

# FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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## **NEWS FROM THE DIVISION**

### **SUE SHERIF HONORED TWICE AT AKLA CONFERENCE**

AkLA recognized Sue Sherif's lifetime of library accomplishments at the 2013 conference in Valdez. She received the 2013 Audrey P. Kolb Public Library Service Award and was awarded honorary membership in the Association for her work supporting libraries of all types. From the nomination for the Kolb Award:

Sue's career in libraries and in life is based on her devotion to the ideal of equity -- fair and impartial treatment of all people. This thread is woven throughout the cloth of her professional library experiences and her community activities.

Sue has tirelessly promoted children's books, children's librarians, and children's services in libraries since starting work as a librarian in 1976. She has founded or been instrumental in many projects, including the Alaska Summer Reading Program, the Ready to Read Resource Center, Battle of the Books, and First Book Alaska. Sue has popularized children's books by managing author visits, writing book reviews, and serving nationally on the Caldecott, Newbery, Batchelder, and Coretta Scott King book award committees.

Sue has supported literacy for all ages with her work as a literacy tutor in Fairbanks and with her service to the Literacy Council of Alaska, Alaska's Early Childhood Literacy Initiative, and the Alaska Center of the Book. She has staffed reading promotion booths from Anchorage's Reading Rendezvous to the Alaska pavilion at the National Book Festival in Washington D.C.

Sue's passion for equitable treatment of all has extended beyond library walls with her work helping people who experience mental illness and her service on the boards of the Fairbanks Alliance for the Mentally Ill and the Alaska Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

More recently, Sue became interested in how cultural institutions can serve and represent Alaska Natives, especially in rural areas where librarians, archivists, and museum staff work in isolation. Her Alaska Native Libraries, Archives, and Museum Summit laid the groundwork for equitable training for and development of our memory-keeping institutions across the state.

Over the past few years, Sue has been immersed and enmeshed in providing equitable access to the internet for rural residents through the Online With Libraries (OWL) project. This multi-million dollar project has raised consciousness statewide of the problems rural Alaskans face when they live at the end of the last mile of connectivity.

Sue is a firm believer in the power of librarians. She has promoted this career choice by hosting summer interns from the First Alaskan Institute and by serving on innumerable statewide library committees and working groups for SLED, AkASL, AkLA, PNLA and ALA. Everyone in AkLA knows Sue because she is everywhere librarians are in Alaska.

Karen Crane, a former state librarian who supervised Sue in Fairbanks and at the State Library wrote this: "What I can say is that Sue operates at the extraordinary so consistently that she makes it seem ordinary. Sue has always been a bright light in the Alaska library world."

It is an honor to nominate Sue Sherif for the 2013 Audrey P. Kolb Library Service Award for her devotion to equitable treatment of all Alaskans and for her endless devotion to the positive impact that libraries and reading can have on us all.

Sue's dedication and skill make her a priceless resource for libraries and for Alaska. I'm thankful and proud to have her at the Alaska State Library.

### **REMINDER: CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE LIBRARIES WORKSHOP, ANCHORAGE, MAY 28-30**

The Alaska State Library with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services will offer the third and last workshop in a series of follow-ups to the April 2011 **Alaska Native Libraries, Archives, and Museums Summit (ANLAMS)**. Workshops in 2012 were directed to people who work in museums and archives, and now librarians will gather to continue work that was begun at the large ANLAMS gathering. This workshop will be limited to 35 participants. If you work in a public, school, or tribal library of any kind, this meeting is tailored for you.

The workshop will be held **Tuesday afternoon May 28 through Thursday afternoon May 30, 2013**. It will feature a combination of guest speakers and interactive hands-on sessions. It is open to Alaska Native librarians and anyone who works in a library that serves an Alaska Native population or who is working with a collection that reflects or aims to reflect Alaska's cultural diversity.

