

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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GOOD NEWS FROM SUTTON.....

Nancy Bertels sent the following e-mail to our Library Development staff: “Wanted all of you to know that the Mat-Su Borough Assembly completed the funding for the Sutton Library/Community Resource building last night. Groundbreaking news soon!”

EXHIBIT: DIFFICULT JOURNEYS: EDUCATION IN THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

On June 2nd, station KUCB reported on a June 3, 2011 opening of a new exhibit at the Museum of the Aleutians titled Difficult Journeys: Education in the Aleutian Islands. The exhibit features a complete replica of a 1920s classroom. Work for the exhibit has taken three years. Learn more about the Museum of the Aleutians on their website at <http://www.aleutians.org/>.

Reference: Jacob Resnick. Aleutian Museum unveiling exhibit on education on the islands. <http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/kial/news.newsmain/article/1/0/1811014/Local.News/Aleutian.Museum.unveiling.exhibit.on.education.on.the.islands> OR tinyURL <http://tinyurl.com/3cj5gdq>

PRELIMINARY FINDINGS FROM FRIDAY BULLETIN SURVEY

We had 77 responses to our Friday Bulletin survey. We had enough responses from all three disciplines (libraries, archives and museums) that we believe we can draw some conclusions about what you’d like to see from this newsletter.

Here are some summary results for you (Rounding may cause percentages to not add up to 100%):

How would you like to see the Friday Bulletin sent out?

- 43% - Same way as it is now
- 12% - Plain text – no PDF attachment
- 15% - Plain text of headlines only with link to PDF on web
- 16% - Blog format
- 15% - Other (RSS Feed, Plain text with link to PDF, etc)

Do you find a three page Bulletin:

- 13% Too Long
- 1% Too Short
- 85% Just Right

Importance of types of news in the Bulletin:

According to the survey results for all respondents, the most important items in the Bulletin are:

- 1) News from Alaska's libraries, archives and museums
- 2) News from the Division
- 3) Grant or contest announcements

Museum staff put “grant or contest announcements” in first place. “Grants or contest announcements” failed to break the top three for archives workers. They’d rather see book or resource suggestions.

Backing up the numbers were comments suggesting that people had plenty of ways to follow national news in their field, but no easy way to track state developments and activities.

Where do we go from here? We’re going to comb through the several dozen comments you left for us and consider some alternatives. We think it is fair to say that in the next few months you will see a more Alaska focused newsletter that strives for greater brevity. Since a majority of you would prefer a different format but did not prefer a single alternative, we’ll be doing some additional thinking on this issue.

ALASKA NATIVE LANGUAGE RESOURCES

Here are a few online resources for Alaska Native Language Resources located by the Information Services staff of the Alaska State Library:

<http://www.ynlc.ca/index.html> - The Yukon Native Language Center provides a wide variety of resources for learning Native language. On their website are alphabets, storybooks, audio lessons, and overviews of languages such as Tlingit, Tagish, and Gwich'in.

<http://www.alaskool.org/language/languageindex.htm> - At Alaskool's Native Languages page you can download native language fonts, look at phrasebooks, and check out their online dictionaries.

http://www.sealaskaheritage.org/programs/language_resources.htm - From the website, “Sealaska Heritage Institute produces Native language curriculum and other education tools through its Language and Education Programs. The institute encourages students and teachers to use its online resources to perpetuate and revitalize Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian languages.”

<http://www.uaf.edu/anlc/resources/> - The Alaska Native Language Center has a number of online resources, including Comparative Yupik and Inuit, Dog Names in the Alaska Native Languages and Common Expressions in Alaska Native Languages.

AKLA 2012 CONFERENCE: FAIRBANKS, FEBRUARY 23-26

The Alaska Library Association (AkLA) 2012 Conference is scheduled to be held in Fairbanks, February 23-26, at the Westmark Hotel and Convention Center. Mark your calendars and give some thought to submitting a program proposal in the fall.

Right now the organizing committee is asking for suggestions for keynote, guest, and pre-conference speakers/presenters. Please forward your suggestions for your top notch picks to Susan Mitchell at: afsm1@uaa.alaska.edu Let's hear from you!

ASSOCIATION FOR RURAL AND SMALL LIBRARIES (ARSL) 2011

Registration continues for the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) 2011 Conference to be held September 8-11, in Frisco, Texas.

For conference information and registration, go to <http://www.arsl.info/annual-conference-awards-calendar/frisco-conference-2011/>.

The conference will bring together representatives from libraries across the nation to share resources and build a spirit of collaboration. The mission of ARSL, an affiliate of the American Library Association, is to provide a network of people and materials to support rural and small library staff, volunteers and trustees to integrate the library thoroughly with the life and work of the community it serves. Learn more at www.arsl.info.

Special session speakers (all terrific!) will include Linda Braun, a nationally-known library technology consultant; Gene Ambaum and Bill Barnes, creators of wildly popular Unshelved, the world's only library comic strip (www.unshelved.com); and Joe Bob Briggs, TV personality, drive-in movie critic, author and advocate of intellectual freedom (www.joebobbriggs.com).

Examples of workshops (there are many more) include Inside Tips for Grant Writing; Homework 411 for Teens; Cloud Computing; Programming for All Ages; Endowment Building; Recycling Books for Fun, Fashion & Profit; Trustee/Board Development; Summer Reading Programs; Developing Community Partnerships; Library Signage; Engaging Volunteers; Getting Non-Reading Teens Involved in YA Lit; Saks Services on a Dollar General Budget; Storytelling Programs for All Ages; Storytime Ideas; Troubleshooting Technology; and Adult Programs on a \$0 Budget.

If you have a question about registration, programs, schedule, hotel, volunteering, etc., send a note to arsl.conference@gmail.com.

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