

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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WHO WE ARE: PETER GORMAN (MUSEUM PROTECTION AND VISITOR SERVICES ASST. - SITKA)

I work at the Sheldon Jackson Museum (SJM) as a museum protection and visitor services assistant. The job entails explaining the museum exhibits to visitors, monitoring the mechanical systems and making certain the building and collections are secure.

The Museum has a collection of hands on objects (<https://www.eed.state.ak.us/productcart/pc/home.asp>), which are loaned to schools for a two-week period. Objects can be selected and orders placed on the SJM website. Managing orders, reshelving returned orders and administering the program is the other part of my job at SJM.

SCOTT AND ELLEN CARLEE: CONSERVATION SUPER-COUPLE

“Conservation Super Couple” was how Alaska State Museum staffers Scott and Ellen Carrlee were described in a February 22, 2012 post to the Registrars Committee of the American Association of Museums (RCAAM) mailing list. It was only one of several postings celebrating their work. Two projects of Ellen’s were singled out for special mention:

- What's That White Stuff? - <http://alaskawhitestuffid.wordpress.com/>
- Ellen Carrlee Conservation: Curious. Collegial. Conversational. - <http://ellencarrlee.wordpress.com/>

We at the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums celebrate the recognition that Scott and Ellen are receiving for their efforts.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

AKLA 2012: WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT E-BOOKS?

The annual Conference is over, but the Conference Wiki lives on at <http://aklaconference2012.pbworks.com>.

The wiki features descriptions of the sessions that took place at the 2012 Alaska Library Association Conference in Fairbanks. In some cases session entries will include participant notes and/or related materials.

The session "What do you want to know about e-books?" featured links to e-reader/e-book resources and a primer on how to talk to patrons who are upset about "Big 6 publisher" e-books that libraries are no longer able to lend. You can find these materials at <http://tinyurl.com/akebooks>. If "tinyurl" links do not work for you, go to the main page of the wiki and look for the session name.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE PROJECT COMPASS NATIONAL CONVENING

WebJunction and the State Library of North Carolina are offering an exciting opportunity for library staff committed to providing workforce development programs and services to their communities. Through the IMLS-funded grant, Project Compass, we are accepting applications to receive full funding to attend the Project Compass National Convening (PCNC) on April 25-26 in Arlington, Virginia. This 1 ½ day event will allow 250 state and public library staff to come together to build on the success of Project Compass workshops and examine ways to sustain the momentum of our workforce recovery efforts. Additionally, attendees will hear from keynote speakers, futurist Garry Golden and author Marilyn Johnson, and work with representatives from other agencies providing workforce development services in partnership with libraries.

To apply for funding to attend the PCNC event, please submit your online application by March 9, 2012:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PCNC_Application

Selected participants will be notified by March 13, 2012.

If you have questions about Project Compass, the National Convening or the application process, please contact Zola Maddison, Project Coordinator, at maddisoz@oclc.org.

HELP BUILD LIST OF ALASKAN OBSERVANCES 2012-2017

Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell, chair of the Alaska Historical Commission, is seeking the help of Alaskans to build a list of significant Alaskan anniversaries for the year 2012-2017. We are sharing the text of his letter along because we know that you folks in various libraries, archives and museums will be able to help:

February 28, 2012

As Chair of the Alaska Historical Commission, I am reaching out to Alaskans for their ideas. Alaska has many exciting and significant anniversaries just around the corner. And they're worthy of reflection, recognition and celebration.

The Alaska Historical Commission (AHC) would like your input as we create the list of anniversaries of significant events in Alaska's history between 2012 and 2017. In addition to creating a list of local celebrations that will be posted on the AHC's web site (<http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/histcomm/ahc.htm>), the AHC is asking communities, historical associations, citizens and industry to generate ideas for projects for two anniversaries in particular:

- 1) In 2017-2018 we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Russia's transfer of Alaska to the United States. We are interested in fostering education on historical details, and welcome an appropriate academic examination of the past, present and future effect of the transfer. Was Alaska worth it? What does it mean to be indigenous under the U.S. Flag?
- 2) From 2013-2016 we celebrate the 25th anniversary of opening the border between Alaska and Russia and the end of the Cold War. We're interested in how this anniversary might improve current relations with our neighbor.

We have many important milestones in our state to recall and study. Anniversaries are an opportunity to look at how far we've come together as a community and be proud of the tremendous role we've played in national and global history.

Suggestions and comments about these anniversaries, and your ideas for other milestone events during this timeframe should be sent to the AHC at oha@alaska.net.

We look forward to sharing your ideas for commemorations with Alaskans throughout the state and hope you will join us as we identify additional anniversary projects. The list will continue to be updated on the website. The Alaska Historical Commission will be meeting on March 27-28, and would appreciate your comments and information by March 20th to share with the members of the commission.

With Best Regards,

Mead Treadwell
Lieutenant Governor
Chair, Alaska Historical Commission

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