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NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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WHO WE ARE: DAMON STUEBNER (ALASKA'S DIGITAL ARCHIVES)



I'm Damon Stuebner, and I am the media technician for the Alaska State Library Historical Collections. I am responsible for the digitalization of the thousands of historical photographs, motion picture films and videos that are in library's historical collections. I also photograph the various special events that take place throughout the Division Libraries, Archives, and Museums.

I came to the Alaska State Library Historical Collections after working 6 years in commercial photo-labs and a combined 14 years working as a newspaper photographer and a videographer for TV news. Many of the stories that I worked on for TV news have aired on the various national news networks.

Having come from a photography background, I am constantly amazed by the quality of the historical photographs shot by many of the early photographers. Seeing these great old photos have renewed appreciation of black & white photography; an appreciation that I once had when I was back in college working in the school's darkroom until the early morning hours.

I also love old films, particularly the classics. I jokingly tell people that I go to work and watch old movies. I host an annual short film festival at the University of Alaska Southeast called "Treasures from the State Film Library". The film program is part of the University's spring arts and humanities series "Sound + Motion" and it is an opportunity to showcase some of the historical films and videos that the public might not ever see. For me it's a lot of fun going through the historical films and videos to pick my selections for the film fest. The programs have been popular, and I encourage people to come and see some of the absolutely fabulous films and videos that are in our collections.

Like all great classic film endings, "The End."

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The 2012 Summer Reading season is nearly upon us. See <http://library.state.ak.us/srp/home.html> for more details.

YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE THE ALASKA STATE MUSEUM SHOW YOUR WORK

If you've ever thought about your artwork hanging in the Alaska State Museum in Juneau, turn that thought into action by applying for a solo exhibition. Follow the instructions at http://www.museums.state.ak.us/documents/asm/solo_review_12.pdf to apply.

This opportunity is Open to all resident Alaska visual artists who have not had a solo exhibition at the Alaska State Museum (ASM) within the past six years. The Museum is seeking original work in any media.

Accepted exhibitions will be for a period of approximately one month and will be scheduled at a time mutually agreed upon by the Curator of Exhibitions and the artist. For more details, see the application at the link above.

ADOBE INDESIGN GUIDE AVAILABLE FROM TECHNICAL AND IMAGING SERVICES

Staff from our Technical and Imaging Services (TIS) section have put together a guide on resources for using Adobe InDesign that may be of use in your institution. The guide can be found at <http://lam.alaska.gov/indesign>. If you have suggestions for additions to this guide, use the "what's missing" section of the guide to submit your tutorial ideas. Other software resource guides created by TIS can be found at <http://lam.alaska.gov/software>.

ART EXHIBIT AT ALASKA STATE LIBRARY



Art by Mostapha Beya will be exhibited at the Alaska State Library located in Juneau, May 7th thru June 30, 2012. Mostapha had his first art exhibit in Juneau in 2003. He later joined the United States Army, as a combat translator and traveled through Europe, Africa and Asia. An experience that changed him. Mostapha paints to express his feelings, emotions, and conflicts about war, life religion and other cultures.

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The Gates Foundation/ Pew Research Center Internet & American Life Project online surveys of public librarians and public library patrons are now open. Your help is needed in getting the survey links out to public librarians and their patrons

1. The first survey is targeted at people who work in public libraries. It is available at <http://libraries.pewinternet.org/participate/survey/e-book-lenders> and takes about 15 minutes. To log in, respondents use their preferred email address as their username; the password is PEWLIBS.

2. The second survey is for patrons of local public libraries. It is available at <http://libraries.pewinternet.org/participate/survey/e-book-borrowers> and also takes about 15 minutes. This survey is not password protected.

Both surveys will be available until May 18th.

Public library participation is needed in two ways – 1) to complete the public library staff survey and 2) to encourage their users to complete the patron survey.

Thanks for taking the time to share these surveys with your public.

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