

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

ALASKA STATE MUSEUMS BULLETIN 43 NOW AVAILABLE

The Alaska State Museums has posted issue 43 to their bulletin blog at <http://museumbulletin.wordpress.com>. It's also available on the Bulletin archive page at <http://www.museums.state.ak.us/Bulletin/bulletin.html>.

Bulletin 43 features an article titled *Photography and Colonialism in North America: —Looking was not an Innocent Act* by Sorrel Goodwin, Alaska State Museum Registrar. It also has an intern report from Christa Pack, who worked with Ellen Carrlee on the new “What’s that white stuff?” internet resource available at <http://alaskawhitestuffid.wordpress.com>.

LIBRARY FY2012 CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT INFO

The Alaska State Library has posted FY2012 applications for their Continuing Education Grants at <http://library.state.ak.us/dev/grants.html#cegrant>. Here is an explanation of the program from the grants website:

In order to help public libraries meet the continuing education requirement for the Public Library Assistance Grant, the State Library encourages staff in public or combined school public libraries to apply for continuing education grants, an ongoing grant program that reimburses the cost of training. Every library director must attend at least 6 hours of training once every two years for their library to remain eligible for the public library assistance grant. Public libraries that are currently receiving the Public Library Assistance Grant program may apply for financial assistance for one event, conference, or course per fiscal year. The proposed CE opportunity must be approved in advance by the State Library Continuing Education Coordinator. Actual costs, not to exceed \$1,000, will be reimbursed.

AUGUST SLAM DESIGN STATUS REPORT POSTED TO BLOG

Our project design team for the proposed State Library, Archives and Museum building has posted their August status report to the project blog. To see what's been going on, visit <http://alaskalamp.blogspot.com/2011/08/design-team-status-report-august.html>.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

ALASKA MUSEUMS IN THE NEWS

The latest issue of the Alaska State Museums Bulletin featured news from the following museums in Alaska:

Museum of the North (Fairbanks)
Alutiiq Museum (Kodiak)
Samuel K. Fox Museum (Dillingham)
Anchorage Museum
Baranov Museum (Kodiak)

For details, see <http://museumbulletin.wordpress.com/2011/08/24/alaska-state-museums-bulletin-43/#6>.

UAF POSTS ROBERT L. BROWN PHOTOGRAPHS

According to the UAF Alaska and Polar Regions blog, another new collection has been posted to Alaska's Digital Archives. The Robert L. Brown Photographs (262 images) document construction of the Tanana River Bridge in Nenana, Alaska, during the summer of 1967, and flooding of the Nenana and Tanana Rivers in August 1967. For more information and links to photos, visit <http://library.uaf.edu/blogs/apr-news/archives/306>.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

IPHONE APP FOR ALASKA LEGISLATURE

The Legislative Affairs Agency recently released an iPhone app for the Alaska State Legislature. The app is called “Alaska State Legislature” and contains links to Alaska’s Legislators, meeting calendars, bill tracking, committee material, and streaming media. For more information about this app, visit <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/the-alaska-legislature/id449649208?mt=8>.

UW OFFERING SURVEY SOFTWARE FOR PILOT LIBRARIES

The University of Washington, with generous support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is extending the benefits of the 2009 U.S. IMPACT Study patron web survey by making it available to all public libraries to use in their own data collection, evaluation, and advocacy efforts. Through the survey website, public libraries will also benefit from new advocacy tools, including video instruction, to help them communicate the value of public access technology to policy makers.

The University is currently recruiting 400 – 600 library systems nationwide to participate in a pilot of the survey tool and supporting materials. Pilot libraries will receive support throughout their involvement and will be asked to provide feedback via survey. A sample of pilot libraries will be asked to participate in a follow-up interview. Participating libraries will begin their flexible 2- to 4-week survey fielding period by September 12, 2011.

To take advantage of this opportunity to evaluate and demonstrate the impact of providing public access technology services in your community, register your library for the pilot by creating an account at [impactsurvey.org](http://www.impactsurvey.org). For more information, visit <http://www.impactsurvey.org> or contact the survey coordinator at info@impactsurvey.org or 206.543.4324. (Copied from Washington State Library electronic newsletter August 25, 2011)

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