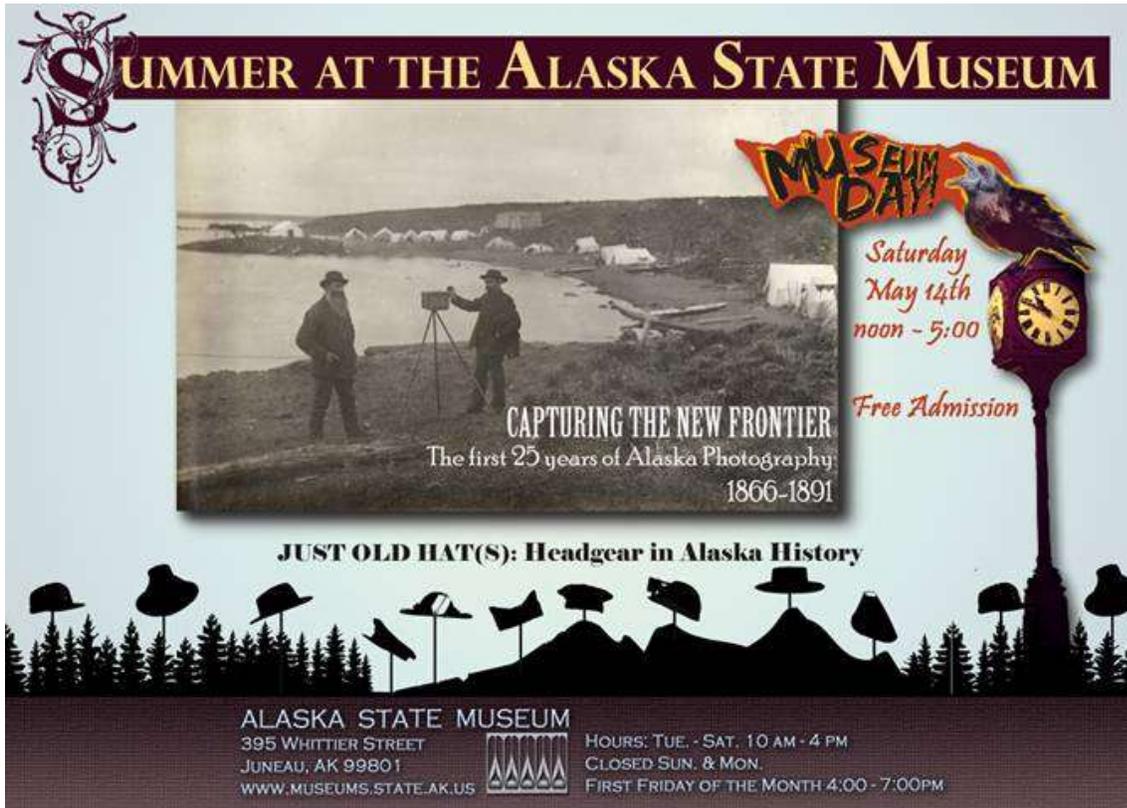
- **Opening of the summer exhibits
- **1-4 p.m. View Alaska shipwreck artifacts and learn about maritime preservation issues with Ellen Carrlee, conservator.
- **1:30 and 3:30 Showing on Science on a Sphere: Alaska Museum Day Film Project – video from museum around the state and Maritime Explorations.
- **Hat making for all ages – all day
- **Collodion photographic processing demonstration with Ron Klein (weather permitting.)

NEW EXHIBIT FOR ALASKA STATE ARCHIVES

The State Archives opened its first small exhibit in nearly two decades, a collaborative effort, April 30. Abby Focht, Larry Hibpshman and Linda Wynne of the State Archives designed the exhibit with support from Bob Banghart and other Alaska State Museum staff. **THE ROAD TO STATEHOOD** examines the ongoing Statehood concept from 1897 (yes! 1897!) through the present. Most items are drawn from State Archives collections; the State Archivist Dean Dawson lent a mint condition 1959 license plate, and the Office of the Governor lent a 6'X4' 49 star flag. You can see the exhibit through the end of the year. Then something new from State Archives holdings will replace it. Thanks to Larry Hibpshman for this item.

Are you in an Archives in Alaska with exhibits or news to share? Please drop a line to the Friday Bulletin. We would love to feature more Alaska archives news but need your help to do so.

TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS AT THE ALASKA STATE MUSEUMS



SUMMER AT THE ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

MUSEUM DAY
Saturday
May 14th
noon - 5:00
Free Admission

CAPTURING THE NEW FRONTIER
The first 25 years of Alaska Photography
1866-1891

JUST OLD HAT(S): Headgear in Alaska History

ALASKA STATE MUSEUM
395 WHITTIER STREET
JUNEAU, AK 99801
WWW.MUSEUMS.STATE.AK.US

 HOURS: TUE. - SAT. 10 AM - 4 PM
CLOSED SUN. & MON.
FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 4:00 - 7:00PM

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