There will be a number of full and partial travel scholarships available. This workshop is an appropriate use of IMLS Basic Grant training stipends as well.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Sue Sherif at the Alaska State Library at [sue.sherif@alaska.gov](mailto:sue.sherif@alaska.gov) to reserve one of the spaces at this one-of-a-kind workshop by **April 26, 2013**. Be sure to include the following information: **your name, your library name, your email address and phone number, and if appropriate (optional) the tribal entity of which you are a part**. It is also important to indicate whether or not your library has received an Institute of Museum and Library Services Basic grant with funds for training and if you will be using that source to fund your travel to the workshop. You will be notified of availability of space and, if you request, receive a scholarship application.

We will provide more details of the workshop and the location shortly.

Workshop Planners: Linda Wynne, Sealaska Corporation; Sue Sherif and Jacque Peterson, Alaska State Library

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

### **NEXT WEEK'S OPEN OWL VIDEOCONFERENCES**

The videoconferences listed below were open for other libraries to join as of press time. Please check the OWL Videoconference Calendar at <http://library.alaska.gov/dev/owlCalendar.html> to verify that a videoconference is still open to join.

Monday, April 29

No open events are scheduled

Tuesday, April 30

10:30 am Pole to Pole: Polar Bears to Penguins

Wednesday, May 1

1:00 pm AkLA CD Roundtable – Weeding Meeting

Thursday, May 2

5 pm Maintaining your Fuel Oil Tank

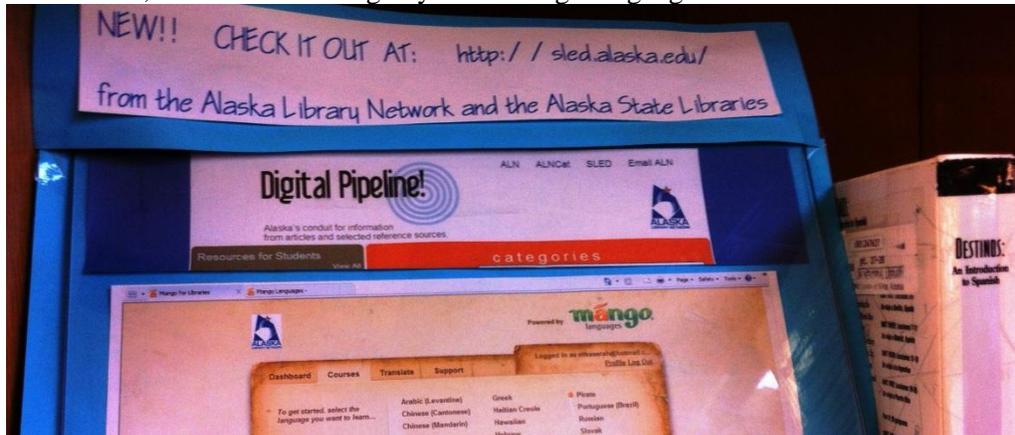
Friday, May 3

12:00 pm French Language Group

To join a program shown above, please contact UA video staff at 800-910-9601, then press #, and press 1. To reach the Fairbanks OWL video staff by email, write to: [ua-owlvideo@alaska.edu](mailto: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.

## CONNECTING TO ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Freya Anderson recently visited Sitka, and stopped by at the lovely Kettle Memorial Library to take advantage of the view, comfy chairs and free wifi, and to pick up a few books from their book sale. While there, she noticed this sign by their foreign language books and media:



It's a simple sign, but it made her think about libraries combine traditional resources, new options, and the personal touch, to make a truly special service. Do you build connections to digital resources in your physical space? Share how, and we may post your image or story here.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DIGITAL PRESERVATION EDUCATION WEBSITE

The State Library of North Carolina has created a simple portal for digital preservation education. According to their press release:

The State Library of North Carolina, in conjunction with the State Archives of North Carolina, is releasing a redesigned, streamlined and mobile friendly digital preservation education site (<http://digitalpreservation.ncdcr.gov>). This first-stop site is a great introduction to digital preservation for state employees, librarians and archivists, or anyone interested in making sure their files stay accessible as long as possible.

For information created by and for Alaskans, see the Alaska State Archives and Records Management guidance at [http://archives.alaska.gov/records\\_management/records\\_management.html](http://archives.alaska.gov/records_management/records_management.html). Some of the information here is specific to employees of the State of Alaska, but quite a bit is great for everyone who deals with records in paper or electronic format.

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