

# FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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## NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

### WHO WE ARE: VALERIE ROSE (RECORDS ANALYST)

Six months ago I started my position as a Records Analyst with Records and Information Management Services (RIMS), after working for several years in the Administrative Services Division of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, in a position that included the responsibility of being the department's Records Officer. Much to my chagrin, being a department-level "Officer" of something did not include a pay raise. However, I did learn more about records management policies and procedures than the average state employee and because of my academic background in the social sciences, I jumped at the opportunity to become a Records Analyst when the position opened up.

Though many people tend to groan and wring their hands at the mention of records management, it is generally a relatively simple and straightforward task; especially because Gordon has worked hard in the short time he's been the State Records Manager to elevate the visibility and accessibility of RIMS' information and resources. We have, with the help of IT staff in the division, made the RIMS website much more user-friendly and expanded the resources available to state employees looking for guidance on records management policy and procedure. We strive to provide the best service and information to state agencies that we can, although it can be challenging at times since it is just the two of us!

Currently I am the main processor of all records management-related forms, including RTLs, RDAs, and RDNs. I have also begun to work with agencies that need to revise out-of-date retention schedules and to make “house calls” to agencies in need of some one-on-one training or consultation. If you have a records management-related question, please feel free to contact me!

## **STATE LIBRARY HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS LOOKING FOR NEW LIBRARIAN**

The Alaska Historical Collections, a unit of the Alaska State Library, has an opportunity for an advanced librarian with strong management skills, technical expertise, historical knowledge and commitment to public service.

For the complete description and application instructions, please see the listing Librarian II (05-3065) at [http://notes4.state.ak.us/wa/position.nsf/\\$DefaultView/2A1A4F5AF5E3AC40892579FF006AAC3E?OpenDocument](http://notes4.state.ak.us/wa/position.nsf/$DefaultView/2A1A4F5AF5E3AC40892579FF006AAC3E?OpenDocument). You may have to copy and paste that URL. If that doesn't work, visit <http://workplace.alaska.gov> and view job opportunities by department.

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## **NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA**

### **MUSEUM SNAPSHOT DAY IN ALASKA**

People working in archives and libraries might have missed that May 1, 2012 was Museum Snapshot Day in Alaska, when museum staff around the state took photos of people and events happening that day. The Alaska State Museum teamed up with Museums Alaska to put a number of these photos online at <http://museumsalaska.wordpress.com/2012/05/17/museum-snapshot-day-7/>. Visit this page to see people of all ages using and enjoying the great museums we have here in Alaska.

Libraries in Alaska had their own Snapshot Day earlier this year and you can view the results at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/aklibraryassoc/sets/72157629220869031/>.

Do archives in Alaska host a similar event? If so, please send us a link to your snapshot day photos!

### **SENATOR MURKOWSKI READS AT KENAI OWL LAUNCH**

Kenai Public Library's OWL launch on May 23 featured a very special guest, Senator Lisa Murkowski. Well-known as a library supporter, via videoconference from Washington, D.C., Senator Murkowski welcomed participating libraries from Valdez, Juneau, Hollis, Craig and the State Library offices of Anchorage and Juneau. The Senator selected Ten Rowdy Ravens (by Susan Ewing and illustrated by artist Evon Zerbetz from Murkowski's home town) to read to children gathered in front of OWL video screens in their libraries. The launch was a great success, demonstrating the potential of connecting Alaskans within our state and beyond, and revealing Senator Murkowski's secret talent as an engaging children's librarian.

Kenai's OWL launch and Senator Murkowski's reading also got attention in the May 24, 2012 online edition of the Peninsula Clarion. Read the full story at <http://peninsulaclarion.com/news/2012-05-24/new-owl-technology-connects-kenai-with-other-libraries>.

To find a copy of Ten Rowdy Ravens near you, visit <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/60500187>. To learn more about the OWL project, visit <http://www.library.state.ak.us/dev/owl.html>.

## **ON TAP FOR OWL VIDEOCONFERENCE NETWORK**

As of this writing, the following activities were scheduled for the OWL Videoconference Network next week:

5/30 – Satellites: Seeing the World in a Whole New Way presented to the Juneau Public Library

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DIFFERENCE BETWEEN POPULAR, TRADE AND PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES**

Librarians often have to deal with explaining differences between popular magazines, trade journals and peer reviewed journals. We recently found a handy table describing the differences between these different types of periodicals at [http://library.uncw.edu/guides/popular\\_vs\\_professionaltrade\\_vs\\_scholarlypeer\\_reviewedrefereed\\_articles](http://library.uncw.edu/guides/popular_vs_professionaltrade_vs_scholarlypeer_reviewedrefereed_articles). This table was prepared by Lisa Williams of the UNC Wilmington Randall Library.

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