

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

ALASKA OWL SIGNS CONTRACT WITH GCI

We have some big news to report about the OWL Project. On July 1st we were told that the Administrative Law Judge who was presiding over the hearing regarding the protest of our RFP to secure an Internet Service Provider for the OWL project had made a decision. We were told that GCI was given the bid and we could go ahead and move forward with them as the ISP. After a very hectic week, we were able to negotiate our way to an agreement with GCI and late Friday afternoon we had contract signed and in place with. This is great news for the project; however it also means that we need to get things moving on this ASAP.

We have combed through each library and broken them out into three different areas. Those areas are Phase I, Phase II and libraries that currently have adequate bandwidth and do not need a broadband upgrade. Our immediate focus is on those libraries slated for Phase I of the project. Phase I libraries are scheduled to get their broadband increase this year, likely sometime this summer. The next step is for us to contact all of the libraries on the Phase I list and get solid confirmations that they are still committed to this project. We will have each library sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) so they each will know what to expect and as well as what is expected from them. It is very important each of the Phase I libraries sign the MOU and return it to Shane Southwick as quickly as they can after they receive it.

Thank you all again for your patience on this and feel free to contact Shane if you have any questions about the OWL project. He can be reached by phone at 907.269.4611 or by email at shane.southwick@alaska.gov.



The signers shown in the picture above are Sue Sherif, Head of Library Development for the Alaska State Library and Lewis Schnaper, VP of Business Initiatives at GCI.

ALASKA STATE LIBRARY IS RECRUITING FOR A LIBRARY ASSISTANT II

The Alaska State Library in Juneau is recruiting for a Periodicals Assistant. Working as a Library Assistant II, our Periodicals Assistant will coordinate work associated with the State Library's periodicals collection, manage one of our most important services for State employees and provide public services at our front desk. The recruitment closes on Friday July 29, 2011. To read the complete job posting and to apply, please go to <http://notes4.state.ak.us> and look for the Library Assistant II position.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

FINDINGS ON SERIAL USAGE FROM KETCHIKAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

As documented on their blog by the “Rainbird Librarian,” the Ketchikan Public Library (KPL) recently analyzed their magazine circulation statistics:

As part of my preparation for submitting my yearly magazine order, I've been looking at our circulation statistics. And, as usual, the results have been absolutely fascinating (for me at least...I'm a bibliometrics geek). The top 5 magazines for 2010 (based on average circulations per issue):

- *National Geographic* (17)
- *Military History* (15.2)
- *Guns & Ammo* (14.9)
- *Mother Earth News* (12)
- *Discover* (11.3)

A surprising finding from this same survey is that *Alaska Business Monthly* gets more checkouts per issue at KPL than *Sports Illustrated*.

Has your library looked at magazine/journal usage lately? Are you finding anything surprising? Let us know.

Source: “Input Please” Ketchikan Public Library Blog, June 25, 2011, <http://ketchikanpubliclibrary.blogspot.com/2011/06/input-please.html>

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