

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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HELP US IMPROVE THE FRIDAY BULLETIN!

The intention of LAM's *Friday Bulletin* is provide news and information of interest to Alaska's libraries, archives and museums in a format convenient to our audience. We've also become aware that the current format may not be working well for our intended audiences.

So we've put together a six question survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FridayBulletin> that we think will take about five minutes to complete. It asks questions about the content and format of the Bulletin. It also gives you the chance to share your institutional social media outlets.

Your feedback is likely to change how the Friday Bulletin looks and is delivered. It can't happen without your feedback so please take a few minutes in the next few days to reply. This survey will close next Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 5pm.

NEW LOOK COMING FOR LAM.GOV JUNE 13TH

If you've used the divisionwide website of <http://www.lam.gov> to get a sampling of our Division's resources, stay tuned for a brand new look that will have an audience focus. This change is driven in part by new state Look and Feel requirements for state web pages. The new look will be official on June 13, 2011.

In our division the State Archives pages at archives.alaska.gov already match the new Look and Feel. The library and museum web sites will follow suit later this summer. If you have never used lam.alaska.gov before, wait till the 13th to check it out. Questions about and problems with any of the Division websites (lam.alaska.gov, library.alaska.gov, museums.alaska.gov and archives.alaska.gov) can be directed to interim webmaster Daniel Cornwall at Daniel.cornwall@alaska.gov.

KETCHIKAN BOOK REVIEW: FISHMONGER'S APPRENTICE

In a posting titled "Becoming a true Alaskan" At <http://ketchikanpubliclibrary.blogspot.com/2011/05/becoming-true-alaskan.html>, Ketchikan's Public Library's Rainbird Librarian reviews the book:

Green, Aliza, and Steve Legato. 2010. *The fishmonger's apprentice: the expert's guide to selecting, preparing, and cooking a world of seafood, taught by the masters*. Beverly, Mass: Quarry Books. OCLC record with review and preview options - <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/555625421>

ALASKA AVIATION MUSEUM'S NAVY SUBMARINE EXHIBIT

According to KTUU's Rhonda McBride, the Alaska Aviation Museum in Anchorage opened an exhibit on Memorial Day featuring the US Navy's USS Grunion. The submarine sank in the Aleutians in July, 1942 after firing on the Kana Maru. The fate of the sub was unknown until the three sons of the USS Grunion's Captain located its resting place off Kiksa Island.

Reference: McBride, Rhonda. Navy Submarine Exhibit at Alaska Aviation Museum. KTUU, <http://www.ktuu.com/news/ktuu-navy-submarine-exhibit-at-alaska-aviation-museum-20110530,0,2529413.story>

ADULT SUMMER READING AT JUNEAU PUBLIC LIBRARIES

In Juneau, Summer Reading Programs aren't just for kids anymore. The Juneau Public Libraries have started a program for adults that features online and in person elements. From the announcement:

"Join the Juneau Public Library Book Group on GoodReads. A Book Club with a new twist. As part of this year's adult summer reading program, we'll meet in person and in the GoodReads group forum. Consider it an experiment in combining social networks and book groups. Every time you review a book and add it to the "group shelf" or participate in a discussion you'll be eligible for a prize drawing. We'll also explore other social networks for readers; learn how to post book reviews and discussion on related topics to the Juneau Public Library Blog. We'll meet virtually to talk about the books we are reading (no specific books are assigned), follow tangents off to the corners of the world, play around with GoodReads, 39 Clues and other Social Media sites."

Reference: Juneau Public Library Blog. Adult Summer Reading Program (May 12, 2011), <http://juneaubookblog.wordpress.com/2011/05/12/adult-summer-reading-program/>

(Hat tip to Aja Razumny for this item.)

NATIONAL ACADEMIES PRESS FREE E-BOOKS

The National Academies Press (<http://www.nap.edu>) has produced a large number of interesting and important works over the years. On June 2, 2011, they made most of their entire catalog freely available as PDF file downloads. A few of the titles that might be of special interest to libraries, archives and museums are:

Engaging Privacy and Information Technology in a Digital Age (2007)

Health Literacy, eHealth, and Communication: Putting the Consumer First: Workshop Summary (2009)

(Sackler NAS Colloquium) Scientific Examination of Art: Modern Techniques in Conservation and Analysis (2005)

The National Academies Press also has materials on agriculture, behavioral and social sciences, biography and autobiography, biology and life sciences, computers and information technology, conflict and security issues, earth sciences, education, energy and energy conservation, engineering and technology, environment and environmental studies, food & nutrition, health and medicine, industry and labor, math, chemistry and physics, policy for science and technology, space and aeronautics and transportation and infrastructure. (Hat tip to Pae Frederiksen for this item.)

LIBRARY MAKEOVERS DRAW SENIORS

A May 16, 2011 AARP Bulletin article titled "Library Makeovers Draw Seniors" discusses the different ways that America's libraries have been drawing in more seniors. Sometimes by tapping their teen advisory boards. The article can be read at <http://www.aarp.org/personal-growth/life-long-learning/info-05-2011/library-makeovers-draw-seniors.html>. (Hat tip to Aja Razumny for this item.)

ONLINE LANGUAGE RESOURCES

Maeghan Kearney of the Alaska State Library recently came across the following language resources:

<http://www.word2word.com/> - Word 2 Word is a directory of free online language resources. This website has links to language trainings on YouTube, online dictionaries, and other language courses. Contains links to less commonly available languages. Resources are on outside webpages, so watch out for ads.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/> - The BBC is another great website for language courses. They have a 12 week beginner course and also will send you email updates and reminders, as well as links to foreign language television programs for practice. Less commonly available languages are listed together under an "other" section. Some of material on the "fun stuff" pages is not safe to view at work.

Plain text articles from previous editions of the Friday Bulletin can be found at http://www.eed.state.ak.us/temp_lam_pages/library/fb/home.cfm.

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