

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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After years of planning, construction will begin for the new building that will hold all of the Juneau-based staff and collections of the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums. A few key facts about our path forward:

Construction Plan

- Phase 2 is awarded. Phase 2 includes the construction of the Vault, transfer of objects to the Vault, demolition of the existing Museum and construction of the remaining planned building exterior envelop.
- Phase 3 is negotiated and the price, as negotiated, is guaranteed by PCL Construction through July 31, 2013. Phase 3 is the remaining project, all in, for a turnkey building ready for occupancy.

Construction Dates.

- Contract Award – Sept 2012
- Construction on Site – December 3, 2012
- Groundbreaking Ceremony – January 2013 date TBD
- Museum Closure/Transfer of Objects: Feb 28 – May 1, 2014
- Division Planned Occupancy New Building: January 15, 2016
- Overall Project Completion Date: April 18, 2016

Funding Plan.

- Current funding through FY13: \$81.45M
- Remaining need: \$50M

Project Information for the Public

- **Airport Lobby exhibit.** A 3D model of SLAM is scheduled to be installed in the Juneau Airport.
- **White paper and other information** updates will reflect our new schedule and funding milestones.

We are excited to be moving from the realm of design into construction!

NEWS FROM OWL SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT

On September 20 and 21 the Alaska OWL Project brought together librarians, community leaders and statewide and national dignitaries for a project Sustainability Summit at the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage.

The first day of the summit was focused on high speed broadband and the critical role it plays in community libraries. The day one speakers included: John Windhausen, Director of the Schools, Health, Libraries, Broadband Coalition from Washington D.C.; Larra Clark, Director, Program on Networks & Associate Director, Program on America's Libraries for the 21st Century; and Bill Popp, Chairman of the Alaska Broadband Task Force. Day one highlights included a letter from Senator Lisa Murkowski and a video from Senator Mark Begich supporting the OWL Project and its mission. Amy Marshall, the librarian from Craig, Alaska was also recognized for her outstanding work on the OWL Project.

Day two of the summit was for the OWL librarians only. It was a role up your sleeves and get to work kind of a day focusing on ideas to help sustain the OWL Project. The librarians broke into 8 groups with each group assigned a topic from the OWL project objectives. The purpose of the group activity was to discuss the assigned topic and generate discussion on how important that particular topic was to individual communities and how to generate funds to make this area sustainable. The exercise resulted in

several excellent ideas which will be further researched by the OWL staff. Day two also recognized Kay Thomas of the Cooper Landing library for having the first community launch event in her library. You can go to the OWL Project website <http://www.library.alaska.gov/dev/owl.html> or the OWL Facebook Page – linked from the project page -- to learn more about the Summit. Here are some pictures from the summit:



For more, visit the Facebook page.

MOBILE SURVEY EXTENDED

A problem with the AkLA-L resulted in the Friday Bulletin being delivered two days before the original close of the survey. Therefore we are extending the survey to all until next Wednesday, October 10th at 4:30pm. Please take the three question survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TX8DM8H>.

TECH TIP: CREATING A DEEP LINK TO A PDF FILE ON THE WEB

Did you know you can create URLs to a specific page in a PDF file? All you need to do is add “#page=SomePageNumber” after “.pdf” in a URL, like this example:

<http://history.nasa.gov/AAchronologies/1969.pdf#page=203> (Listing of air and space events in July 1969, the month of the first manned Moon landing.)

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

SHI RELEASES CURRICULUM ON ALASKA NATIVE HISTORY, LAND CLAIMS

Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI) has produced a three-volume set of materials to teach Alaska Native history and to help address a need for curriculum on Native studies.

The curriculum, developed for grades six to eight, examines Alaska Native history from their worldview of creation through modern times and includes an extensive exploration of the landmark Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA).

In addition to teaching Alaska Native history, the materials are designed to teach vocabulary words. The curriculum is based on Alaska performance standards and was developed by Jim MacDiarmid, Ryan Hamilton and Joshua Ream with input from Alaska Native language specialists. The project was funded through a multi-year, \$1,690,100 federal grant from the Alaska Native Education Program.

SHI plans to mail copies of the materials to school districts in Southeast Alaska. The curriculum also is available online at

http://www.sealaskaheritage.org/programs/language_and_culture_curriculum_social_studies_middle_school.htm. Other units on math, science and Alaska Native languages will also be available later this year.

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Should you, your patrons, teachers or students still need resources related to the upcoming national election next month, point your mouse to the Election Spotlight from BrainPop at <http://www.brainpop.com/spotlight/election/>. This site features videos on political party origins, voting, branches of government, women's suffrage and more. The Spotlight also features a quiz, lesson plans and election themed games such as Budget Hero and Win the White House.

If you are asked for a password to get into BrainPop, call 800-440-2919. Then use the Alaska Library Network (ALN) help form at <http://alaskalibrarynetwork.org/get-help/> to see if the Digital Pipeline folks can find you a no-password solution.

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