

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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TERRITORIAL GOVERNORS' CORRESPONDENCE NOW AVAILABLE

The Alaska State Archives has begun to post digitized letterpress books compiled by Alaska's Territorial Governors at http://archives.alaska.gov/gov_letterpress/index.html. These materials cover the period from 1884-1919 and include letters sent and received by the Governor's office as well as fiscal and reference files. The letterpress page launches with nearly 3,000 pages of Territorial files and more will be added each week. For additional information, please see the website or contact Chris Hieb at chris.hieb@alaska.gov.

STATE MUSEUM ANNOUNCES FY 2013 GRANT-IN-AID AWARDS

The Alaska State Museum has announced the awarding of 23 grants totaling \$105,600 to Alaska museums and cultural centers for museum projects around the state. The following awards were made:

Internship grants

Applicant / Project / Amount

- Pioneer Air Museum, Fairbanks / Internship program / \$5,300
- Simon Paneak Museum, Anaktuvuk / Internship program / \$5,300

Regular grants:

Applicant / Project / Amount

- Ahtna Heritage Foundation, Glenallen / Exhibit lighting upgrade / \$6,944
- Alaska Museum of Nat. Hist., Anchorage / Exhibit and storage upgrade / \$8,102
- Alpine Historical Park, Sutton / Foundations for large objects / \$10,000
- Alutiiq Museum, Kodiak / Exhibit upgrade Project / \$5,514
- Bald Eagle Foundation, Haines / LED exhibit lights / \$8,541
- Baranov Museum, Kodiak / Permanent exhibit development / \$9,000
- Cordova Historical Society, Cordova / Exhibit design for new museum / \$8,784
- Juneau Douglas City Museum, Juneau / Education collection organization / \$8,049
- Pratt Museum, Homer / Internships / \$6,638
- Sheldon Museum, Haines / Cataloging collections / \$2,939

Mini-grants:

Applicant / Project / Amount

- Alaska Jewish Museum, Anchorage / PastPerfect purchase and training / \$1,952
- Carrie McLean Museum, Nome / Computer laptop for collections / \$1,730
- Eagle Historical Society, Eagle / UV window blinds for exhibits / \$2,000
- Beringia Museum and Science Ctr, Nome / Website and PastPerfect upgrade / \$2,000
- Kodiak Maritime Museum, Kodiak / Cataloging museum artifacts / \$2,000
- Pioneer Memorial Park, Fairbanks / Mounting historic photographs / \$2,000
- Port Alexander HS, Port Alexander / Laptop collections management upgrades / \$1,806
- Sealaska Heritage Institute, Juneau / Collections internship / \$2,000
- Seward Community Museum, Seward / Archival packing materials / \$1,998
- Tanana Valley Railroad Museum, Fairbanks / Past Perfect purchase and training / \$2,000
- Maxine and Jessie Whitney Museum, Valdez / Archival framing of prints / \$ 1,000

For more information about this year's awards, contact Scott Carrlee by phone at (907) 465-2901 or by e-mail at scott.carrlee@alaska.gov.

NEW ART EXHIBIT AT ALASKA STATE LIBRARY IN JUNEAU

The Alaska State Library, located on the 8th floor of the State Office Building in Juneau, is pleased to announce a new art exhibit by Juneau artist Averyl Veliz. The exhibit titled, "A Klondike Tale", is a working story treatment for a proposed 2D animated feature film which describes how native Tlingit spirits react to the human invasion in Alaska and its ensuing corruption and degradation of their beloved habitat during the Klondike Gold Rush. The art exhibit will be on display until August 30th, 2012.

To view Averyl Veliz's most recent artwork, please visit her blog at averylveliz.blogspot.com

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

SUTTON PUBLIC LIBRARY GRAND OPENING



[New Sutton Public Library](#)

Sue Sherif, head of Library Development, offered the following report from Sutton's grand opening:

Sutton celebrated the grand opening of the new Sutton Public Library and Community Resource Center on June 15, 2012. Nancy Bertels and her team of an assistant and many volunteers welcomed community residents and dignitaries to the new facility on Chickaloon Way. Their hard work for at least 12 years has paid off in a lovely building with strong vertical lines. It is meant to echo the historic Sutton Coal Washery, which sat very near the new library site.

High ceilings and a panel of windows framing a view of birch and aspen woods mark a strong contrast to the tiny, crowded former library building. The library looks enormous compared to the old one, but was designed so that it could still serve as a one-person library as staffing there is limited. The great new meeting room can be used by the community even when the library is not open. Plenty of cabinetry for storage of craft and art supplies needed for Nancy's creative programming are arrayed throughout the library and the meeting room. A high point is having two modern bathrooms in place of the one-bathroom-for-all in the old building!

The new library is full of attractive furniture including the classiest recycling unit that I've ever seen. A smaller conference room is tucked away in one corner of the building. Two jewels of the new library are the covered and fenced side porch and patio with comfy seating for outdoor reading and the front entryway's incredible view of the Chugach mountains.

Sutton was able to put together support from two oil companies, BP and Conoco Phillips, and the Usibelli Foundation. Support from the State construction award and the Rasmuson Foundation supplemented these contributions and the local funds for construction.

Sutton joins Kenai with its amazing new library facility and Barrow with its newly expanded and transformed building as examples of what a community's hard work and your AkLA advocacy can help do. We look forward to new buildings in Sitka, Soldotna, Ketchikan, Talkeetna, Juneau, North Pole, and elsewhere that will be opening in the next few years as a result of similar efforts.

If you are on the road system this summer, take the opportunity to admire the new Sutton library. Sutton

is only 12 miles from Palmer on the Glenn Highway. A great new sign makes the library easy to spot as your travel toward Glennallen. A recreation of the original town site is an added bonus if you stop to see the library.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIVE VOICES: NATIVE PEOPLES' CONCEPTS OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS

The National Library of Medicine's online exhibit *Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness* is now available.

This free, online exhibit explores the interconnectedness of wellness, illness and cultural life for Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians. Visitors will discover how Native concepts of health and illness are closely tied to the concepts of community, spirit and the land.

The exhibit also includes lesson plans for K-12, information on careers in medicine and science and a variety of online activities.

You can visit the exhibit at <http://ow.ly/bVhuy>.

LIBRARY SPECIFIC SPANISH AT MANGO

If your institution has a significant number of Spanish speaking patrons, check this out, <http://www.mangolanguages.com/libraries/spanish-librarians/>.

Meet Libby the Librarian. She'll help conscientious librarians like you learn Spanish for FREE, to better serve your Spanish-speaking patrons. Access to the course is open, so you can study with Libby even if you don't have a Mango subscription. Libby's course covers:

- Basic greetings
- Getting a library card
- Navigating the reference desk

Hat tip to Jonas Lamb and several others for this item.

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