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NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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My primary duty is procuring library materials, mostly books, which are selected by the three library sections (Information Services, Historical Collections, and Library Development), as well as large print items for the Talking Book Center. This includes tracking costs, maintaining vendor files and providing supply reports to assist the librarians with collection development. I particularly like working with library vendors to ensure that we get everything we have ordered in a timely fashion. I also purchase books and other related materials for State Archives & State Museums.

In addition to acquisition, I also manage the day to day operation of the circulation desk and public area. As part of the ASL account team, I evaluate email coming into the Information Services general account, fulfilling requests or forwarding them, as appropriate. Related to this, I help maintain the Table of Contents database, entering or updating information about users and resources.

My position interacts with several others regularly. In our constantly changing environment, I need to recognize need for changes in procedures and work with the Periodicals Librarian and ASL team to update processes and to update the team's manual so it reflects current practice.

I manage supplies and equipment in public and staff areas and perform special projects like shelf maintenance/inventory. I have learned to repair library books. I enjoy the meticulous nature of book repair and look forward to each unique challenge.

GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS OCTOBER 2012 INFORMATION LITERACY MONTH

Governor Sean Parnell issued a proclamation dated September 11, 2012 proclaiming October 2012 as Information Literacy Month in Alaska. The proclamation defines information literacy as the ability to recognize a need for information, and then locate, and effectively and ethically use resources to find information. The full text of the proclamation may be viewed at http://library.alaska.gov/pdf/oct_literacy_proclamation.pdf.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

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The ARLIS library in Anchorage recently placed a digitized collection of documents relating to the Susitna Hydroelectric Project at <http://www.arlis.org/resources/susitna-watana/>. From the website:

The 1970s/1980s Susitna Hydroelectric Project studies, costing an estimated \$227 million in research, produced a body of work exceeding several thousand reports. ARLIS has the largest collection of these reports anywhere. In cooperation with the Alaska Energy Authority, ARLIS has digitized these reports and linked the full-text, in support of the current Susitna-Watana project.

ROBYN RUSSELL EXPLAINS HOW TO MOVE A MOUNTAIN

Mobilizing resources to digitalize a large collection, like UAF's Oral History Collection, can seem like moving a mountain. In a recent blog post, Robyn Russell of UAF discusses the different resource that the Alaska and Polar Regions Collections & Archives is pulling together to start digitizing nearly 8,000 interviews. Her post, appropriately called "Moving the Mountain," can be found at <http://library.uaf.edu/blogs/apr-news/archives/563>.

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Aldean Kilbourn was one of the participants in last spring's Introduction to Alaska Digital Resources class sponsored by AkLA. For her final project she created a tutorial on using Mango Languages. The tutorial can be found at <http://akilbourn.clarify-it.com/d/zmjhq7> and covers creating a Mango profile and using the lessons.

Other tutorials created as a result of the class can be found at <http://akdigitalintro.blogspot.com/2012/06/completed-tutorials-from-class-of.html>.

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