

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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WHO WE ARE: MICAH SOMMERS (MICRO/NETWORK SPEC I)



Micah Sommers is the lead computer specialist for the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums. Despite his fierce appearance and quirky sense of humor, he is well liked and respected across the Division. Micah has many responsibilities in his position, including the maintenance of the Alaska State Museum's Science on a Sphere, one of about 80 installations in the entire world. The museum has used the Sphere to highlight Alaska and Arctic science data for thousands of visitors from Alaska and beyond each year.

Other duties include support for the Division's servers which allow resources to be shared from Juneau to the State and beyond and leading the Division helpdesk section. He also has responsibility for assisting Division users with the many discipline-specific pieces of software the Division employs.

When not at work, Micah enjoys hunting, fishing, home brewing and hockey.

QAILLUN AULUKCIQSIA NUNAKA? = HOW WILL I TAKE CARE OF MY LAND? AVAILABLE ONLINE

As part of its ongoing effort to digitize Alaska Native language curriculum materials, the Alaska Historical Collections has digitized the Aleut reader *Qaillun aulukciqsia nunaka? = How will I take care of my land?* / written by Marie Blanchett; illustrated by Moses Chanar. This item was originally published by the Kuskokwim Community College in 1974 and can be read at http://www.library.state.ak.us/hist/hist_docs/docs/anlm/41691293.pdf. More materials in Aleut can be found by visiting the Alaska Digital Archives record for this item at <http://vilda.alaska.edu/cdm/ref/collection/cdmg21/id/15342> and clicking on Aleut in the language field.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

UAA POSTS FREDERICK JOHN DATE (VALDEZ?) PHOTOGRAPHS

In a blog post titled "Surrogate access to the unknown", archivist Arlene Schmuland explains her institution's decision to digitize and post photographs from the Frederick John Date papers despite knowing next to nothing about the photographs except they are likely from the Valdez area and possibly date from 1899-1905. The community's help in identifying persons and places in the photographs is solicited. For the full story, visit <http://www.consortiumlibrary.org/blogs/archives/2012/04/30/surrogate-access-to-the-unknown/>.

SHI LAUNCHES BOX OF KNOWLEDGE OCCASIONAL PAPERS

The Sealaska Heritage Institute announced the publication of the first paper in their new "Box of Knowledge" series. According to their announcement:

The inaugural paper was written by SHI Archivist and Collections Manager Zachary Jones. *Clan At.óowu in Distant Lands* is an overview of Tlingit collections held by museums in Europe and Russia, and it includes photos of pieces that many people likely have not seen before.

For the full announcement and a link to Zach Jones' paper, see <http://shispecialcollections.blogspot.com/2012/04/shi-launches-box-of-knowledge.html>.

NEW SOCIAL FEATURES IN ALASKA DIGITAL ARCHIVES

Alaska's Digital Archives (<http://vilda.alaska.edu>) recently went through a software upgrade. Some of the new features make it easier to discover and share content from this outstanding resource:

- **Share button on every item** - Clicking the "share" button at the top of each record allows you to easily share a link to the item with Facebook, Twitter and a few other sharing services. You can also easily e-mail a friend of your Digital Archives find.
- **RSS feeds by contributing partner** – The Alaska Digital Archives is a group effort by a number of libraries, archives and museums. The partners are listed on the home page. In the left hand portion of a partner page there is a line that says "Receive updates for this collection." Clicking on this link will give you option to an RSS feed which will notify you each time that partner adds a new item to Alaska's Digital Archives.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEARNING FOR LIFE APP FREE FROM WEBJUNCTION

In a webinar article titled "The Learning for Life App", Bertha Gutsche summarizes recent research on lifetime learning and suggests ways to spark curiosity. See http://www.webjunction.org/content/webjunction/news/wj/Learning_for_Life_App.html for full article.

WEBWISE 2012 WEBCASTS AVAILABLE

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has posted webcasts of WebWise 2012. An IMLS signature initiative, the WebWise Conference annually brings together representatives of museums, libraries, archives, systems science, education, and other fields to explore the many opportunities made possible by digital technologies.

WebWise 2012 took up the theme of "Tradition and Innovation," investigating how libraries and museums have used digital technologies to help scholars, students, educators, and the general public understand history and the humanities. This year's conference took special note of the unique contributions that historical societies, public libraries, and other small and local organizations make to humanities scholarship and education.

View the Webwise 2012 webcasts at www.tvworldwide.com/events/webwise/120229. (Reprinted from WSL Update, 5/3/2012)

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