

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

WHO WE ARE: BEVERLY GRIFFIN (LIBRARY ASSISTANT TALKING BOOK CENTER)



I am just completing my tenth year working at the Alaska State Library Talking Book Center. This is a joint effort between the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) and the Alaska State Library. Our library serves Alaskans of all ages who have a visual or physical disability that limits use of standard print.

NLS provides audiobooks and playback equipment to our library for us to distribute to our patrons. I work with circulating them to eligible borrowers throughout the state using postage-free mail. Duties include: certifying the eligibility of new patrons for services, overseeing the circulation and distribution of materials, providing basic reference and readers' advisory services and doing outreach to publicize what we have to offer. I also work with maintaining and managing the inventory of digital and cassette audiobooks and playback equipment.

I find this program very rewarding to work with. Many patrons, whose lives have been greatly impacted by being unable to read because of a change in their health, are excited to participate in the Talking Book program.

HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS WELCOMES NEVA EGAN COLLECTION

The Alaska State Library Historical Collections is hosting a reception to welcome the arrival of the [Neva Egan Papers and Photographs, 1933 to 1998](#). This outstanding collection documents many of the activities of Governor William Egan and First Lady Neva Egan throughout their years of public service, from the Valdez City Council and Mayor's Office, through the Territorial Legislature, the Statehood Delegation and US Senate, to the Office of Governor of Alaska and their subsequent contributions to the political and cultural landscape of Alaska and the United States. The collection is the generous gift of Dennis and Linda Egan.

Guide to the Collection: http://www.library.state.ak.us/hist/hist_docs/finding_aids/MS265.pdf

The reception will take place in the Alaska State Library Historical Collections Reading Room, 8th floor of the SOB, at noon on Tuesday, March 20. The collection will be on display, and available for study following the reception. Refreshments will be served.

SCRAPBOOK OF THE U.S.M.S. NORTH STAR

Among the treasures that the Alaska State Library Historical Collections has digitized into Alaska's Digital Archives is:

U.S.M.S. NORTH STAR Scrapbook.
<http://vilda.alaska.edu/u/?cdmg21,13349>

Description - From 1932 until 1941, when she was transferred to the Coast Guard, the NORTH STAR, sturdy service vessel of Office of Indian Affairs, sailed from Seattle to points north, making 50 stops on the outbound journey to Barrow and also stopping in St. Lawrence and the Diomedes on the return, a round-trip journey of 10,000 miles. The NORTH STAR made the news for her two voyages to Antarctica, carrying supplies for the United States Antarctic service, headed by Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd. The scrapbook contains photographs, clippings, and correspondence.

This item is an 87 page, 16MB PDF file and is best viewed over a broadband connection.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

CRAIG PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS DANIEL BOONE THEMED VIDEOCONFERENCE

Craig Public Library is putting their new OWL videoconference equipment to work by hosting the following videoconference/brown bag lunch event on 3/20/2012:

History, Heroes, & Symbolism: Visual Analysis of George Caleb Bingham's Iconic Painting "Daniel Boone Escorting Settlers Through Cumberland Gap" (1852). The program is being presented by the Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum at Washington University in St. Louis.

PHOTOS FROM LAKE MINCHUMINA OWL LAUNCH

If you have access to Facebook, you can see photos and comments from Lake Minchumina's launch event for the Alaska Online With Libraries (OWL) Network. Go to <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Alaska-OWL-Project/286626654693376> and click on "See All" next to "Recent Posts by Others on Alaska OWL Project."

SHI SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FEATURES ISHMAEL HOPE RESEARCH

The blog of the Sealaska Heritage Institute recently featured research and a presentation done by Ishmael Hope on Tlingit culture and history using a collection of papers from Tlingit Elder Frank G. Johnson. The blog entry can be found at <http://shispecialcollections.blogspot.com/2012/02/frank-g-johnson-on-tingit-education.html> and features links to Mr. Hope's presentation and covers to some rare educational materials.

SELDOVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY STARTS BOOK CLUB

We noticed the following note on the Seldovia Public Library blog from 3/14/2012:

I am pleased to announce that the Seldovia Public Library and the Seldovia Village Tribe Prevention Program are jointly sponsoring a book club for adults. The first title planned is Charles Frazier's *Cold Mountain* and initial plans are to meet on Thursdays at 7 pm in the library once books have been received.

See the full announcement at <http://seldovialibrary.wordpress.com/2012/03/14/book-club/>.

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