

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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The governor has proposed \$15 Million dollars in funding for the in-progress Statewide Library Archives Museum (SLAM) Building in his budget released Thursday. The Governor's budget can be viewed online at <https://omb.alaska.gov/html/budget-report/fy-2015-budget/proposed.html>. The remainder needed for full funding is \$22.215 million. More details about past and current funding may be found on the SLAM Project page at <http://lam.alaska.gov/slam>.

SLAM FALL 2013 STATUS UPDATE SLIDES

For an overall look at where we currently are with the State Library, Archives & Museum (SLAM) building project, visit the [Fall 2013 Status Update](#), available under “recently added” on the project home page of <http://lam.alaska.gov/slam>. A few highlights from the slides:

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PERCENT FOR ART ARTWORK SELECTED FOR SLAM PROJECT

The State of Alaska is pleased to announce the artists commissioned to create public artwork for the State Library, Archives & Museum (SLAM) building project in Juneau. Walter Gordinier of Portland, Oregon; Evon Zerbetz of Ketchikan, Alaska; and Martin Shelton of Bellingham, Washington (formerly of Juneau) were selected through an open call in coordination with the Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA) and the SLAM project Percent for Art advisory (selection) committee.

Learn more about the art going on and in our new building at <http://museums.alaska.gov/LAM/documents/slam/OnePercentSLAMDec2013.pdf>.

MUSEUM XOS FEATURED ON ALASKA PUBLIC MEDIA

The Division is very grateful for the outside museum professionals (XOs) who are coming to help move the collections of the Alaska State Museum into the SLAM building vault next spring. Some of the interns are profiled in the 12/10/2013 Alaska Public Radio story “Putting the ‘State’ In Alaska State Museum” which can be read at <http://www.alaskapublic.org/2013/12/10/putting-the-state-in-alaska-state-museum/>. This story also reveals how we got XOs out of “outside museum professionals.”

WANT \$\$ FOR YOUR LIBRARY? APPLY FOR DISCOUNTS ON YOUR PHONE AND INTERNET BILLS THROUGH E-RATE!

A reminder from Valerie Oliver, E-rate Coordinator for Schools and Libraries:

All public libraries in Alaska are eligible to receive discounts on their phone and Internet bills under the Universal Service Fund support mechanism. Applying for this funding is non-competitive and requires 2 forms. The first form solicits bids and is called the Form 470. If you are intending to apply for E-rate discounts (they average a 74% discount for Alaska libraries!!!) you should do your Form 470 as soon as possible. If you need help, please contact the Alaska State Library E-rate Coordinator, Valerie Oliver. She would be happy to get you going! The second form is done at least 28 days after the first form has been posted and you are ready to review any and all bids that resulted from the Form 470 advertisement. That second form is the Form 471. All forms can be completed online at: <http://www.sl.universalservice.org/menu.asp>. The window for submitting a form 471 ends March 26, 2014.

If you have questions about E-rate, you can call Valerie at 907-227-4051 or e-mail her at valerie.oliver@alaska.gov.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

LET AKLA HELP YOU INTO A NEW CAREER WITH A SCHOLARSHIP

Since 1992, a year after Clara Sitter suggested the Alaska Library Association create a scholarship for students pursuing a Master of Library Science (MLS) degree, fifty-one Alaskans have been awarded the AkLA scholarship. Initially a single \$2000.00 scholarship was awarded each year. By 2001 the number of scholarships awarded and the amount of the scholarship had increased to \$4000.00 due to additional funding from the Alaska State Library.

While not all AkLA scholarship recipients have chosen to remain in Alaska, many of those that have remained have become library and community leaders. Some past AkLA scholarship recipients include: Elise Tomlinson, Director of the Egan Library for the University of Southeast, Juneau; Stacey Glaser, Director of the Chukchi Consortium Library, Kotzebue, and current AkLA President; Ann Dixon, Director of the Homer Public Library; Mollie Good, Director of the Valdez Consortium Library; Linda Wynn, Records Manager for Sealaska and past AkLA President.

The decision to pursue an advanced degree is never made lightly. Earning an MLS requires a huge commitment of time, energy and money, often involving individual and family sacrifices. Those Alaskans, who decide to pursue a Master's in Library Science, may be comforted to know that they have the support and financial backing of a larger library community.

