

# FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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## **ALASKA OWL UPDATE**

This has been a good week with the Online With Libraries (OWL) project. We have been busy this week distributing OWL equipment lists to several of libraries. We expect to begin ordering some of this equipment next week. This is really good news, we will be contacting several more libraries over the next few weeks regarding equipment and video conferencing needs.

The OWL Advisory Board had a very productive meeting this week. We discussed the current status of the OWL project and how we plan to move forward over the next few months. The US Department of Commerce (USDC) requires us to provide some OWL and USDC signage in libraries where the equipment is being utilized. The advisory group gave some very valuable input on the most effective and efficient ways to use signage inside and outside of a library.

I wished I had something new to report on the status of our RFP for an internet service provider. We are still in the contest period, we hope to have some new develops on this issue around the end of June. Stay tuned....

Enjoy the holiday weekend and whatever you are doing, be smart and be safe.

Shane Southwick  
OWL Project Manager

## **ASL OUTREACH LIBRARIAN JOB CLOSES MAY 31, 2011**

The Alaska State Library is hiring for an Outreach Librarian. This is a full-time, entry-level position located in Juneau, open to Alaska residents. The recruitment period ends on Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at 5:00 pm Alaska time.

The Outreach Librarian:

- Promotes awareness of State Library services to state agency employees through direct contacts by mail, email, and phone;
- Coordinates and supports a small, professional team of highly motivated staff in library educational and other outreach activities for State employees and others;
- Provides reference and bibliographic services to state agency staff and to the public, including an average of 8-12 hours a week on our public reference desk;
- Keeps up to date on the latest marketing and promotion literature and passes on best practices to staff of the division of Libraries, Archives and Museums.

If these types of duties appeal to you, apply today!

For more information and to apply, go to Workplace Alaska at <http://workplace.alaska.gov/> and look for the Librarian I position.

We are an equal opportunity employer and support workplace diversity.

### **NEEDLEWORKS NIGHT AT THE SELDOVIA LIBRARY**

On May 9th, the Seldovia Public Library announced that starting May 16, 2011, Monday evenings would be “needlework night” at the Library from 6:30-8:30. From the announcement:

“Are you a novice? An expert? A winter resident or seasonal? Really, pretty much anyone is welcome to join us with their portable handwork projects for a this-isn't-a-”ssshhhhhh”-kind-of-library evening to help you find a break between your busy weekend and your busier week.”

The full announcement can be found at <http://seldovialibrary.wordpress.com/2011/05/09/needlework/>. If your library, archives or museum is hosting craft nights or other interesting recurring activities, we'd like to hear about it.

### **STAFF NEWS FROM NATIONAL ARCHIVES (ANCHORAGE)**

Bruce Parham of NARA Anchorage shared this news with the Alaska Archivists list that might be of broader interest:

“Robyn Dexter, Archivist, recently joined the staff at the National Archives in Anchorage. She is filling the vacancy created when Diana Kodiak retired last December.

Robyn is responsible for answering reference inquiries received in the reference e-mail box ([alaska.archives@nara.gov](mailto:alaska.archives@nara.gov)).

Robyn and her family relocated from Virginia where she worked as an archivist at the U.S. Army Women's Museum. She is currently enrolled in the San Jose State University Master's Degree Program in Library and Information Science and should receive her degree later this year.

Robyn can be reached at 907-261-7809 or e-mail at [robyn.dexter@nara.gov](mailto:robyn.dexter@nara.gov). ”

## **SHI REVIEWS PROJECT JUKEBOX**

In a post at the SHI Special Collections Research Center Blog, Zach Jones posts an informative article on UAF's Project Jukebox's Online Oral History Recordings. His perspective is on the usefulness of Project Jukebox recordings for educational value to Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian people. His positive evaluation can be viewed at <http://shispecialcollections.blogspot.com/2011/05/project-jukeboxs-online-oral-history.html>.

## **DIGITALLITERACY.GOV**

Recently, the US Department of Commerce launched DigitalLiteracy.gov, a gateway to materials, research, online learning tools and more to help librarians and educators access and share materials to use when training learners of all ages on topics such as information literacy, computer skills, digital literacies and more. Visit <http://www.digitalliteracy.gov/> to access the resource or read more about it from the ALA Washington Office's blog: <http://www.districtdispatch.org/2011/05/ala-collaborates-with-ntia-to-launch-enhance-digitalliteracy-gov/>.

## **USA WORKS @ YOUR LIBRARY**

Take a look at the bookmarks, postcards, and action plan that you can use to guide job seekers to your library at:

<http://ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/publicawareness/campaign@yourlibrary/njworks.cfm>

The bookmarks and postcards are printable and generic enough to use in any library. The action plan guides library staff through the steps you can take to reach job seekers and get them to the library for help finding jobs.

The New Jersey State Library developed this campaign with National Telecommunications and Information Administration grant funds. (Thanks to Pae Frederiksen for this item)

## **NEW BLOG: INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE**

Another newish federal blog of likely interest to Alaskans is the Indian Health Service Director's Corner, in production since January 2010. Recent blog entries have included:

SAMHSA: Recommendations for Media Reporting of Suicide  
OPM Announcement on IHCA Section 157, Access to Federal Insurance  
IHS Budget Update Webinar: Slides  
Consultation Update: Improving Contract Health Services

The blog can be found at <http://www.ihs.gov/PublicAffairs/DirCorner/index.cfm?module=blog>.

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