

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

FIVE-YEAR EVALUATION OF STATE LIBRARY LSTA PLAN PUBLISHED

We are pleased to announce the publication of the Five-Year Evaluation document of the 2008-2012 Alaska State Library’s Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) State Plan.

The federal LSTA program, using the Alaska Five-Year Plan, provides nearly \$1 million annually to Alaska. These funds are essential to maintain the Alaska State Library’s high level of excellence in serving libraries and library patrons throughout the State. ASL uses LSTA funds, along with state funds, to support statewide services, the Interlibrary Cooperation competitive grant program and continuing education grants. The funds leverage local, in-kind, partner and state resources to enhance library services for Alaskans.

The evaluation document describes LSTA-funded projects, looks at projects to see how successfully goals were met, analyzes reports for problems encountered, and makes recommendations for future action. The document will be used by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to evaluate the Alaska program, and will be used by State Library staff as they, with the Governor’s Advisory Council on Libraries, plan and write the LSTA State Plan for 2013-2018.

The State Library staff would like to thank Ann Myren and Cecily Stern, authors of the evaluation, for their detailed work in writing this evaluation and for their thoughtful recommendations. The plan can be found online at http://library.state.ak.us/pdf/anc/LSTAEvaluationReport_1_22.pdf.

“A KLONDIKE TALE” STATE MUSEUM EXHIBIT NOW ONLINE

Averyl Veliz’s solo exhibit, “A Klondike Tale” recently finished its run at the Alaska State Museum in Juneau. But you can still check out the art, including the nifty exhibit poster, because it’s the newest edition to the Alaska State Museum’s online exhibits! Find her colorful images, description of the story they tell, and accompanying objects from the State Museum collections, at http://www.museums.state.ak.us/online_exhibits/averyl.html.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

OWL NEWS: COOPER LANDING HOLDS 1ST ALASKAN VIRTUAL/COMMUNITY LAUNCH PARTY

A big congratulations to Kay Thomas and the Cooper Landing library family. They were the first library in the state to hold their OWL project community launch event. There was a ribbon cutting ceremony to help kick off the event as well as celebrate the progress of the OWL Project. There was an excellent turnout despite the cold temperature. There was great food and fun for everybody who attended. Shane Southwick and Valerie Oliver were able to join the event from Anchorage and Linda Thibodeau and Aja Razumny participated from Fairbanks using the new OWL videoconferencing network. The Cooper Landing community launch is the first of what we anticipate to be many successful similar events in communities all around the state. Keep your eyes and ears open your library may be next!!



Hat tip to Shane Southwick of the OWL team.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENATOR MURKOWSKI SOLICITING REQUESTS FOR BOOK DONATIONS

Karen McCarthy, from Senator Murkowski’s office, writes:

The joy of reading, once found, is never lost. Finding adventure, inspiration, and even friends within the pages of a book is one of the most wonderful experiences one can have, whether as a child or an adult. For this reason, Senator Murkowski has, since 2009, donated more than 6,000 new and gently used books to schools, libraries, and other non-profit agencies across Alaska through the Library of Congress’s Surplus Book Program. These donations have included classic literature, young children’s storybooks, teen fiction, biographies, and appropriate non-fiction books on science, geography, social science, and other topics. Where appropriate, Senator Murkowski is also able to donate fiction and non-fiction books for adult readers. She has enjoyed knowing that the positive impact of high quality literature is reaching children and adults who might not otherwise have an opportunity to access many books in their community.

Senator Murkowski is again soliciting requests for book donations. If your classroom, school, early childhood education program, library, or literacy program needs books, please contact me at karen_mccarthy@murkowski.senate.gov with the following information:

1. name;
2. title;
3. organization;
4. mailing address; and
5. the types of books that would be helpful to you.

Requests will be filled in the order in which they were received unless there is a specific event for which the books are needed. We are generally able to fill two to three requests per month.

EARLYBIRD REGISTRATION FOR AkLA CONFERENCE ENDS TODAY

Today is your last chance to save by taking advantage of early registration for the 2012 Alaska Library Association conference in Fairbanks. After January 27, registration will cost more. Some invited speakers include: Ishmael Hope, a fantastic storyteller from Juneau, speaking at the conference dinner; Nancy Warren, covering internet searching and privacy; Heather Higgins, speaking on brain research; and award-winning writer of non-fiction and mysteries, Sneed B. Collard III, presenting at the ever-popular Authors to Alaska luncheon. This year's speakers look fascinating, but best of all is the opportunity to connect with Alaskan library folk. If you haven't been to an AkLA conference before, this is the year to start. AkLA now has a New Members Round Table (NMRT), which should make it even easier to get involved. For more information about the conference and to register, see <http://www.akla.org/fairbanks2012/index.php>.

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