Not sure if you are ready to pursue an advanced degree? I hope these shared experiences from some past AkLA scholarship recipients help you decide to apply for the AkLA Scholarship and pursue your MLS.

At first I was hesitant to apply for the AkLA Scholarship, because I wasn't certain that I wanted to work in Alaska for two years after graduation. But nowhere else would I have received the greatest job ever, Library Director of the Valdez Consortium Library. Alaska is a place of opportunity. Get your MLIS, put your time in here in Alaska, and the possibilities are endless. The kind of experience I am gaining right now wouldn't have happened in the Lower 48. Take advantage of the scholarship, and take advantage of the Library jobs our state has to offer. For those of you not from Alaska, consider it. It is a unique and wonderful place, and Alaskan librarians are some of the best people you will ever work with. **Mollie Good, Valdez Consortium Library**

The scholarship made a big difference for me as it helped me get through school with fewer loans. Clearly, I would not be where I am today, professionally, without the degree. AkLA helped me make that happen. Sure, I would have done it anyway but the amount I'm paying each month to my loan is less and I will not be paying for as long as a result of that scholarship. Even more important to me was the feeling that I had a community who supported me. They saw that I'd make a great librarian, wanted me to succeed, and invested in me. It makes me even more passionate to give back to our organization. **D'Arcy L. Hutchings, UAA Learning Resources Center**

I'm living the dream. In 2011, I was awarded the AkLA Scholarship for Graduate Library Studies to put toward my MLIS degree at Drexel University. Thanks to the support of my

previous co-workers at Seward Community Library & Museum, AkLA membership, educated professors, and fellow librarians in the Twitterverse, I have grown in knowledge and developed respect for information professionalism. Through these privileges and experiences I would encourage anyone who has the same dream to share knowledge, organize information, and run with a greater sense of purpose... DO IT. Alaskan librarians and information specialists are always happy to cheer you on and guide you toward your goal. **Amy Carney, Publications Specialist, Alaska State Library**

Information on the Alaska Library Association scholarship is available online, <http://akla.org/scholarships/application-and-reference-forms/>. Completed application and reference forms must be received by January 15 of the award year. For more information contact Julie Niederhauser, Julie.niederhauser@alaska.gov or call (907) 465-2916 or within Alaska, (888) 465-2916.

HAINES, NOT CHICAGO IS THE PLACE TO BE

The December 6, 2013 *Chilkat Valley News* reported on the remarkable story of Helen Alten, the new director at the Sheldon Museum in Haines. She has more than 20 years of experience working for museums and other cultural organizations in Alaska, other parts of the United States and overseas. The article describes Alten as having, “extensive knowledge of archeology, conservation, grant writing and fundraising.”

This is remarkable and a great catch for the Sheldon museum. What made the story even more remarkable for us is that Alten turned down a job with the world famous Field Museum in Chicago to come to Haines with her family.

Read the article *Museum director passed on job at Field Museum* for the full details. If you have an electronic subscription to the Chilkat Valley News you can read the article online at <http://www.chilkatvalleynews.com/cgi-bin/html05.cgi/00706.2.1561771423565834184/id-5710?>. Otherwise, check out <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/11256589> to see if a library near you carries this newspaper or to request the article through Interlibrary Loan.

(Hat tip to Mary Irvine and Steve Henrikson for this item.)

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ALASKA LIBRARY NETWORK SEEKS NEW DIRECTOR

In 2007, the Alaska Library Network took its first steps in becoming a recognized non-profit tax-exempt membership based organization. The Board of Directors of the Alaska Library Network (ALN) is currently recruiting for a full time Executive Director. <http://alaskalibrarynetwork.org/>

The ALN Board of Directors sets overall direction and approves policies. The ALN Executive Director works closely with the Board and makes recommendations on plans, programs, and policies. The ALN Executive Director is responsible for managing the operations of the organization and implementing decisions of the Board. The ALN Executive Director prioritizes activities, identifies problems and opportunities, and implements solutions. The ALN Executive Director works in a collaborative problem-solving mode consulting with the directors of the

member libraries and with the State Library staff. The successful candidate must be highly motivated, have strong planning and organizational skills, sound fiscal management abilities and be an effective communicator.

For a complete description and application instructions, visit <https://www.uakjobs.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=82954>.

The screening committee will begin reviewing applications 12/30/2013. Applications will be accepted until the recruitment is closed. Candidates are encouraged to apply by the review date to receive full consideration.

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