

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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WHO WE ARE: DEAN DAWSON (STATE ARCHIVIST)



Under AS 40.21 (Management & Preservation of Public Records) the State Archivist is the official custodian of the archival resources of the State. My goal is to ensure that all permanent records are preserved and made available for current and future generations—from scholars at America’s best universities to 80-year old genealogists half a world away. The Archives is focused on processing,

arranging & describing, historic records from five major records groups that account for 85% of our requests: Alaska State Legislature, Alaska Court System, Office of the Governor, Department of Law, and Commissioner's Offices. We are getting the pieces in place to provide online access. I am also responsible for reviewing and approving all agency records retention schedules and this is implemented by our highly effective Records & Information Management Service.

ALASKA STATE MUSEUM (JUNEAU) LOOKING FOR SEASONAL HELP

The Alaska State Museum in Juneau is looking for a seasonal full-time Museum Protection & Visitor Services Assistant. The employee works full-time at the front reception desk and in the public galleries assisting visitors. Reception desk duties include welcoming visitors, taking admission fees and operating a cash register, answering the telephones and answering questions about Juneau and the museum. Gallery duties include providing interpretive information on the exhibits, providing directions, operating Science on a Sphere, monitoring visitor activities, enforcing museum rules, helping evacuate the public in the event of a power outage or fire alarm, responding to medical emergencies, performing first aid or CPR if necessary, assisting with setup and take down for special events and assisting with classroom tours and youth workshops. Limited outdoor work includes patrolling the grounds, explaining rules to the public on the grounds and directing drivers parking and staging tour buses.

To apply or to see the full job listing, see <http://tinyurl.com/asmpvs> or visit Workplace Alaska at <http://workplace.alaska.gov>.

ASM BULLETIN 51 EXAMINES MOLD GROWTH IN MUSEUM ENVIRONMENTS

The lead article in Alaska State Museums Bulletin 51 might have interest for libraries and archives. The article is titled "Fungus Among Us: Mold Growth in Museum Environments" and reports on how some mold was found in places it was not expected. For the whole story, see <http://museumbulletin.wordpress.com/2012/04/18/alaska-state-museums-bulletin-51/>.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

UPCOMING OWL VIDEOCONFERENCE ACTIVITY

The OWL videoconferencing network is hosting these activities in the coming week:

- 4/30 & 5/2 – ENGL V111 Methods of Written Communication (Class) delivered to Kenny Lake
- 5/1 & 5/3 – MATH V055 Elementary Algebra (Class) delivered to Kenny Lake

END OF AN ERA WITH THE STATEWIDE 800#/ILL & REFERENCE STAFF

Jenny Zimmerman is retiring April 27 and Julia Lugo will be leaving May 8th. Jenny sounds very happy, though in a phone conversation she said she will really miss the people. Her comment was that she has loved the job, and absolutely loved the patrons. They are the reason she could come to work every day with a smile.

A note from Julia:

One of the most fulfilling parts of the job here in AML/ILL for both Jenny Zimmerman and I have been the appreciation and faith that the small libraries have had in our ability to assist them. The ways that we are parting are as different and diverse as the areas we have had the privilege to assist in. Jenny is retiring and moving to Oregon; the dry side where she can grow beautiful fruits and vegetables probably a few lovely flowers too (outside in a garden!). I will be maybe retiring from the peers program and taking a job working for a doctor's office. Never would've thought that! I did attend nursing school at one point and do have a passion for medicine and in an odd way had a lot of experience after my son's diagnosis (lymphoma) and treatment. That is all in our past and he is graduating from High school in a few days. The goodbyes are hard but we know that life will continue here and Christy will pick up the torch with passion because we have trained her we only ask for a little patience as she learns the nuances of the job. What a wonderful ride it has been for the past 15 plus years I have had the opportunity to be a part of this program and I want to personally thank each and every library, librarian and aide or volunteer that I have worked with as well as I know Jenny does too. Happy Trails to you until we meet again.

The State library thanks both Julia & Jenny for their dedication and service, wishes them well and welcomes Christy Keller, the new 800# voice!

Learn more about statewide cooperative services by reading the Library Development "quick topic" Cooperation...An Alaskan Library Tradition: Statewide Resources for Alaskan Libraries, available at http://www.library.state.ak.us/pdf/anc/quick_topic_02.pdf.

ANCHORAGE LIBRARY AMNESTY DAY

The TV station KTUU recently ran a story on a day of fine forgiveness at the Anchorage Public Libraries. For story and video, see <http://www.ktuu.com/features/anchorage-library-amnesty-day-overdue-materials-waives-fines-ktuu-20120418,0,7473858.story>.

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