

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

DEBBIE MCBRIDE (ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT)



I didn't aspire to work in a museum, so when this position became open in 2001 and I was hired, it seemed fortuitous. I feel extremely fortunate to be employed with the Alaska State Museum as Administrative Assistant to the Chief Curator. My role is supportive in nature, providing assistance to staff and section managers as needed. Some of my duties include responsibility for accounts receivable and payable, procurement, travel administration, financial monitoring and reporting, and I also serve on the museum's marketing committee.

Most of my earlier employment experience has been finance-related, so working in this division has opened new doors for me in terms of exposure to the arts and education. I have the utmost appreciation for the talents and expertise of my colleagues in all areas of the museum, and within the division. Occasionally I get the opportunity to foray into other areas of museum work, such as the time I was able to help with writing condition reports on objects. Part of that process involved examining the object in great detail – something I might not have otherwise

done if I was just visiting the museum. I also enjoy the occasional opportunities I get to work at the museum's front desk, welcoming visitors and answering questions. The visitors' enthusiasm for the museum and our state is always uplifting. It's great when a visitor enjoys the museum as much as I do.

HIBPSHMAN INTERVIEWED BY KMXT ON EVOS PROJECT

LAM Archivist Larry Hibpshman was recently interviewed by Kodiak radio station KMXT about the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Litigation Records Appraisal and Processing Project. The interview can be found at http://www.kmxt.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=3477&Itemid=2 and covers details about the project and some information about the project's advisory board.

For more about the project itself, visit <http://archives.alaska.gov/valdezProject.html>.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

ACCESS NEARLY 10,000 ANCHORAGE MUSEUM IMAGES ONLINE

Nearly 4,000 of the Anchorage Museum's historical images were added recently to Alaska's Digital Archives. Now researchers can find almost 10,000 of the museum's images online at <http://vilda.alaska.edu>.

The newly scanned images come from the Steve McCutcheon Collection (Alaska Native people, statehood, politics and villages), Sidney Hamilton Collection (roadhouses, train depots, and Southcentral Alaska scenery) and Redington Family Collection (Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race).

This project was funded in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act administered by the Alaska State Library, Alaska Community Foundation Anchorage Statehood Project, and Rasmuson Foundation.

MEGAN FRIEDEL EXPLORES HATCHER PASS SKIING

The records of the Alaska Pacific Consolidated Mining Company seem to be a gift that just keeps on giving for the bloggers at the UAA Consortium Library Archives & Special Collections section. Megan Friedel explores the history of skiing in Hatcher Pass in a January 4th post titled "The Hatcher Pass Ski Resort That Never Was" at <http://www.consortiumlibrary.org/blogs/archives/2012/01/04/the-hatcher-pass-ski-resort-that-never-was>. Here's what could have been, according to Megan:

The proposal calls for a 6,300-foot Riblet ski lift to be built from the road up the southern slope of the Hatcher Creek drainage to the top of Hatcher Pass itself (see the black line running diagonally up the mountain slope in the center of the photo). According to the proposal, the lift would have brought skiers to the top terminal at a rate of 990 skiers per hour and would have eventually connected with a chair lift or gondola from the Willow side of the pass. A base parking lot would have been built at the site of a former airstrip (where a parking lot does exist today), and a day lodge at the base area would have contained restaurant facilities, as well as apartments and dormitories for ski resort employees.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUR CHANCE TO COMMENT ON ALASKA ENGLISH AND MATH STANDARDS

We'd like to share the following message from our department's commissioner:

Dear Fellow Alaskans:

The Alaska Department of Education & Early Development has recognized the need to expand and improve our student standards in the core subjects of English language arts and mathematics. For the past two years, we have worked extensively with stakeholders statewide, from 56 communities rural and urban, to significantly increase our standards' rigor and to include all grades from kindergarten through high school.

We recognize the challenges that lie ahead for our students entering the workforce and the need to prepare them for that future. In an increasingly global economy, competition from around the country and the world for jobs even within Alaska has never been greater.

In recent years, universities and employers have increasingly expressed concern that too many of our graduates need remediation or do not have the requisite skills to enter the workforce. Alaska has compared poorly compared to other states in national tests. These new standards will set a trajectory of high expectations, providing our students the ability to meet their challenges head on and pursue lives and careers inside and out of Alaska.

In developing these new standards, we used the expertise of over 228 Alaskans and a consultant with national experience. Our goal was to develop Alaska standards that match or exceed the rigor of standards that are being adopted by states nationwide.

I am confident that these standards will prepare our students to be college ready and career ready. The standards set high expectations for students and for their futures. In aiming for these higher goals, districts and schools will continue to choose the best routes and strategies to meet students' needs and connect them to their learning. I look forward to seeing best practices modeled in a variety of strategies from immersion programs to theme-based approaches to traditional models.

The State Board of Education & Early Development has approved a period of public comment through May 12, 2012. During this period, we will disseminate the standards widely, hold meetings, and actively solicit comments. Your comments also can be given at www.eed.state.ak.us/regs/. Thank you for your interest in Alaska's students.

Sincerely,

Mike Hanley
Commissioner

The proposed standards and related frequently asked questions about them are available at <http://www.eed.state.ak.us/standfaqs.html>.

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