

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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Hello, I'm your friendly neighborhood Government Documents Librarian for the Alaska State Library. I run the Alaska State Publications Program, Federal Depository Library Program and the Canadian Depository Services Program. With these three government publications programs we try to collect and disseminate all of the government information our patrons need for their current and future research.

I work closely with Natalee Rothaus, the Documents Assistant, to resolve issues, communicate changes to the general processes, find lost publications and other special projects. Together we handle a large

volume of print and electronic government publications, placing them into our collection for long-term retention and public access.

ALASKA STATE MUSEUM ANNOUNCES ALASKA POSITIVE COMPETITION

The Alaska State Museum is seeking entries from photographers across Alaska for Alaska Positive 2012, the museum's biennial exhibition of Alaska photography. Now in its 40th year, Alaska Positive encourages photography as an art form in Alaska.

The deadline for receipt of entries is September 22, 2012. The exhibition will be juried by Portland photographer Holly Andres, whose work has been featured in Exit Magazine, Art in America, Artforum, Art News, Oprah Magazine, Elle Magazine, the LA Times, Blink and Art Ltd. which profiled her as one of 15 emerging West Coast artists under the age of 35.

There will be a \$300 Juror's Choice Award and two \$150.00 Awards of Recognition, sponsored by The Friends of the Alaska State Museum. The juror will also select a number of photographs for Honorable Mention. Following a showing at the State Museum, the photography exhibit will tour the state.

The entry form for the exhibit is available online at: <http://museums.alaska.gov>. The competition is open to any resident of the State of Alaska. Additional details are available in the prospectus online. All mailed and hand-delivered entries must be received by 4 p.m. September 22, at the Alaska State Museum in Juneau.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

PETERSBURG LISTENING PROJECT

Proving anew that libraries create as well as preserve, the Petersburg Public Library has partnered with KFSK public radio to run the Petersburg Listening Project. According the project website at <http://www.psglib.org/listen.html>, the way it works is:

The interview is a 40-minute conversation between two people who know each other. Interviews take place at the Petersburg Public Library in our meeting room. You and your partner conduct your own interview. A trained facilitator will be present to help you throughout the interview process and to handle all technical aspects of the recording. Each conversation is recorded on a free CD to take home and share and is archived for generations to come at the library.

Who is interviewed and what do they talk about? Here's what the project has to say:

There are many possibilities: your grandmother, a teacher, a neighbor, your parent. Interviews can be about anything, some examples include a shared experience you want to remember, something you want to know more about, a chance to record family history or an opportunity to hear about something you've always wanted to know more about.

If your library, archives or museum has embarked on an oral history project or other content creation project, we'd love to hear from you.

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IMLS has announced Museums for America Grant awards for these Alaskan museums:

Anchorage Museum Association - Anchorage, AK

Award Amount: \$148,750; Matching Amount: \$1,692,768

Category: Engaging Communities

The Anchorage Museum Association will develop Dena'inaq' Huch'ulyeshi: The Dena'ina Way of Living, the first exhibition of its kind to present and interpret the history and culture of the Dena'ina Athabascans. The 5,000-square-foot exhibition will feature more than 200 objects, including important early Dena'ina pieces from European museums: sinew-backed bows, arrows fletched with hawk feathers and caribou skin clothing adorned with finely woven bands of porcupine quills. Visitors will gain a better understanding of the Dena'ina past through iconic scenes of subsistence activities and learn who the Dena'ina are today and what it means to be a Dena'ina in the 21st century.

Pratt Museum - Homer, AK

Award Amount: \$129,497; Matching Amount: \$130,507

Category: Engaging Communities

The Pratt Museum will use its grant to continue developing and growing its education programs, preparing for the second phase of exhibit installation and the completion of a new facility. The museum will enhance the relevance of education programming, build staff and volunteer capacity and ensure long-term sustainability of the education program. Each year, the Pratt serves about 30,000 visitors and engages about 4,000 learners of all ages. Its primary audiences are the Kenai Peninsula/Cook Inlet region of Alaska, the local communities around Kachemak Bay and the thousands of travelers who visit the area each year from across the state, nation and world.

Kodiak Historical Society - Kodiak, AK

Award Amount: \$52,706; Matching Amount: \$52,810

Category: Engaging Communities

The Kodiak Historical Society will complete design development for 2,800 square feet of exhibits at the Baranov Museum. The project will foster the planning and design of exhibits that use the museum's assets and better reflect the diversity of the community. The project work will include a complete interpretive design, detailed floor plans for exhibit flow and construction documents to guide exhibit implementation.

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