

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

LEARN A LANGUAGE FROM YOUR DESKTOP

Have you wanted to learn a foreign language, but decided not to because you couldn't find a class or the class you did find was too expensive? Now you can learn that language you've dreamed of speaking!

The Alaska Library Network (ALN) has licensed Mango Languages statewide based on a recommendation of the Statewide Databases Committee. Mango is free for all Alaska residents, and offers a fast and convenient solution for our communities' increasing language-learning needs. Each lesson combines real life situations and audio from native speakers with simple, clear instructions. The courses are presented with an appreciation for cultural nuance and real-world application that integrates components of vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar and culture. Users learn actual conversation, breaking down complex conversational elements within an audio-visual framework that allows the user to draw important connections between pieces of information they have already learned.

Mango is available in two versions. One is Mango Complete, a course that is designed to provide a deep understanding of a language and its culture. It is available in 31 foreign language and 14 ESL courses. The second is Mango Basic, which teaches everyday greetings, gratitudes, goodbyes and helpful phrases in a short period of time and is designed to appeal to a beginner in a new language. The courses, which require only two to five hours of time to complete, are currently available in 34 foreign languages and 15 English as a Second Language (ESL) courses.

Mango is available on the Digital Pipeline at <http://sled.alaska.edu/databases/home.html> under Business & Career, Education, High School and A-Z resources. You can also directly access Mango from within Alaska at <http://libraries.mangolanguages.com/alaska/start>. Please report any problems with signing up for this resource to Daniel Cornwall at daniel.cornwall@alaska.gov.

Funding for Mango Languages is from an Interlibrary Cooperation grant from the Alaska State Library.

WE NEED A NEW DEPUTY – IS IT YOU?

Would you like to influence the direction of Alaska's State Library, State Archives, and State Museum Programs?

Do you have experience in managing libraries, museums, and/or archives?

Do you have experience planning and building a facility?

Are you an innovative and collaborative leader?

If so, consider applying for this job!

Supervised by the Director of the Division of State Libraries, Archives, and Museums, this position directs the state research library program in Juneau. This position has Division-wide and Statewide responsibilities, assisting the Director in planning, coordinating and executing fiscal and administrative policies and responsibilities for the Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums. In assisting the Director in overall development and execution of long-range management plans for the Division, this position provides innovative leadership and strategic planning.

The key responsibilities of the position include, but are not limited to:

- Works collaboratively to define and accomplish the mission and goals of the Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums.
- Assists the Director in all mission-critical tasks.
- Works with the Division staff to evaluate, coordinate, and improve services and programs as the Division plans for a new building.
- Provides leadership and strategic planning for the Division computing environment and services, and serves as liaison to the Department of Education and Early Development for information technology users and providers.
- Leads in investigation, development, and planning of use of technology for the future, including innovative and cooperative systems for delivery of information services. Takes the lead in statewide efforts involving information technology.
- Responsible for the State Library program in Juneau, the major state research library with historical and manuscript treasures and research services that support state government and lifelong learning.
- Evaluates and improves the operation of the State Library and its service to other library systems in the state, collaborating with Library Development when appropriate.
- Evaluates and improves the operation of the State Museums and its service to other museums in the state.
- Evaluates and improves the operation of the State Archives and Records Management program and its service to state government and other archives and records managers in the state.

For more about the Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums, visit our website at <http://lam.alaska.gov>.

Minimum Qualifications:

Master's degree from an accredited college in Library Science, Library and Information Science, Museology, Information and Records Management, or a closely related field;

AND

Four years of increasingly responsible professional library, museum, or archival experience, which includes at least one year with responsibility for either: 1) planning and directing the activities of a major section or specialized collection; or 2) providing expert consultation on management, services, and structures of libraries, museums, or archives.

To apply, visit <http://workplace.alaska.gov> and look for [Deputy Director of Libraries, Archives, and Museums](#). Position closes 10/11/2011 at 5 PM.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION RECORDINGS COMPLETE

As of this week, all of the recordings of Alaska's Constitutional Convention have been posted on the State Archives website at <http://archives.alaska.gov/audio/ConstConv/intro.html>.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

WARRIOR CARE BLOG

The Warrior Care Blog features information about medical services for active military and veterans. The blog is maintained by the Department of Defense's Office of Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Policy. The blog can be read at <http://warriorcare.dodlive.mil>. Recent entries have included:

- Wounded soldier building on 10 years of experience through Operation Warfighter internship
- Help Those Who Exemplify Selfless Service Receive Recognition for their Efforts
- New DoD Policy and Compensation for Catastrophically Wounded Warriors

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