

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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NEW SLAM PHOTOS AND NEWS ARTICLES

We've done our monthly update of the SLAM Project website at <http://museums.alaska.gov/lam/slam.html>. New content includes:

- Links to the Juneau Empire's three part June 2013 "Behind the Scenes" series on the SLAM Project
- May 2013 construction progress photos
- May 2013 construction site photos of ground level activities and more from photographer Damon Stuebner.
- May 2013 quarterly construction report

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>.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

NO OWL VIDEOCONFERENCES NEXT WEEK

The OWL Video Conference Network will be down for maintenance from June 9th through June 15th 2013 and no new videoconferences will be given that week. Consider checking out one of our archived on-demand webinars at <http://library.alaska.gov/dev/owlArchives.html>.

GREAT EARTHQUAKE OF 1964 RESOURCES FROM UAA

The following e-mail was posted to the AkLA-L list last week, but is probably of interest to museums and archives in Alaska:

Archives and Special Collections at the Consortium Library, UAA, is happy to share our ENHANCED website related to the Great Alaska Earthquake of 1964. The website now connects you to over 600 images of the quake. Many have been digitized for the first time. Go to the website, and click the Photos tab at the top. You will be connected to a virtual display of images from Southcentral Alaska. The virtual display features a geotag function which enables you to click on a point on a map to retrieve a photo from a precise location. Click on the Map tab near the top of the page to connect.

Other access points in the virtual display include -

- two other tabs on the top - a Gallery view and a List view
- on the left side bar you will find - a search box; a subject box and a location box.

The virtual display will continue to grow, as we prepare to upload more photos soon.

The link: <http://www.consortiumlibrary.org/blogs/64akquake/>

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STUDENT FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES FROM SENATOR MURKOWSKI'S OFFICE

The website of Senator Lisa Murkowski has a resource page for students applying for financial aid at <http://www.murkowski.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=FinancialAid>. The guide is divided into "Getting Started", "Sources of Financial Aid" and "Repaying Your Loans." The sources section includes special information for military families, minorities and other groups as well as options for people interested in public service. Thanks to Karen McCarthy for pointing out this site for us.

SPOTTING FRAUDULANT ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Here is a repost from blog.usa.gov that might be helpful to people contemplating an online education experience:

Is That Online Degree Really Worth Anything?

Growth in technology has made it easier for more students to have access to online courses to fit higher education into their already busy lives. The flexibility of online courses makes it easy for students to attend class, complete assignments and get their degrees.

But when you're not meeting with a professor face-to-face or attending classes on a campus, it can be hard to tell a legitimate online college from a fraudulent one. The Internet has made it easier for more and more of these "diploma mills" to spring up and take your money, while granting you a worthless degree.

Diploma mills, so dubbed by the Department of Education, operate without supervision from a state or other professional organization. The degrees they grant are either fraudulent or completely worthless because of a lack of proper educational standards.

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) suggests that consumers protect themselves from diploma mills by doing the proper research ahead of time. The BBB also suggests looking for these red flags to alert you to a fraudulent institution:

- Degrees that can be earned in less time than at an accredited postsecondary institution, an example would be earning a Bachelor's degree in a few months.
- Tuition paid on a per-degree basis, or discounts for enrolling in multiple degree programs. Accredited institutions charge by credit hours, course, or semester.
- Little or no interaction with professors.
- Names that are similar to well-known reputable universities.
- Addresses that are box numbers or suites. That campus may very well be a mail drop box or someone's attic.

[Learn more about diploma mills](#) and what to watch for before you enroll in an online university.

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