

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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BANGHART APPOINTED DEPUTY DIVISION DIRECTOR

With a great deal of pleasure I announce that Bob Banghart has accepted the position of deputy director for LAM. (The position is officially called division operations manager.)

For the last 10 months he has served as deputy in acting status with excellent success, and it is to our great benefit that he is willing to continue in the job. For the time being he will retain direct oversight of the state museums programs in addition to other duties. His first day in the new job was Monday, August 6, 2012.

Bob brings an extensive background to his new position. From 1976 – 2006 he was principal and owner of the design firm Banghart and Associates. The firm's focus was the development of museums and cultural centers throughout Alaska. During his 30 years leading the firm, he was fortunate to have had the opportunity to travel extensively throughout Alaska working with communities to define and strengthen their commitment to sustainable cultural and historical institution development. The firm provided a

variety of services to most of the museum and cultural center projects developed in Alaska over the last 30 years.

Bob joined the staff of the Alaska State Museums in 2007 as Curator of Exhibitions and was appointed Chief Curator in 2009. In his new position with the State of Alaska, he will serve the needs of the LAM Division, maintain a leadership role in development of the new consolidated State Library, Archives and Museum (SLAM) building located in Juneau and continue with the renovation and integration of the former Sheldon Jackson College Stratton Library building with the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka.

LAST CHANCE TO APPLY FOR ALASKA STATE LIBRARY HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS

Do you have an interest in the history of Alaska? Do you enjoy helping people? Do you have experience with digital media? The Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums is seeking a Librarian I to complete our team. This professional librarian position serves as a member of the Historical Collections staff. Duties include processing of newly-acquired archival materials and providing high quality reference and research services to patrons of the Historical Collections.

The position also serves as the coordinator for digitization efforts within the Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums. These efforts include conversion of analog formats such as audio/video tapes, photographs, manuscripts, physical objects, maps and publications to appropriate digital formats in order to enhance preservation efforts and to improve public access to information.

Application information can be found at:

<http://notes4.state.ak.us/wa/postapps.nsf/3fce5e59a6a3b75189256443007a8ed2/9bbf81007a815bb389257a47005957e4?OpenDocument>

The recruitment ends TODAY at 5pm.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

KETCHIKAN PUBLIC LIBRARY CLOSING IN NOVEMBER FOR BRIGHTER TOMORROW

We recently received an e-mail from the Ketchikan Public Library (KPL) informing us that the Library will be closed from November 23, 2012 to January 2, 2013. It will reopen on January 2, 2013 in its new location. Congratulations to KPL on its successful construction process!

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The Sealaska Heritage Institute will be preserving a collection from famed carver Amos Wallace. The institute's press release about this collection can be found at <http://shispecialcollections.blogspot.com/2012/07/famous-carver-amos-wallaces-documents.html>. They also created video about the collection and donation that includes an interview with Amos' son Brian, the collection donor. The video may be viewed at <http://vimeo.com/45474891#>. Hat tip to Zach Jones and Larry Hibpshman for this item.

OWL NETWORK ACTIVITY FOR COMING WEEK

The coming week promises to be a busy one for the Online With Libraries (OWL) video conferencing network (<http://www.library.alaska.gov/dev/owl.html>):

August 11

- SCBWI Virtual Critique (2 sessions): Alaska State Library Anchorage, Homer, Juneau and Hollis

August 14

- I'll be in the Locker: Zen & The Art of Empathy: Craig and Kenai (2 sessions)

August 16

- Alaska Statewide Pitchapalooza Session I – Craig, Gustavus, Juneau Public Libraries (all branches) and Unalaska. This session will be recorded for later viewing.
- Writers Workshop #1 and #2: Alaska State Library Anchorage and Craig

August 17

- Alaska Statewide Pitchapalooza Session II – Craig, Hollis, Kenai and UAS Ketchikan. This session will be recorded for later viewing.

August 18

- Alaska Statewide Pitchapalooza Session 3: Craig and Kenny Lake. This session will be recorded for later viewing.
- Writers Workshop #3 and #4: Craig.

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The usa.gov blog recently offered a post on encouraging people to visit their public library. The post can be found at <http://blog.usa.gov/post/26345200788/four-reasons-to-visit-your-local-library-this-summer> and may offer your some quick talking points to share with your community. Why visit the library? The bullet points:

- Digital books
- Information in many languages
- Programs and events for the whole family
- Specialized resources

See the blog post for the long version.

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