

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

STATE MUSEUM'S HENRIKSON MOUNTS PERMANENT EXHIBIT AT JUNEAU AIRPORT

Steve Henrikson, together with partner Janice Criswell, recently mounted an art exhibit in the new Juneau International Airport expansion highlighting the wildlife and artistic style of Southeast Alaska. The metal mobile features migrating or resident terns, geese, gulls, and mallards. You can read the complete article, and see images of the exhibit, at <http://juneauempire.com/art/2011-08-03/couple-creates-second-sky-airport#.TjxaPI28ees>.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

KODIAK'S ALUTIIQ MUSEUM HIGHLIGHTED BY NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

A reporter from National Geographic interviewed Alutiiq Museum executive director Sven Haakanson in Iceland at the Seventh International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences. The result is a lovely overview of the work the Alutiiq museum has been doing on documenting and preserving the local Alaska Native language and culture. This work has included both local efforts, such as recording local elders, and world-wide travel, collecting information about Kodiak artifacts from museums from across the globe.

Read the interview, or watch the video, at <http://newswatch.nationalgeographic.com/2011/08/01/for-alaskas-alutiiq-the-future-may-be-found-in-the-past/>.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONE WEEK LEFT TO GIVE IMLS FEEDBACK ON STRATEGIC PLAN

The Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is still taking comments on future directions for IMLS at <http://imls.ideascale.com>. This site allows users to share new ideas, vote to agree or disagree with other's ideas, and provide additional comments. IMLS will use this input to draft their next five year strategic plan. The site is open until August 12, 2011.

DO YOU HAVE A STORY?

Freya Anderson at the Alaska State Library is collecting stories about former Alaska State Librarian Dick Engen, who passed away last month in Oregon. All stories are welcome, but she is particularly interested in stories from his tenure at the State Library, and if they relate to library work, so much the better! As a taste, here's a story from Nancy Lesh:

Recently, the Kenai Community Library celebrated a grand opening for their new addition and renovation. Years ago, Dick Engen was in Kenai attending an earlier grand opening, for an earlier addition. Shortly before the celebration was due to start, everything was hectic, as such things often are, with people running to and fro, taking care of last minute setup and other tasks which had become last minute. Amid all the confusion, Dick Engen, known as the father of the Alaska Library Network, vacuumed the floor. According to Nancy, this showed how he was committed, enthusiastic, positive, and most of all, willing to jump in where needed to get things done.

If you have another story, or another perspective on this one, please contact Freya at freya.anderson@alaska.gov.

FREE ONLINE CONFERENCE ON LEARNING AND TRAINING, AUGUST 10-11

The American Library Association's Learning Round Table and WebJunction are sponsoring a free, online conference: Trends in Library Training and Learning: Developing Staff Skills for the 21st Century. Although geared toward library staff, much of the conference seems like it might be useful for staff of other cultural institutions as well, with sessions such as "Born to Forget: How to Survive and Thrive in the Age of Information Overload", "Happiness Through Personal Learning", and "Beyond 23 Things: Enhanced Self-Paced Training."

Each day has four hour-long sessions starting at 8 am Alaska time. There is also a brief welcome and orientation to WebEx each day before the start. For more information and to register, go to <http://www.webjunction.org/trends-training-learning/-/articles/content/118110080>.

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