

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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STATE IS ACCEPTING LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development is accepting applications for the FY 2015 Library Construction and Major Expansion Matching Grant Program. The primary objective of the Library Construction and Major Expansion Matching Grant Program is to provide communities with the financial assistance needed to help construct a public library or make a major expansion and associated renovations to an existing public library.

Subject to appropriation, the program provides not more than 50 percent of the total proposed grant project costs to an eligible applicant. The application period ends 4:30pm, Friday, August 30, 2013. For more information and application materials, visit

<http://commerce.alaska.gov/dnn/dcra/GrantsSection/LibraryConstructionGrantProgram.aspx>.

NOW ONLINE: 1911 TRAVEL BROCHURE FROM PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY

The Alaska State Library Historical Collections recently posted the following 1911 travel brochure to Alaska's Digital Archives:

Pacific Coast Steamship Company. 1910. *Alaska via totem pole route, season 1911: Alaskan cruises of the Pacific Coast Steamship Co.* San Francisco, Calif: Pacific Coast Steamship Co.

This item can be viewed by visiting <http://vilda.alaska.edu/cdm/ref/collection/cdmg21/id/16053>. This 14 MB PDF file includes information on Alaska cities, steamship fares, travel conditions and some photos of the time period.

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OPEN OWL CONFERENCES NEXT WEEK

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, June 17

10:15am Turning a Novel Into a Play - OPEN

12:00pm Spanish Language Group - OPEN

Tuesday, June 18

12:15pm Digital Discretion - OPEN

Friday, June 21

12:00pm French Language Group -- OPEN

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. 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.

ALASKA FILM ARCHIVES YOUTUBE SITE SURPASSES THAT OF UAF'S

The blog at the Alaska Polar Regions Collections & Archives recently reported that the Alaska Film Archives (AFA) YouTube channel has passed the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) in terms of subscribers while maintaining a commanding lead in views. For exact stats, see <http://library.uaf.edu/blogs/apr-news/archives/937>.

AFA YouTube Channel - <http://www.youtube.com/user/alaskafilmarchives>

UAF YouTube Channel - <http://www.youtube.com/user/uafairbanks>

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From our friends at USA.gov:

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers a variety of home loan programs for active duty servicemembers, veterans, and National Guard and Reserve members:

- **Purchase Loans** help purchase a home at a competitive interest rate often without requiring a down payment or private mortgage insurance.
- **Cash Out Refinance Loans** take cash out of your home equity to pay off debt, fund school, or make home improvements.
- **Interest Rate Reduction Refinance Loan** can help you obtain a lower interest rate by refinancing an existing VA loan.
- **Native American Direct Loans** help eligible Native American veterans finance the purchase, construction, or improvement of homes on Federal Trust Land, or reduce the interest rate on a VA loan.
- **Adapted Housing Grants** help veterans with a permanent and total service-connected disability purchase or build an adapted home or to modify an existing home to account for their disability.

These programs are not one-time benefits - they can be reused.

Learn more about home loans for veterans and servicemembers at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/>.

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