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NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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Throughout her childhood Jackie Manning's family spent hours at a time visiting the Alaska State Museum in Juneau. Now, two decades later, she becomes its new Curator of Exhibitions.

Manning takes over the position from Paul Gardinier, who retired earlier this summer. In her new capacity, she will oversee the museum's temporary exhibition schedule as well as maintain and upgrade its permanent installations. Manning stands well-suited for the position after working with Gardinier for the past two years as Exhibitions Specialist, performing various graphical and installation duties. She, prior to her employment at the museum, had her own solo artist exhibit, "Ghost in the Graveyard," which ran November 2010 through January 2011 at the State Museum.

Born and raised in Juneau, Manning earned a bachelor of arts degree from University of Alaska Southeast and a master of fine arts degree in drawing and painting from the Academy of Art in San Francisco. She has taught painting and drawing classes at the Canvas Community Art Studio and Gallery. Her first day as Curator of Exhibitions was Aug. 1.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

OWL BROADBAND IN UNALASKA BRINGS ANN DIXON

A recent story from radio station KUCB discusses how the Online With Libraries (OWL) project has brought broadband internet to Unalaska, expanding opportunities to expose children and others to authors such as Ann Dixon.

The story carried the reaction of Unalaska library director Dan Masoni to the installation of OWL broadband:

He thinks access to broadband internet creates new possibilities for residents -- possibilities that would other be unavailable.

“We are *the*, underlined, exclamation point, internet source for most of this community.”

Last year the library counted 150,000 people through the door - and most of them were there to use the internet. Masoni is optimistic that the faster speeds will encourage innovation - like storytime - although he hopes that in the long run, children aren't the only beneficiaries of the new technology. He thinks the video conferencing equipment could be used by businesses for job interviews and meetings or by the public for lectures and research.

For the full story, see <http://kucb.org/news/article/grant-brings-broadband-internet-to-unalaska-public-library/>.

UAA/APU ARCHIVES & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS GUIDE TO PALMER COLONY

In a blog post titled “aka Palmer Colony” archivist Arlene Schmuland describes available records about the “Palmer Colony” aka the records of the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation—the federal agency involved with the establishment of the agricultural colony out at Palmer. Arlene notes that the federal records relating to the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation were transferred to National Archives field office in Anchorage about ten years ago. She also points readers to a guide of non-federal records relating to the Palmer Colony, also known as the Matanuska Colony. That guide can be read at <http://libguides.consortiumlibrary.org/MatanuskaColony>.

For the full story, see <http://www.consortiumlibrary.org/blogs/archives/2012/08/03/aka-palmer-colony/>.

SCAMMON BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROFILED IN DELTA DISCOVERY

The August 8, 2012 online issue of the Delta Discovery features a profile of the Scammon Bay Library Project. The article can be read at <http://www.deltadiscovery.com/story/2012/08/08/village-telegraph/scammon-bay-library-project/361.html> and documents how the library came to be. It also included a description of the library collection that includes videos of Scammon Bay elders reciting oral stories (qanemcit) and Yupik rules for living (Inerquutet and Alerquutet).

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ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT LIVE-STREAMS ITS EDUCATION STATION

The Anchorage School District is now live-streaming ASD-TV, its education station. The stream is available 24 hours a day at <http://www.asdk12.org/channel14/live>. Users must install a free copy of Microsoft Silverlight on their computers to view the video feed. Previously, ASD-TV's programs were only available to cable subscribers who tuned into channel 14.

Users with slower Internet connections can take advantage of an audio-only option to listen to ASD-TV programs, available from the same web address. Users with iPhones have the option of downloading an application to view the live feed on their phones. There is a small fee to download the app from the iTunes App Store. There is not an Android version available at this time.

Some ASD-TV programs are available on the district's YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/AnchorageSD>. Among the videos available, viewers can watch "Helping Refugees in Anchorage," an ASD-TV-produced program about English language learners. The video won the 2012 Award of Excellence from the National School Public Relations Association. (Reprinted from *Information Exchange* 8/10/2012)

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