

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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We get questions from libraries, archives and museums about 3D printers, augmented reality and more. Some of this stuff is in use already; others appear to be several years away from general use. We decided to put our collected resources in these areas into a single place – our new “emerging technologies” guide at <http://lam.alaska.gov/emergingtech>. So far we have articles and links on 3D printers, other “maker technology” and augmented reality. We encourage you to visit the guide, leave comments and suggest new resources or areas to consider. We’d love to hear from you if your library, archives or museum is actually using one of these pieces of emerging technology.

TECH TIP: CHECK THOSE CABLES!

Life gets very frustrating when a computer screen goes blank, you lose internet access or can't print any more.

Sometimes life isn't as bad as you think. It's just a matter of having tight cables. If you've been cruising along all morning without issues, you might have knocked a cable loose with your foot. Several people we know, including our head of Technical and Imaging Services, have made this unconscious mistake.

The next time your computer screen won't light up or everyone but you has internet, try making all of your cables snug. You might find instant relief.

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE: DIGITAL LEARNING DAY IS FEBRUARY 6, 2013

The Alaska State Library challenges Alaska libraries to participate in Digital Learning Day, a national campaign celebrating the successful integration of technology instruction in schools and libraries. Digital technologies are transforming education and libraries are helping create digitally literate communities through program offerings, access to digital devices and instruction. Your library can participate in this nationwide celebration by signing up at the Digital Learning Day website <http://www.digitallearningday.org/> and planning a digital learning activity in your library on February 6, 2013. The Alaska State Library will be scheduling a series of OWL video conferences on February 6, so Alaska libraries can share with one another their planned digital learning events.

Visit the *Educator's Toolkit* at <http://lam.alaska.gov/educatortoolkit> for some suggested learning activities and ways to integrate technology into your teaching.

For more information about Digital Learning Day in Alaska, contact:

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INCREASING ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS THROUGH CATALOGING

This past year Rose Welton, our main cataloger within Technical and Imaging Services, made some significant strides in providing intellectual access to items held by the Alaska State Library. In the past year Rose added URLs to over 500 records both in our catalog and OCLC WorldCat. She updated the URLs in another 158 records. This work provides easier access to electronic materials from within our catalog and WorldCat. Having these electronic item records in our catalog also allows researchers to discover related printed materials, something not readily done in search engines but essential for historical research.

In addition, Rose has cataloged 296 items from our Historical Collections CLIP file. Items in the clip file are typically individual articles, book chapters and other short but often important items. Examples of items from the CLIP file include:

