

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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STATE LIBRARY'S DIGITIZED ALASKA NATIVE LANGUAGE MATERIALS ONLINE

For the past several years, the Alaska State Library Historical Collections has been digitizing Alaska Native Language curriculum materials and posting them to Alaska's Digital Archives. Now the State Library has posted an online guide with links to every item digitized to date at <http://lam.alaska.gov/anlm>, as well as finding aids to items not yet digitized. The following language/language families are covered by the guide:

- [Ahtna](#)
- [Aleut](#)
- [Athabaskan](#)
- [Haida](#)
- [Inupiaq](#)
- [Tlingit](#)
- [Yup'ik, Central](#)

- [Yupik, Siberian St. Lawrence](#)

Please visit the guide and offer your feedback!

MUSEUM CHIEF CURATOR SOUGHT BY DIVISION

The Department of Education and Early Development, Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums (LAM) is seeking a Chief Curator for the Alaska State Museum.

This position is responsible for the daily operation and administration of all programs and activities within the Alaska State Museums, and provides leadership to the Museums team. The incumbent is responsible for coordinating, implementing, and managing museum planning, development, and activities statewide for both the Alaska State Museum in Juneau and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka.

Key Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Overseeing the financial operations of the museums, including capital budget planning, expenditures and revenue receipts
- Assuring compliance with State procurement policies
- Supervising state run museum staff, including a team of 6 section supervisors
- Leading institutional accreditation efforts with American Alliance of Museums, due in 2015
- Participating with LAM leadership and State Museum staff in long-range facility planning and operations for the Division and state museum locations as we move into the new State Library, Archives and Museums building currently under construction
- Facilitating LAM institutional integration - this includes serving as a member of the LAM Curatorial Board and serving as the museum representative with the affiliated non-profit organization – Friends of the Library, Archives and Museums
- Providing the long-term academic leadership and professional relationships expected from the Alaska State Museum.
- Overseeing the development of the State Museum's policy on heritage preservation and the successful expression of that policy through outreach programs and public access to the museums
- Supervising the design and development of exhibitions and publications of the museums
- Representing the State Museums to the Museum Collections Advisory Committee, statewide museum and historical groups and heritage foundations, and the American Association of Museums
- Coordinating grant funding for the museums

Minimum Qualifications:

Master's degree or certificate in Museology, Public History, History, Archaeology, Anthropology, Visual Arts, Art History, Conservation, or a closely related field; and two years of professional curatorial experience in a historical museum.

OR

Bachelor's degree in Museology, Public History, History, Archaeology, Anthropology, Visual Arts, Art History, Conservation, or a closely related field; and four years of professional curatorial experience in a historical museum.

Special Note:

Visual Arts includes both the Fine Arts such as painting, sculpture, and architecture and the Applied Arts such as textile or decorative arts, graphic art, design, photography, computer art, and similar areas but does not include the performing arts such as music or dance.

Salary is \$6,600/month and position closes Tuesday 1/21/2014.

To view the full announcement and to apply, visit <http://workplace.alaska.gov> and do a keyword search for “chief curator”

NEW FILMS FOR MANGO PREMIERE

Recently Mango Languages announced the addition of three films to their Mango Premiere service that the Digital Pipeline subscribes to:

- Around a small mountain (French)
- Ocean Heaven (Mandarin Chinese)
- Little Big Soldier (Mandarin Chinese)

If you missed out on prior announcements about Mango Premiere, check out this [lifehacker article](#) for a basic overview.

NEW PATRON AIDS FOR ARCHIVES' EXXON VALDEZ LITIGATION MATERIALS

The Alaska State Archives has added six links to its Exxon Valdez webpage, <http://archives.alaska.gov/valdezProject.html>. Intended to help those navigating the sometimes turbulent and convoluted waters of Exxon Valdez research, they include the following documents:

- Welcome to Patrons (how to use the webpage resources)
- RG 708 Subseries in the State Archives (22 Alaska Attorney General's Exxon Valdez Litigation record series)
- Acronyms, Terminology and Other Expressions (Did you always wonder what 'AIRWAT Studies' are?)
- Exxon Related Nonlitigation Records at the Alaska State Archives (Our collection has a variety of Alaska Government program and project records as well.)
- Dramatis Personae (An annotated list of participants involved in some way, in the spill, remediation &-or litigation)
- Links & Other Resources (Includes archival, library and museum collections, but also sources from government, industry and public affairs)

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NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE ALASKA WORKS

We are very pleased to pass the following announcement from AkLA:

Dear Alaskana Readers,

It's that time again to nominate your favorite Alaska works for the annual AkLA Alaskana Award. The deadline for submission is January 17, 2014.

The Alaskana award was established in 1994 to honor outstanding adult fiction and nonfiction works about Alaska published in any format. Works that will be considered make a significant contribution to the understanding of Alaska; exhibit originality, depth of research and knowledge of Alaska; and have been published in the calendar year preceding the AkLA conference (published in 2013) at which the award will be presented. The author is not required to be an Alaskan resident.

Information to include in the nomination:

- Author, title, place of publication, publisher, and date of publication (2013)
- Full description of the work being nominated
- Statement of the overall impact of the publication
- Supporting documentation for this nomination should include critical testimony, such as published reviews or specially written letters that evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the nomination which will aid the review process.

Nominations must be received by Friday, January 17, 2014. You can mail, email or fax your nominations to me. My contact information is below. If you have any questions, feel free to call.

Happy Reading,
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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAREER RESOURCE OPEN TO ALL ALASKANS

The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, in partnership with the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, makes Alaska Career Information System (AKCIS) available to all Alaska residents free of charge. Access is through your school, local community organization or on your own with your Alaskan Zip Code. With AKCIS you can:

- Customize a personal portfolio
- Find a college and training program near you
- Find occupations that match your interests
- Create a professional resume
- Share your portfolio with visitor accounts
- Save documents online, such as transcripts and certificates

Visit <http://www.akcis.org> to get started or learn more. Working through a school or local community organization offers additional benefits. See <https://www.akcis.org/materials/AKCISCurrentRegisteredSites.pdf> for a list of current AKCIS active sites.

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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