

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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Following Julie Niederhauser's recent promotion to Public Library Coordinator, the Alaska State Library is recruiting for an Outreach Librarian. We're looking for an Alaska resident who is passionate about libraries and sharing information, and who enjoys finding potential collaborators and then carrying shared projects to fruition. Amongst other duties, the Outreach Librarian will:

- Promote awareness of Alaska State Library services to State agency employees
- Coordinate and support a small, professional team of highly motivated staff in library educational and other outreach activities
- Provide reference and bibliographic services to State agency staff and to the public
- Keep up to date on the latest marketing and promotion literature and share best practices

For more information and to apply, go to Workplace Alaska at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/alaska/default.cfm>, scroll past the search criteria, and search on librarian.

This position closes Monday, November 25th, at 5 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Freya Anderson at freya.anderson@alaska.gov or 907-465-1315.

FIRST LADY PARNELL TO PRESENT 100,000TH IMAGINATION LIBRARY BOOK

On November 8th, from 4:30 to 5:30pm at the JACC, Juneau will celebrate early literacy and the joy of reading, when First Lady Sandy Parnell presents the 100,000th book from the Imagination Library in Southeast Alaska to the most recent family to enroll.

There are currently 2,000 children throughout southeast who are registered for the Imagination Library and receive their monthly books, absolutely free, regardless of family income. That's the way Ms. Parton wants it to be. She began the program by paying for the books herself, but as the program expanded, she realized others would have to help with the costs of acquiring the books and mailing them out each month. In Southeast, it costs \$30/per child per year or \$150 to cover a child for the entire five years. Although housed in Juneau at the Association for the Education of Young Children – Southeast Alaska (AEYC), the program is actually run by volunteers and with generous support from individuals, corporations and non-profits. That's why the presentation and community celebration will kick off a \$15,000 individual donor campaign.

According to Joy Lyon, the executive director of AEYC, that goal will underwrite costs for the next 1000 children born and registered in the region. AEYC and Juneau's Early Literacy Council are hosting the event, which along with the First Lady's presentation will include a proclamation from Mayor Sanford. Cookies and cider, prepared by a large number of volunteers, will also be available.

Said Lyon, "Although all are invited and there's no charge to attend our kickoff, we're hopeful those who can afford it will donate \$30 to fund a child for a year or, perhaps, \$150 for the full five years." She went on to point out that those unable to come, but interested in supporting the program can go to www.aeyc-sea.org/imaginationlibrary.html or <http://unitedwayseak.org>, which is currently conducting its fall giving campaign through which the Imagination Library can be designated as a recipient.

For more information about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library or the upcoming celebration, call 907-789-1235 or visit the AEYC-SEA website.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

ALASKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FOR GRADUATE LIBRARY STUDIES

AkLA has established a scholarship program to support the education of librarians for Alaska's libraries. The stated purpose is to provide financial assistance to worthy students pursuing a Graduate Degree in Library Science and to encourage graduates to return to Alaska to work in professional library positions. Preference will be given to an individual meeting the federal definition of Alaska Native ethnicity. The amount available this year is \$4,000. The recipient will be announced at the AkLA Conference, February 27-March 2 in Anchorage. To be eligible for the scholarship, an applicant must be an Alaskan resident who:

- possesses a Bachelor's Degree or higher from an accredited college or university;
- is eligible for acceptance, or is currently enrolled, in a Graduate Degree program in Library and Information Science in a university program accredited by the American Library Association;

- is or will be a student during the academic year, semester, or academic quarter for which the scholarship is received; and
- makes a commitment to work in an Alaskan library for a minimum of one year after graduation.

Completed applications must be received by January 15 of the award year.

The application is online at <http://akla.org/scholarships/application-and-reference-forms/>
If you have questions or need copies of the guidelines and application forms, contact:

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DECEMBER OWL VIDEOCONFERENCES

This month we announce video conferences know to be held in December. Our next Friday Bulletin announcement of OWL videoconferences will be on December 29th and will list January 2014 Videoconferences. Get the scoop on what happens in between by visiting the OWL Videoconference Calendar at <http://library.alaska.gov/dev/owlCalendar.html>.

