

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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SPECIAL NOTE: Due to staff travel, no Friday Bulletin will be published on 10/24/2014.

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OWL (Online With Libraries) Program Manager Shane Southwick and Sue Sherif, former Head of Library Development for the Alaska State Library thanked in the following publication from the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA):

COSLA Planning Guide for Library Broadband Connectivity: *A guide for State Library Agencies evaluating and acquiring high-capacity, high-quality broadband connectivity with and for local libraries*
http://www.cosla.org/documents/Broadband_Guide_2014.pdf

STATE LIBRARY PODCAST: EMPOWERING ALASKANS TO BE HEALTHY, INDEPENDENT, AND PRODUCTIVE

On October 15th, the State Library posted their latest “Since You Asked” podcast:

Since You Asked! Episode 19: Empowering Alaskans To Be Healthy, Independent, and Productive

Librarian Julie Niederhauser sits down with Kate Burkhart, Executive Director of the Advisory Board on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse and the Alaska Mental Health Board, to talk about the prevalent issue of substance abuse in Alaska and the behavioral health of Alaskans. Kate informs us that many Alaskans are affected by substance abuse and/or mental instability in some capacity, but support and solutions are available to those who seek it. We are all Alaskans, no matter what the struggle.

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

[34 minutes]

Recorded on October 6, 2014

Find out more:

- [Advisory Board on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse](#)
- [Alaska Mental Health Board](#)
- [We Are All Alaskans initiative](#)

23 MOBILE THINGS: GREETINGS FROM KETCHIKAN

As part of her participation in 23 Mobile Things Alaska, Tammy Dinsmore of the Ketchikan Public Library posted this tweet:

Great library, wonderful view, warm & inviting! @KTNlibrary #23mobilethingsAK

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Artwork above fireplace is by carver Nathan Jackson. Visit the [tweet itself](#) to see expanded versions of the photographs.

23 Mobile Things Alaska is currently in its third week and new registrations are not being accepted at this time. The “group hike” may be offered again in 2015 depending on class evaluations. If you can’t wait for the Alaska specific version, you can work through the original 23 mobile things course at <http://23mobilethings.net>.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

CUTS IN KOTZEBUE

We recently learned that Chukchi Consortium Library in Kotzebue is facing big cuts forcing an uncertain future. For more, see this article in the Arctic Sounder:

Dwindling funds leave library in limbo

October 10th 12:31 pm | By Jillian Rogers

http://www.thearcticsounder.com/article/1441dwindling_funds_leave_library_in_limbo

We are saddened to hear about Kotzebue’s struggles.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEBINAR: FUNDING FOR LIBRARIES PROMOTING EMPLOYMENT SKILLS

From the American Library Association District Dispatch blog:

On October 27, 2014, the American Library Association will join the Department of Education and the Department of Labor in hosting “\$2.2 Billion Reasons to Pay Attention to WIOA,” an interactive webinar that will explore ways that public and community college libraries can receive funding for employment skills training and job search assistance from the recently-passed Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. Registration for the event will open Monday, Oct 20, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. CDT. Space is limited.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act allows public and community colleges to be considered additional One-Stop partners and authorizes adult education and literacy activities provided by public and community college libraries as an allowable statewide employment and training activity. Additionally, the law defines digital literacy skills as a workforce preparation activity.

Speakers include:

- Susan Hildreth, director, Institute of Museum and Library Services
- Heidi Silver-Pacuilla, team leader, Applied Innovation and Improvement, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education
- Kimberly Vitelli, chief of Division of National Programs, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor

Registration for the event will open Monday, Oct 20, 2014. [Subscribe to the *District Dispatch*](#), ALA's policy blog, to be reminded when registration for the webinar opens.

GRANTS AND AWARDS FROM ASSOCIATION FOR LIBRARY SERVICES TO CHILDREN

ALSC is reminding members to apply for professional awards this fall. Applications are open and several deadlines are approaching. Below is list of ALSC professional awards which are available for submission or nomination. For more information, please visit: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/profawards>

[Louise Seaman Bechtel Fellowship](#)

Deadline: Wednesday, October 1, 2014 Extended to November 1, 2014

This fellowship provides a \$4,000 stipend to allow a qualified children's librarian to spend a month or more reading at the University of Florida's Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature.

[Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator Award](#)

Deadline: Saturday, November 1, 2014

This \$4,000 award was established with funding from Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, in honor of Maureen Hayes, to bring together children and nationally recognized authors/illustrators.

[ALSC/Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Grant](#)

Deadline: Saturday, November 1, 2014

This \$3,000 grant provides financial assistance to a public library for developing an outstanding summer reading program for children.

[ALSC Distinguished Service Award](#)

Deadline: Monday, December 1, 2014

This award honors an individual member who has made significant contributions to and an impact on, library services to children and ALSC.

[Light the Way: Library Outreach to the Underserved Grant](#)

Deadline: Monday, December 1, 2014

This \$3,000 grant is sponsored by Candlewick Press in honor of author Kate DiCamillo and the themes represented in her books. The grant will be awarded to a library with exceptional outreach to underserved populations in efforts to help them continue their service.

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