

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

6/15/2012

This newsletter is available weekly and previous issues are available at http://museums.alaska.gov/LAM/about_lam/FridayBulletin.html.

Submissions for the Friday Bulletin should be sent to linda.thibodeau@alaska.gov and may be edited for content and length if used.

Contents:

NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

WHO WE ARE: FREYA ANDERSON (HEAD OF INFORMATION SERVICES)

COMMENTS NEEDED ON DRAFT ALASKA STATE LIBRARY PLAN

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

JUNEAU PUBLIC LIBRARIES HAILS AWARD FOR MENDENHALL VALLEY LIBRARY

NEW BOOKS FROM UAF ORAL HISTORY STAFF

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAREGIVER'S TOOLKIT GOES ONLINE

NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

WHO WE ARE: FREYA ANDERSON (HEAD OF INFORMATION SERVICES)



After working in libraries during my undergraduate days and after graduation, I finally decided to go for my master's degree in library science (MLS) in 1998. I was still unsure that I was making the right choice until after my first class at Syracuse University, on library law and policy. Walking back to our cars, busses, and rooms, the whole group chatted excitedly about the fascinating lecture, and I knew then that I had found my niche.

I started at the Alaska State Library on March 6, 2000, as the Interlibrary Loan Librarian. I had never worked in interlibrary loan before, but was excited to be back in Alaska and I found the work challenging and rewarding. I'm in my fourth position at the State Library since then, and having even more fun each day!

Currently, I work as the Head of Information Services. This is the section of the library tasked with providing employees of the State of Alaska the information they need to best serve the state. We provide articles on the effects of vitamin D deficiency to public health nurses; the most current federal laws and regulations on road funding to transportation managers; management and communication resources to all agencies; and much, much more to agencies, the court system, and the legislature.

We are also open to the public, and we provide resources, mostly on Alaska or published by State of Alaska agencies, to tourists and locals in Juneau who walk into our reading room, as well as to the general public and researchers around Alaska and the world, through our reference and interlibrary loan services. We're offering more and more direct to the public online, too, mostly in cooperation with other sections of this division or with other libraries around the state.

Much of the information we provide is initially published by State of Alaska agencies; we operate the State Depository system, collecting Alaska publications, in hard copy and online, and making them available through libraries around the state, the Library of Congress, and online. Often, we have the only copy of these materials that people can borrow. Often, those borrowing the resources are the very agencies who created them years ago!

I feel incredibly blessed to work with a small but brilliant crew who are devoted to making Alaska a better place by helping people on the ground around the state to have the information they need to make the best decisions for all Alaskans.

COMMENTS NEEDED ON DRAFT ALASKA STATE LIBRARY PLAN

The Alaska State Plan guides how the State Library is able to use federal LSTA funds for project grants to libraries and statewide services, such as buying Live Homework Help and some of the other databases. We use LSTA funds for the continuing education grant program, the 800# ILL backup service, the books by mail programs at Fairbanks and Juneau, and the Ready to Read Resource Center at Anchorage, among others.

Every five years, the Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries works with the State Library to revise the State Plan. The body of the new draft plan includes three broad goals:

- Goal 1: Alaska libraries will support lifelong learning opportunities for all Alaskans;
- Goal 2: Alaska libraries will provide access to content in current and emerging formats for all Alaskans; and
- Goal 3: Alaska libraries will explore evolving roles as anchor institutions that benefit their communities.

Each goal is delineated with objectives and concrete activities that will guide how the State Library awards grant funds to libraries over the next five years.

Please take a look at the draft state plan, available at http://library.state.ak.us/pdf/2012_Alaska_State_Plan_Draft.pdf. We need your comments by Wednesday,

June 27 so we can submit our new state plan to the Institute of Museum and Library Services by Friday, June 29.

Please send your comments by Wednesday, June 27 to: Patience.Frederiksen@alaska.gov

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

JUNEAU PUBLIC LIBRARIES HAILS AWARD FOR MENDENHALL VALLEY LIBRARY

On Monday May 14, 2012, Gov. Parnell signed the 2013 Alaska Capital Budget granting a \$7 million New Library Construction Matching Grant for building a new library in the Mendenhall Valley. For more details, see <http://juneaubookblog.wordpress.com/2012/05/16/7m-grant-awarded-for-new-valley-library/>.

NEW BOOKS FROM UAF ORAL HISTORY STAFF

Via a blog entry on the UAF Alaska and Polar Regions (APR) Collections & Archives blog, Paul Adasiak report on these two new books from the APR's Oral History staff:

- Schneider, William S. 2012. *On time delivery: the dog team mail carriers*. Fairbanks: University of Alaska Press.
- Wood, Ginny, and Karen Brewster. 2012. *Boots, bikes, and bombers: adventures of Alaska conservationist Ginny Hill Wood*. Fairbanks: University of Alaska Press.

For details about these books and links to their UAF pages, see Paul's blog entry at <http://library.uaf.edu/blogs/apr-news/archives/470>.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAREGIVER'S TOOLKIT GOES ONLINE

In response to a 2008 survey, the Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship has created an online Caregiver's Toolkit that provides resources for both caregivers and those who supervise or work with someone who is a caregiver. 69.5% of survey respondents were unpaid caregivers to someone age 18 or older in addition to being employed full- or part-time in a library. While geared towards library workers who are caregivers, this toolkit may be helpful for many of our patrons as well. The toolkit is not large, just about 20 links, but it includes great resources for caregivers and their supervisors. The Caregiver's Toolkit is available at <http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/news/ala/caregivers-toolkit-ready-use>.

FRIDAY BULLETIN

Linda Thibodeau, State Librarian and Director

Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums - Alaska Department of Education and Early Development
PO 110571, Juneau, AK 99811-0571 - Tel: 465-2911 - Fax: 465-2151 - linda.thibodeau@alaska.gov