

# FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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## NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

### HOLIDAY CLOSURES IN THE DIVISION

The Alaska State Museum will be closed to the public on Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, 2012, and on New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2013.

Temporary exhibits on display at the museum include a solo artist exhibit by Alaska science illustrator Kristin Link entitled Notes from Nature, A Naturalist-Artist in Alaska's Wilderness, Coastal Impressions: A Photographic Journey Along Alaska's Gulf Coast – an exhibit sponsored by the Cook Inlet RCAC and developed in partnership with NOAA consisting of images from a geological survey of Alaska's coastal zones and Alaska Positive 2012 – the museum's biennial juried photography exhibit.

Alaska Positive will be on display through January 5, 2013. The Notes from Nature and the Coastal Impressions exhibits will be up through January 12, 2012.

During the weeks of the Christmas and New Year holidays, the museum will be open from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Discounted winter admission is \$3. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs by contacting Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

Joining the State Museums in their closure will be the Alaska State Library and the Alaska State Archives.

## **NO LIVE HOMEWORK HELP FOR CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEAR'S**

As a reminder, Tutor.com's live tutoring service will be closed on Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, January 1, to allow our tutors and staff time to celebrate with their loved ones. The live service will close at 12:00 a.m. ET and will resume normal hours the following day (Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>). Access to the SkillsCenter™ Resource Library and previous sessions through individual accounts will still be available during this time. Tutor.com service is also closed each year on Thanksgiving and July Fourth.

Please note that Tutor.com's offices will also be closed on Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **ARCHIVED OWL VIDEOCONFERENCES NOW AVAILABLE FOR PLAYBACK**

Recordings from selected OWL network videoconferences are now available from <http://library.alaska.gov/dev/owlArchives.html> and from the main OWL page. Initial offerings include:

- Grant Writing Resources, December 13, 2012
- All Things OWL, October 17, 2012
- Ann Dixon Author Visit, July 25, 2012
- To Infinity and Beyond - Seeing the Universe and More!, July 23, 2012

Whether an OWL videoconference is recorded depends on copyright and licensing issues, the nature of the event and the desires of the initiating institutions.

## **NOT EVERYTHING IS FREE IN BRAINPOP**

We were recently contacted by someone trying to play the game “Crazy Plant Shop” at BrainPop’s GameUp area and who could only play a demo level. After the demo they were offered a chance to buy a subscription to the game.

After checking with BrainPop, we verified that most of the games in the GameUp area are created by third party vendors and not covered by our subscription. Games produced by BrainPop itself are freely playable. The maker of the game is shown in the description.

## **NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA**

## **ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST HISTORY PROJECT JUKEBOX**

The Oral History Program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (The Trust) are proud to announce the completion of the Alaska Mental Health Trust History Project Jukebox, available online at <http://jukebox.uaf.edu/mentalhealth>. This project includes interviews with twenty-nine individuals talking about the history of mental health services in Alaska ranging from the early days when people were sent to Morningside Hospital in Oregon, the legal battle and settlement over the management of the state's mental health trust program, and changes in the delivery of mental health services through time. Themes discussed include: litigation and settlement; land selection and valuation; Morningside Hospital; psychiatry in Alaska; understanding mental illness; advocacy for Alaska's mentally ill; Harborview Developmental Center in Valdez; Alaska Psychiatric Institute in Anchorage; and creation of The Trust.

For more about this new UAF project, visit their blog announcement at <http://library.uaf.edu/blogs/apr-news/archives/690>.

To view some letters concerning the transportation of Alaskans judged insane during 1900-1905, visit [http://archives.alaska.gov/pdfs/gov\\_letterpress/10974\\_Part4.pdf#Page=23](http://archives.alaska.gov/pdfs/gov_letterpress/10974_Part4.pdf#Page=23). This link will open up a PDF file. If you are not taken to page 23, a letter concerning the commitment of a convict who had served his criminal sentence, move to page 23.

These letters are part of the Alaska State Archives digitized collection of Territorial Governors' Pressbooks. The available pressbooks can be found at [http://archives.alaska.gov/gov\\_letterpress/index.html](http://archives.alaska.gov/gov_letterpress/index.html).

## **NO OWL VIDEOCONFERENCES NEXT WEEK**

The OWL Videoconference Network will be closed for Christmas break from 12/24/2012 to 1/1/2013. No events will be held that week.

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **LIBRARY STAFF WANTED FOR PEW SURVEY**

This has already been shared on AkLA-L, but we would be really, really grateful if you could fill out the survey below sometime today or this weekend. Now for the plea from ALA's Office for Information Technology Policy:

As you may know, the Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project is in the midst of a multi-year study exploring the changing role of libraries in the digital age, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Our major report on "Libraries, Patrons, and E-books" was enriched by many fascinating insights from the online panels that so many librarians participated in. (That report and many others are available online at a special section of our website at <http://libraries.pewinternet.org>.) We are now in the midst of the next phase of our research, and we need your help!

Our current phase of research explores the experiences and expectations of library users—how they use their libraries, what services they utilize the most, and what resources they wish their libraries offered. We've already completed a nationally representative phone survey of Americans 16 and older about their

library habits, but we are also fielding a purely qualitative online questionnaire targeted at library staff members in order to provide more context about how libraries make decisions about services and programming.

This questionnaire is for any and all staff members at public libraries. It briefly discusses various types of services and resources, and invites you to share your thoughts about the current (and future) state of libraries. The questionnaire is available at: <http://libraries.pewinternet.org/participate/survey/library-services>

To log in, please use your preferred email address as your username and PEWLIBS for the password.

Depending on the length of your answers, the survey should take about 10-20 minutes to complete; please feel free to skip any questions that you do not feel able to answer. The questionnaire will be available until Sunday, December 23rd.

All responses will be confidential, although your answers may be quoted anonymously in a series of reports in early 2013. If you have any questions, please contact Kathryn Zickuhr at [kzickuhr@pewinternet.org](mailto:kzickuhr@pewinternet.org). We know that this is a busy time of year, and would greatly appreciate your time and assistance.

Thank you!

### **31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST – DEADLINE 2/12/2012**

The University of Alaska Anchorage and Anchorage Daily News Creative Writing Contest is now accepting entries. Presented in partnership with the Alaska Center for the Book, this long-running statewide contest offers a wonderful opportunity to recognize new writers.

Winning entries will be awarded cash prizes, announced in the Anchorage Daily News and selected entries will be published in the Anchorage Daily News and posted on LitSite Alaska (<http://LitSite.org>).

The deadline for submission is February 12, 2013. Contestants may enter one work of fiction (not to exceed 5,000 words), one work of nonfiction (not to exceed 5,000 words), and three poems. A contestant may enter all categories in their age group – Grades K-2, 3-6, 7-9, 10-12 or adult Alaska residents.

Entries must be submitted electronically. For full prize listings, contest rules and information on how to submit entries visit: <http://www.adn.com/creativewritingcontest>.

Questions can be emailed to [creativewritingcontest@adn.com](mailto:creativewritingcontest@adn.com).

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