

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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SCHOOL STANDARDS LESSONS RESOURCES

The Alaska Department of Education & Early Development recently adopted new standards in English/Language Arts and Mathematics which can be found at <http://education.alaska.gov/tls/assessment/GLEHome.html>. These standards are similar in content to the national Common Core State Standards.

Materials to support the Common Core standards are now available from the Library of Congress at <http://www.loc.gov/teachers>. Here you will find hundreds of Library of Congress lesson plans, primary source sets, presentations and more—all based on authentic primary sources from the Library's online collections. Materials can be searched by standard. For more news and ways to use the Library of Congress in your library and classroom, check out the Library of Congress Teacher's blog at <http://blogs.loc.gov/teachers/>.

EBSCO MOBILE SITE OFFERS EXTENDED CAPABILITY

After last week's item on mobile apps for EBSCO, we heard from Lisa Dennis, an EBSCO training specialist. She sent us information on EBSCO's recent improvements to their mobile site. With EBSCOhost mobile 2.0, users now have more features and functionality than with the current iPhone and Android apps. Users with mobile devices accessing EBSCO databases from the Digital Pipeline will be routed to the appropriate interface automatically. For more information, check out one of the FAQs below:

What is EBSCOhost Mobile 2.0?

http://support.epnet.com/knowledge_base/detail.php?id=6037

What is the difference between the EBSCOhost Mobile profile and EBSCOhost Mobile 2.0?

http://support.ebsco.com/knowledge_base/detail.php?topic=996&id=6036&page=1

EBSCOhost Mobile Frequently Asked Questions

http://support.ebsco.com/knowledge_base/detail.php?topic=996&id=4431&page=1

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

REEL LIFE ALASKA FILM FEST FROM UAA

Megan Friedel provides an account of the third Archives Month event held by the UAA & Special Collections: Reel Life Alaska at <http://www.consortiumlibrary.org/blogs/archives/2012/10/22/reel-life-alaska-the-re-cap/>. According to Megan:

The movies dated from 1926 to 1959 and included a few silent gems, which I valiantly attempted to narrate. Arlene made perfectly-popped bags of popcorn for the audience, while Mariecris played A/V technician, queuing up the films and acting as the evening's photographer.

Sounds like fun! What else have people done for Archives month?

HOMER BOOK REVIEW: VISIT SUNNY CHERNOBYL

A number of libraries, including Homer Public Library, publish online reviews of books and other materials. David Bernard recently reviewed a rarity – a non-fiction book that is laugh out loud funny. For a read on how a title like "Visit Sunny Chernobyl" could elicit laughter rather than tears go visit <http://homerpubliclibrary.wordpress.com/2012/10/19/book-review-visit-sunny-chernobyl/>.

If you're proud of an item that appears on the blog of your library, archives or museum, we would like to hear from you.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATE ON SLED AND THE DIGITAL PIPELINE

Statewide Databases Committee chair Steve Rollins requested the following announcement be placed in the Friday Bulletin:

By now you are probably aware of the two new resources available on SLED and the Digital Pipeline (<http://sled.alaska.edu/databases>). Thanks to the Alaska State Library and the Alaska Library Network, all residents of the state have access to BrainPOP and Teen Health and Wellness. BrainPOP was funded by an ILC grant while a grant from the National Library of Medicine paid for the first year for Teen Health and Wellness.

Besides these new resources, the Alaska Library Network is working “behind the scenes” to improve access to the Digital Pipeline resources. ALN has licensed the EZproxy software hosted at OCLC, which should streamline the process of accessing the statewide resources.

Why EZproxy? Well, the short answer is that our old system for accessing resources available only to Alaska residents was starting to break down. The old system of authenticating Alaska residents by their local computer network addresses and by using different passwords for different resources was becoming too cumbersome and too complicated. Mango Languages did not support passwords at all leaving many users without access to this resource. The increased use of mobile devices, wireless networks, and frequent changes in network addresses all compounded the situation. EZproxy will be used to authenticate Alaska residents supplementing the current table of instate computer network addresses. It should be much clearer when a password is needed to access the Digital Pipeline resources and how to obtain the login information.

If you need any help in accessing the Digital Pipeline resources or if you have any questions, please send an email using this link

<http://alaskalibrarynetwork.org/get-help/>

Finally and most importantly, I want to thank Daniel Cornwall, Alaska State Library, and Lisa Smith, UAF, for their work in implementing this new option for authentication. The Digital Pipeline would not be where it is today without the many hours that they devoted to our statewide program.

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ComScore, an internet analytics company recently estimated that mobile phones and tablets accounted for a combined 13.3 percent of total Internet page views in August 2012, nearly doubling their share of traffic since 2011. For more, visit <http://www.comscore.com/2012/10/mobile-phones-and-tablets-now-account-for-1-in-8-u-s-internet-page-views>. For more about ComScore itself, see their company profile on Business Source Premier at <http://tinyurl.com/EBSCOcomscore>.

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