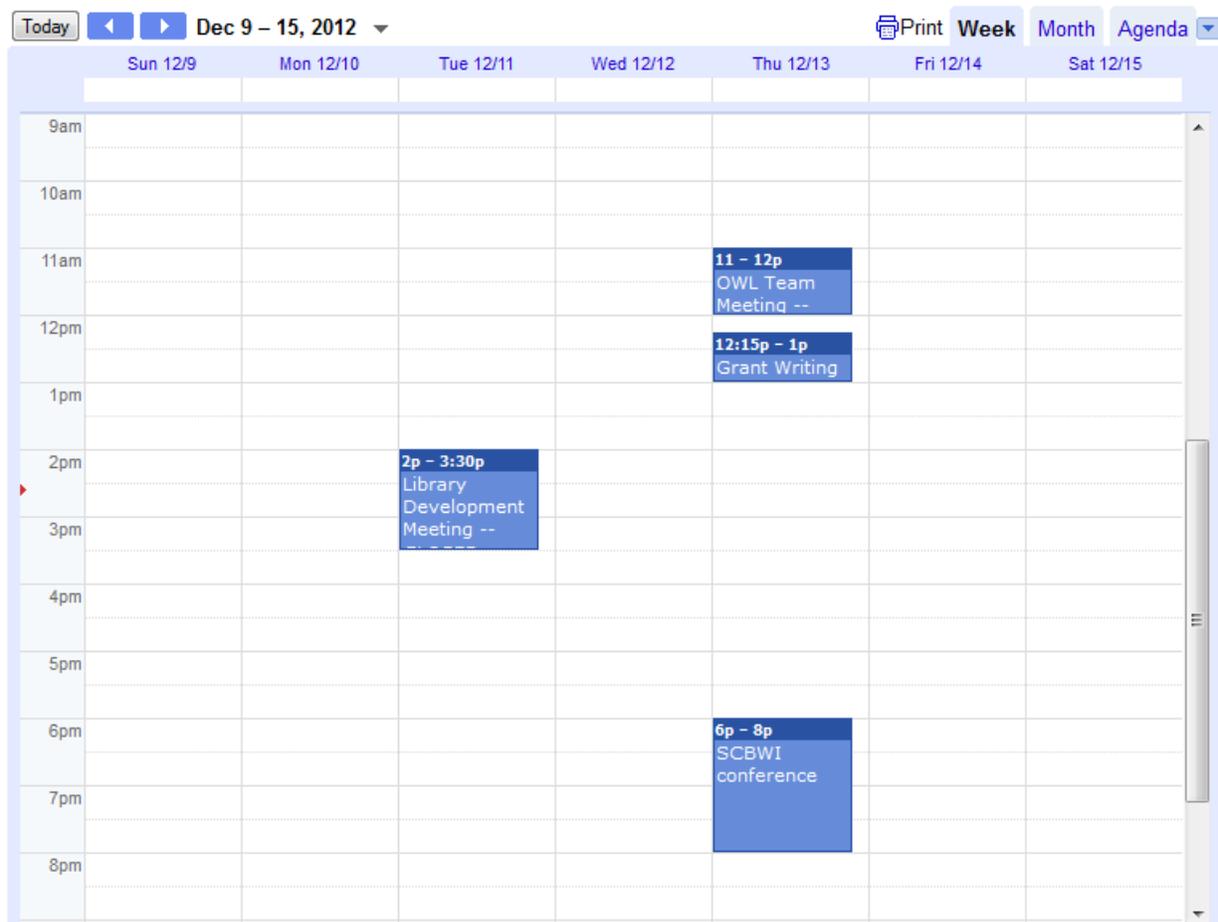
- Additional Side-Lights on the Grizzly Bear : Including Account of the Killing of One of the Largest Grizzlies Ever Seen (1908)
- Land of the Midnight Sun : Observations From a Porthole of the Famous Old Coast Guard Cutter "Bear" / by F. J. Birkett. (1929)
- The Right to Revenge : A Tale of the North (1909)
- The Sentimental Lady : a Tale of Sitka (1911)

These short items shed light on Alaska history. In many cases, not only are they not on the internet, but aren't discoverable through library catalogs. Thanks to good cataloging, now you can discover these treasures.

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UPCOMING OWL VIDEOCONFERENCES

Here is a snapshot of upcoming videoconferences on the OWL Network:



For a live version of this calendar, visit <http://library.alaska.gov/dev/owlCalendar.html>. To join an OPEN program shown on the calendar, please contact Matt or Artem at 800-910-9601, then press #, and press 1.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ALASKANA AWARD

Have you read a good Alaskana book this year? The Alaskana Award Committee is looking for nominations for the annual AkLA Alaskana Award. Don't worry, if you haven't read anything yet, you have plenty of time. Deadline for submissions will be February 1st, 2013.

When nominating a publication, please provide the following information:

- Author, title, place of publication, publisher and date of publication
- Full description of the work being nominated
- Statement of the overall impact of the publication
- Supporting documentation for this nomination should include critical testimony, such as published reviews or specially written letters that evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the nomination which will aid the review process.

Nominations should be sent to Teresa Williams via email at: twilliams@anchagemuseum.org.

If you have any questions, you can contact:

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If you have staff or patrons concerned that terrifying end of the world type events are in store for us this month, point them to NASA's *Beyond 2012: Why the World Won't End* at <http://www.nasa.gov/topics/earth/features/2012.html>. This FAQ covers the end of the Long Count Mayan Calendar on December 21, 2012, Planet X, dark stars, global blackouts, polar shifts and other dread events predicted for the end of this month. They go beyond "trust us" to offering explanations of why these predictions are wrong.

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