The videoconferences listed below were open for other libraries to join as of press time. Please check the OWL Videoconference Calendar to verify that a videoconference is still open to join.

Tuesday, December 3

5:15pm Understanding the Affordable Care Act - OPEN

6:00pm Obtaining Your CDA with AEYC - OPEN

Friday, December 6

12:00pm French Language Group -- OPEN

Saturday, December 7

10:00am Social Emotional Development-AEYC - OPEN

Friday, December 13

12:00pm French Language Group -- OPEN

4:30pm Paleontology Museum Virtual Visit - PENDING

Thursday, December 19

4:45pm Heck Yeah! It's Time to Start my Business with Diamond Dar - OPEN

To reach the Fairbanks OWL video staff by email, write to: ua-owlvideo@alaska.edu. Emails to this address will go to all the Fairbanks crew, so if someone is on leave or out for the day, your email will be answered by available staff.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA SOUTHEAST PRESENTS ALASKA NATIVE FILM FESTIVAL

Starting this past Wednesday and running through December 4th, the University of Alaska Southeast is running their third annual Alaska Native Film Festival. According to the series web page at <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/ak-film-series/>, the free screenings will take place Wednesdays at 7pm at the UAS recreation center. Short discussions on film.

We have included a URL for each film's WorldCat record so you can find a copy if you don't live in Juneau or can't make the times:

October 30 — Kusah Hakwaan (K̄usaxá Kwáan)

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/54781103>

A family in modern-day Alaska enters a traditional Clan House to listen to their Great Uncle, a Tlingit Elder, reveals the mysteries of K̄usaxá Kwáan. The Elder weaves an adventurous story of two young brothers, Shawan and Yuntun, who long ago set out to conquer a mythical monster threatening their village. The tale moves between physical and spiritual realms, echoing a gripping saga of evil, heroism, and the Trickster Raven. The film has traveled the world, winning both international awards and critical acclaim.

November 6 — Survival Prayer

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/861751494>

Survival Prayer explores the power of food, nature, and culture. On a remote archipelago in Western Canada, an uncommon abundance of wildlife has sustained the Haida people for countless generations. Naanii Mary Swanson, a Haida speaker, frames this portrait of age-old traditions at risk. Against the spectacular scenery of the North Pacific coastline, her ancient words set the tone for detailed views of modern life, in which the labor of survival — cutting seaweed fronds, pulling salmon from nets, plucking young spruce tips — speaks to timeless rhythms that still retain strands of sacred ritual.

November 13 — We Were Children

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/836044456>

The shocking true story of two First Nations children who were each sent to faraway schools that separated them from their families and traditional land. These children endured brutality, physical hardship, mental degradation, and the complete erasure of their culture. For over 130 years till 1996, more than 100,000 of Canada's First Nations children were legally required to attend government-funded schools run by various Christian faiths. These schools were established with the express purpose "To kill the Indian in the child."

November 20 —

People of a Feather - <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/813838088>

Last Days of Shishmaref - <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/405639424>

Shishmaref is a community of about 600 people, located on an island just off the west coast of Alaska, and effects of global warming threaten their entire community. The Last Days of Shishmaref is a moving film about identity, mortality, place, and the clash between different eras and cultures.

People of a Feather takes you into the world of the Inuit on the Belcher Islands in Canada's Hudson Bay and their relationship with the eider duck. Traditional life is juxtaposed with modern challenges as both Inuit and eiders confront changing sea ice and ocean currents disrupted by the massive hydroelectric dams powering New York and eastern North America.

December 4 — Skins

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/51857331>

An inspirational tale about the relationship between two Sioux Indian brothers living on an Indian reservation. Skins is a 2002 feature film by Chris Eyre and based upon the novel of the same name by Adrian C. Louis. Lakota Sioux tribal police officer Rudy Yellow Lodge (Eric Schweig) struggles to rescue his older, alcoholic brother, Mogie (Graham Greene), a former football star who was wounded in combat three times in Vietnam.

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