

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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ADOBE DIGITAL EDITIONS PRIVACY RESOURCE

This week it was revealed that Adobe Digital Editions (ADE) 4.0, used with some books in Listen Alaska and ebrary, collects detailed information about reading and transmits that information back to Adobe servers in clear text. This is potentially a very worrying privacy development and Listen Alaska staff are looking at how to respond. Several units of the American Library Association are also examining this issue and looking at response options.

To provide background on the possible privacy risks of ADE and to keep you updated on current developments in this story, the Information Services section of the Alaska State Library has created a guide for staff and patrons alike at <http://lam.alaska.gov/ade>.

We note that audiobooks are NOT affected by this issue, nor are books read in the Overdrive Read format or books read with earlier versions of Adobe Digital editions.

NOVEMBER 3RD DEADLINE FOR COMMENT ON REPOSITORY REGS

At the Museums Alaska conference last week in Seward, Museums Alaska announced the open comment period for the new regulations 4 AAC 58, which opened October 1 and close at 4:00pm on November 3, 2015. Be sure to weigh in, as the new regulations will allow any museum or cultural center in the state to apply to be named a repository of Alaska cultural and natural history materials, based on a review of 26 areas of collections care.

There is a [FAQ document](#) prepared by the Division of Libraries, Archives, Museums as well as the [text of the proposed regulations](#).

The link for public comment is here: <https://education.alaska.gov/regs/comment.cfm> The comment form is at the bottom of the web page.

Thanks for your participation in this important process. If you have more questions about these regulations, contact:

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HIBPSHMAN AND WHITMAN RECEIVE ARCHIVAL CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE

On October 1 the Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board (ASHRAB) awarded Larry Hibpshman of Kenai and Mark Whitman of Juneau archival Certificates of Excellence for their impressive authorship, historical research and dramatic presentations.

Hibpshman, who recently retired from the Alaska State Archives after 25 years of service, was chosen in the publications category for his 48-page monograph entitled “Records of Alaska Natives in Religious Archives,” which describes the archival repositories of fifteen organizations that sent missionaries and messengers to Alaska from 1794 forward. This valuable research tool consolidates descriptive data located all over the United States under one cover; the publication is available on the State Archives website at <http://archives.alaska.gov/pdfs/AKNativesinReligiousArchives.pdf>

The ASHRAB also chose Mark Whitman of Juneau under its public events classification. For many years Whitman has made Juneau local history come alive with his colorful presentations featuring China Joe, Juneau’s first baker; the notorious Birch Brothers; and imaginative story teller Dick Willoughby. Dressed in period costume and armed with the results of meticulous research from archival documents,

photographs, newspapers, and personal interviews, Whitman weaves a coherent and verifiable narrative to live audiences.

The ASHRAB, coordinated by the State Archivist, is a nine-member governor-appointed state board. The ASHRAB believes that the collection and preservation of historical records, Alaska's priceless legacy, are fundamental to understanding our past and guiding our future. This was the ASHRAB's fourth year recognizing archival excellence among several worthy nominations.

STATE LIBRARY ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

In case you missed the news, the Alaska State Library has official Facebook and Twitter channels:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/AKStateLibrary>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AKStateLibrary>

The [Alaska OWL Program](#) and the [Talking Book Center](#) also have Facebook pages.

STATE LIBRARY PODCAST: RETIRED TEACHERS IN JUNEAU

The Juneau Retired Teachers Association recently published the second edition of their book about Juneau teachers' experiences. The book includes personal histories by teachers who worked in Juneau in the 1930s, 40s, and 50s, as well as information about Juneau's educational history. In this podcast, librarian Claire Imamura talks with retired teachers Barb Potter and Marie Darlin about the project.

[Listen to Podcast \(.mp3\)](#)

[20 minutes]

Recorded on September 29, 2014

Learn more about the Juneau Retired Teachers Association and find resources for your own historical research project:

- [Alaska Retired Educators Association](#)
- [Juneau History Grant](#)
- [Alaska State Library Historical Collections](#)

You can listen to every "Since You Asked" podcast at <http://askasl.blogspot.com/search/label/podcast>. Since You Asked is also available on iTunes.

HAPPY ELECTRONIC RECORDS DAY!

Across the country, archivists and others are celebrating Electronic Records Day. Here's a round of posts from around the country:

- [The Alaska State Archives had a press release](#)
- [Shout out to UGA Libraries for their great E-records Day post](#)
- [Mississippi Department of Archives and History have taken the opportunity to launch a new series in recognition of E-records Day](#)

- [Kentucky had a release go out a while ago](#)
- [Kansas included both one of Illinois' main resources and talked about its own digital archives](#)
- [Indiana Commission on Public Records has a post](#)
- [The Government House Blog for the US Virgin Islands has a good post today](#)
- [Iowa State University did a good job integrating in some LOC video with their post](#)
- [Ohio Historical Society got involved](#)
- [UW-Milwaukee is reaching out to its community to offer help in dealing with personal electronic records](#)

Hat tip to Chris Hieb and Kristopher Stenson for this item.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

ALASKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2014 AWARDS

A number of people were honored by the Alaska Historical Society at their recently concluded joint conference with Museums Alaska. According to an October 8, 2014 AHS blog post, the following awards were made:

- Evangeline Atwood Award - Marie Darlin of Juneau
- Elva R. Scott Local Historical Society Award - Resurrection Bay Historical Society
- Esther Billman Certificate of Excellence - Empty Chair Project
- Barbara S. Smith Pathfinder Award - Richard Bland
- Contributions to Alaska History Award - Larry Hibpshman
- Student and Beginning Professional Travel Scholarship Awards - Elizabeth Figus and Ulyana Korotkova, both graduate students at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.
- Alaska History Award, 2012-2013 - Ross Coen
- President's Award—better known as the Beaver Log—to Karen Brewster

For more complete information on each of these awards, visit <http://alaskahistoricalsociety.org/alaska-historical-society-2014-awards/>

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARE YOU READY FOR NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH?

National Novel Writing Month ([nanowrimo](#)) is a nationwide event held every November with the aim of encouraging people to write a 50,000 word novel. A number of libraries and bookstores across the country get involved through the [Come Write In](#) program. More information, tips and testimonials about hosting nanowrimo events can be found on their [Library Outreach Guide](#).

Nanowrimo starts November 1st. If your library, museums or archives has programming around it, we'd like to know.

EBOLA RESOURCES FOR THE PUBLIC

The U.S. Government Printing Office's Catalog of U.S. Government Publications offers access to a variety of Federal Government information [resources on Ebola](#).

A wide range of information from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is available, including facts about Ebola; various preparedness checklists for patients, hospitals, and healthcare coalitions; and a handout on "What you Need to Know About Ebola."

GPO will continue to identify and add related Ebola resources from Federal agencies to the CGP as they become available.

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