

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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ENHANCED SUBJECT ACCESS TO TERRITORIAL GOVERNOR CORRESPONDENCE

The Alaska State Archives recently upgraded their collection of Territorial Governors' letterpress books 1884-1919 with a partial subject index. The subject guide collects the individual letterpress book indexes and links to interesting groups of unindexed records. Some of the available topics include:

- Alcohol
- Employment Opportunities
- Governor's Mansion, Construction of
- Libraries and Museums
- Schools
- World War I (large amount of local draft board material)

The digitized letterpress books can be viewed at http://archives.alaska.gov/gov_letterpress/index.html.

For questions about using the materials on this page please contact Chris Hieb (chris.hieb@alaska.gov) or Daniel Cornwall (daniel.cornwall@alaska.gov).

GUIDE TO ADOBE PHOTOSHOP AVAILABLE

The Division's Technical and Imaging Services (TIS) section has produced a LibGuide to Adobe Photoshop 5 that is now available at <http://lam.alaska.gov/photoshop>. The guide contains links to videos, Listen Alaska + books and more. We are grateful to Robert Ladd of the Health Sciences Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, whose guide provided the lion's share of information provided in this LibGuide.

GUIDES FOR WINDOWS 7 AND MS WORD NOW INCLUDE ASSESSMENTS

The TIS produced LibGuides for Windows 7 and MS Word now link to their respective assessments from the Northstar Digital Literacy Project. Consider having your staff and patrons take a 10-15 minute skills assessment that will result in a personalized list of strengths in software and a list of areas for improvement. The Windows 7 guide is found at <http://lam.alaska.gov/Windows7>. The guide for MS Word can be found at <http://lam.alaska.gov/word>. If you are aware of assessment tests for other software, please drop us a line.

ALASKA STATE LIBRARY CELEBRATES FIRST FRIDAY WITH WEIMER PAINTINGS

The Alaska State Library, located on the 8th floor of the State Office Building in Juneau, is hosting a First Friday reception on December 7th from 4:30 to 6 pm for Juneau artist Arnie Weimer. His artwork explores Juneau's urban landscapes in a variety of styles and mediums.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

ALASKA LIBRARY NETWORK DIRECTOR HAILS DIGITAL PIPELINE CHAMPIONS

The Alaska Library Network (ALN) recently recognized a stellar group of Digital Pipeline Champions. This last year has been a significant period for the Digital Pipeline (sled.alaska.edu/databases) with the addition of two new statewide databases, Teen Health & Wellness and BrainPOP, and with launch of the new EZProxy service. The credit for these recent developments goes to the School Library K12 Database Trials committee headed by Robin Turk, Steve Rollins and Daniel Cornwall.

The School Library K12 Database Trials committee members, Robin Turk (Mat-Su and Past AkASL President), Katie Sanders (Fairbanks), Ann Morgester (Anchorage) and Jacque Peterson (State Library), conducted a rigorous, systematic search in early 2012 for outstanding, statewide databases for the K12 community which led to the acquisition of BrainPOP and Teen Health & Wellness, two resources that will serve the learning and information needs of Alaska's children in the years to come.

As a Digital Pipeline Champion of long-standing, Steve Rollins (UAA and ALN Board Treasurer) has worked on the management, funding, coordination and promotion of the statewide database program for well over a decade for the collective good. Thanks to his vision, financial acumen and efforts, the Digital

Pipeline has been further enhanced in 2012 by the addition of new databases and a proxy server for more seamless authentication.

Daniel Cornwall (State Library) has worked tirelessly over the years on many aspects of the Digital Pipeline. His role as the “fix-it-man,” often behind the scenes, for all manner of authentication and technical problems is especially noteworthy. When new databases and services such as Teen Health & Wellness and BrainPOP are introduced, he helps enumerable library staff and patrons successfully troubleshoot, access and use the resources on the Digital Pipeline.

The Alaska Library Network recognizes that the success of statewide programs such as the Digital Pipeline is the work of many hands. ALN particularly wishes to acknowledge these champions, who have gone above and beyond to create benefits for Alaskan libraries and their users.

NEW WEBPAGES FOR DIGITAL PIPELINE URLS AND TECH INFORMATION

Daniel Cornwall of the Technical and Imaging Services section of the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums has created two new pages of helpful tips and information for the Digital Pipeline (<http://sled.alaska.edu/databases/>) on the Alaska Library Network website. The first provides instructions for libraries who want to create “direct URLs” to specific databases and resources on their own webpages. Direct links are a great way to promote the Digital Pipeline and effortlessly direct students and other library users to key information resources. For instructions on how to **Link to DP databases from your own website**, please go to:

<http://alaskalibrarynetwork.org/services/products-services/put-digital-pipeline-databases-on-your-own-website/>

The second page contains information for IT and other technical staff on using the Digital Pipeline with filtering software or firewalls. For the **Insanely Techy Stuff** page, please go to:

<http://alaskalibrarynetwork.org/services/products-services/digital-pipeline-insanely-techy-stuff/>

If you have any further questions about URLs, other information listed on the new pages or problems in general using or accessing the Digital Pipeline, please do not hesitate to use the help form for further assistance:

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

PODCASTS FROM JUNEAU PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The Juneau Public Library blog recently posted two author podcasts:

Mary Doria Russell - “What Went Right in Italy” (World War II History with humor.)

<http://juneabookblog.wordpress.com/2012/11/27/mary-doria-russell-podcast/>

Pete Griffin (Nature based story telling)

<http://juneabookblog.wordpress.com/2012/11/20/pete-griffin-podcast/>

Does your library, archives or museum have a podcast or webcast you’d like to see highlighted on the Friday Bulletin? Send us the URL to your event.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

GET HELP PAYING YOUR HOME HEATING BILLS THIS WINTER

If you can't afford to pay your winter heating bill, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) may be able to help with:

- Home energy bills
- Energy crisis
- Weatherization and energy-related home repairs

Assistance is available to low-income families who spend a large portion of income on home heating and cooling.

Contact your state or Indian tribe or tribal organization agency for eligibility requirements and to apply. For help applying, you can also call 1.866.NRG.NEAR (674.6327). In Alaska, our program is called Heating Assistance Program (HAP) and has a web page at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/hap/default.aspx>. Contact information for Alaska's tribal based LIHEAP programs can be found at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/hap/tribal.aspx>.

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