

# FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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## NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

### SLAM STAFF ATTEND 2013 CLAN CONFERENCE IN JUNEAU

Sharing Our Knowledge: 2013 Clan Conference represents the latest in what has become a tradition in Southeast Alaska. This year's theme is Our Language: Haa Yoo X'atangi Haa Kusteeyix Sitee (Our Language Is Our Way of Life) and it's currently underway in Juneau, running through Sunday morning. Previous conferences were held in Haines/Klukwan, Ketchikan/Saxman, and Sitka, as well as Juneau.

This is an important event for Southeast Alaska, and topics include many relevant to libraries, archives, and museums. SLAM staff attending include Jim Simard, from the Alaska State Library's Historical Collections, and Steve Henrikson from the Alaska State Museum. For more information on the conference, see <http://ankn.uaf.edu/ClanConference2/course/view.php?id=5>.

### STATE LIBRARY SEEKS OUTREACH LIBRARIAN

So, what exactly does an Outreach Librarian at the Alaska State Library do?

*Promote awareness of Alaska State Library services to State agency employees*

We have some programs in place such as advertising on our digital signage and enticing people into the library with rotating art exhibits, but there is considerable leeway for you to employ your creativity to develop new ideas.

*Coordinate and support a small, professional team of highly motivated staff in library educational and other outreach activities*

Keep us on track with our Target Online Learning and OWL classes, or develop new ways for us to share our skills and knowledge.

*Provide reference and bibliographic services to State agency staff and to the public*

Your work can impact Alaskans' lives, enabling Alaska's leaders to make the informed choices.

*Keep up to date on the latest marketing and promotion literature and share best practices*

We support your learning and encourage statewide involvement.

If this sounds like a good fit for you, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, at 5 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Freya Anderson at [freya.anderson@alaska.gov](mailto:freya.anderson@alaska.gov) or 907-465-1315. Or, contact Julie Niederhauser, our former Outreach Librarian, to find out her take on the position. You can reach Julie at [julie.niederhauser@alaska.gov](mailto:julie.niederhauser@alaska.gov) or 907-465-2916.

## **NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA**

### **CARING FOR OUR CULTURE: LANGUAGES AND ARTIFACTS**

In a post from September titled "Dumping the past?" Gary posted in the blog, Talking Alaska: Reflections on the Native languages of Alaska, a fascinating reflection on how we try to save our history, and how problems in communication may cause pieces to be lost.

It's hard to know what information, what evidence of our time and earlier ones, will be valuable in the future. Priceless artifacts are damaged, destroyed, or even mislaid, because those responsible for them don't recognize their value, and don't communicate with those who do. This serves as a good reminder: as we rush through our daily lives, often working with too much to do in too little time, it's a good idea to slow down and think about who we could check with before filing that letter or throwing away that old, used tool.

For the original post, see <http://talkingalaska.blogspot.com/2013/09/dumping-past.html>.

### **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:

*AkLA Scholarship Committee*

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## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ALASKA ENERGY DATA GATEWAY**

This new resource includes datasets related to community information, Alaska energy statistics publications, energy and fuel prices, energy production, and social and economic data. It's geared towards researchers looking to download and crunch the data, rather than to those looking for a quick fact or lookup.

The Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER), one of the partners in the project, announced the resource, "the Alaska Energy Data Gateway, a new online database with energy data—most of it at the community level—from across Alaska: <https://akenergygateway.alaska.edu/>. The site provides data from many sources, through a single access point. The data can be downloaded in a variety of file formats." See <http://www.iser.uaa.alaska.edu/news/?p=649#sthash.geNoFzGs.dpuf> for more information about the project.

### **HOURLY OF CODE**

We live in a world surrounded by technology. But only a tiny fraction of us ever learn how computers work, or how to create software technology. Computer Science provides a foundation for virtually any career and our entire population can benefit from learning the basics.

This year, for Computer Science Education Week, December 9-15-2013, a massive campaign called the Hour of Code is introducing 10 million participants to try one hour of introductory computer science.

Individuals can use lessons on the website to learn on their own, but schools, libraries, workplaces, and community organizations are particularly encouraged to participate through promotion, holding classes or meetings, or providing space, time, hardware, or prizes.

For more information, including online and offline lessons, promotional materials, and to sign up, see the website at <http://csedweek.org>. If you are thinking of participating, please let Freya Anderson know at [freya.anderson@alaska.gov](mailto:freya.anderson@alaska.gov).

## **SEALASKA HERITAGE INSTITUTE LECTURE SERIES IN JUNEAU**

The brown-bag lunch series will focus on spirituality, said SHI President Rosita Worl. Native spirituality is a topic that has come up in issues dealing with repatriation and other areas. SHI's Council of Traditional Scholars has wrestled with how to bring the knowledge of shamanism into the modern world and to correct the many misconceptions about shamanism. Also, an Alaska court recently heard testimony on Yup'ik fishing and spirituality, said Worl, adding the timing for this discussion seemed appropriate.

“As a society, we still have a lot to learn about Native religion, Native spirituality. We're hopeful that our lecture series is going to offer an insight into Native spirituality and Native religion,” said Worl, who also will give one of the lectures.

The lectures are sponsored by ConocoPhillips Alaska and will be held from 12-1 pm in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor boardroom at Sealaska Plaza in Juneau. Attendees are invited to bring their own lunches. The talks also will be videotaped and posted online.

Sealaska Heritage Institute was founded in 1980 to promote cultural diversity and cross-cultural understanding. The institute is governed by a Board of Trustees and guided by a Council of Traditional Scholars. Its mission is to perpetuate and enhance Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian cultures of Southeast Alaska.

See [http://www.sealaskaheritage.org/programs/clan\\_songs\\_project.htm](http://www.sealaskaheritage.org/programs/clan_songs_project.htm) for more information and a full schedule.

## **THIS WEEK AT UAS'S 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:

### **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.”

For the full list of movies, see last week’s Friday Bulletin at  
<http://museums.alaska.gov/LAM/documents/FridayBulletin/2013/11-1.pdf>.

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