

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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SLAM GROUNDBREAKING

The SLAM building groundbreaking took place on January 16, 2013 inside the State Museum by the iconic Eagle Tree owing to rain and mud outside. Over two hundred people attended the ceremony which featured several speakers:

- Merrill Sanford - Mayor of Juneau
- Sorrel Goodwin /Yashkanda.ets' - Member of the Auk Kwaan Big Dipper House Hereditary Leadership and Great-great grandson of Auk Kwaan Matriarch Sheep Creek Mary James
- Pat Kemp - Commissioner, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
- Mike Hanley - Commissioner, Department of Education & Early Development

After the brief and heartfelt remarks, the golden shovel was jointly wielded by Phyllis DeMuth, a member of the 1967 Alaska State Museum Committee, and Ron Inouye, representative of the Alaska Historical

Society. Division Director Linda Thibodeau served as master of ceremonies. Here are a couple of photos from the event:



L-R (Front), Rep. Bill Stoltz; Senator Johnny Ellis; Rosita Worl, SEAlaska Heritage; Randy Wanamaker, Juneau Assembly



Phyllis DeMuth and Ron Inouye

The SLAM building is projected to be completed in January 2016. For more information about the project, visit <http://lam.alaska.gov/slam>.

SLAM GROUNDBREAKING COVERAGE

Our groundbreaking ceremony has made the news. Here are a few links to stories:

State breaks ground on SLAM project (Juneau Empire)

http://juneauempire.com/state/2013-01-17/state-breaks-ground-slam-project#.UPL_1yfC3gd

Formal groundbreaking for SLAM project (KTOO)

<http://www.ktoo.org/2013/01/16/formal-groundbreaking-for-slam-project/>

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

WASILLA PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES ITS DIAMOND JUBILEE

Next week the Wasilla Public Library will be celebrating its 75th anniversary. Events include:

- Kick-off celebration (January 20, 2013: 6pm-8pm at the Menard Sports Center)
- Library Visionary Luncheon (January 23, 2013: Noon-1pm at the Wasilla City Hall Council Chambers)
- Open House – Wasilla Public Library & the Dorothy G. Page Museum (January 23, 2013: 4pm-6pm Wasilla Public Library)

For event details and other information, visit the Friends of Wasilla Library at

<http://www.wasillafriends.org/>. For more about the library itself, visit www.cityofwasilla.com/library/.

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In addition to Wasilla's 75th anniversary, the Alaska LAM community celebrates the grand opening of the Seward Library/Museum last Saturday and the grand opening of the Ketchikan Public Library on January 19, 2013.

Seward Community Library/Museum - <http://www.cityofseward.net/library/>

Ketchikan Public Library - <http://www.firstcitylibraries.org/KPLhomepage.html>

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTRATION OPENS FOR WEBWISE 2013: PUTTING THE LEARNER AT THE CENTER

Registration is now open for the Institute of Museum and Library Services' (IMLS) WebWise Conference, which will take place March 6-8 at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace in Baltimore, MD. WebWise 2013 will feature a new format that allows for more discussion, learning, and connecting with potential partners and collaborators.

A signature initiative of IMLS, the WebWise Conference annually brings together representatives of museums, libraries, archives, systems science, education, and other fields to explore the many opportunities made possible by digital technologies. WebWise highlights recent research and innovations in digital technology, explores their potential impacts on library and museum services, and promotes effective museum and library practices in a digital environment. It also provides recipients of technology-based grants from the Institute with an opportunity to showcase their exemplary projects. George Mason University's Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media (CHNM) is helping to organize the conference.

WebWise 2013 will focus on the theme "Putting the Learner at the Center." This year, WebWise will steal a page from participant-driven "unconferences" and THATCamps and feature a participatory and interactive format. The new format extends last year's successful WiseCamp pre-conference and responds to conference participants' calls for more hands-on and collaborative sessions by featuring participant-chosen workshops, project demonstrations, project incubation working groups, and lightning talks, all designed to foster opportunities for collaboration and learning. For example:

- Workshops: Want to learn a new digital skill? Through the use of an online tool called IdeaScale, participants will have an opportunity to help shape the conference agenda by submitting workshop topics, voting on existing topics, or adding comments. Workshops could include how to participate in the Digital Public Library of America or create online collections; the topics will be up to you.
- Project Demonstrations: Learn from nine exemplary projects in extended demonstration sessions with time for audience questions and in-depth discussions.
- Project/Partnership Incubator: Participate in small working sessions to connect, hatch new ideas, and work with potential collaborators.
- Sharing: Share results from small groups, be inspired by the keynote speaker, and leave WebWise with excitement and actionable to-dos to implement at your home institution.

Those seeking more information about the conference should visit <http://imlswebwise.org/>.

SNOW PLOWING THROUGHOUT THE AGES FROM LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The blog "Teaching with the Library of Congress" recently featured images of snow removal throughout the ages. To see how folks removed snow in ages past visit <http://blogs.loc.gov/teachers/2012/12/its-snowing-plowing-ahead-with-primary-sources-from-the-library-of-congress/>.

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