

# FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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## **NEWS FROM THE DIVISION**

### **WHERE DID THE LEGOS GO?**

Recently the Lego Foundation sent 12 sets of 10,000 Legos to each of the fifty states as part of their Junior Makerspace initiative. The State Library received the sets on behalf of Alaska.

We received 21 applications for just 12 sets of LEGOS, so five staff at the State Library individually scored your applications. Based on the total scores, these libraries will receive boxes of LEGOS:

- Cordova (half a box containing roughly 5,000 LEGOS)
- Craig (half a box containing roughly 5,000 LEGOS)

- Fairbanks
- Haines
- Homer
- Kenai
- Ketchikan
- Seward
- Shageluk (half a box containing roughly 5,000 LEGOS)
- Soldotna
- Sutton (half a box containing roughly 5,000 LEGOS)
- Unalaska
- Valdez
- Wasilla

Before we could send them out, we naturally wanted to verify box contents:



*Figure 1 Tracy and Cate verifying receipt of materials*

## **NEW INVITATION TO BID RELEASED FOR OWL BROADBAND SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

The State Library and the Dept. of Education and Early Development (EED) have posted a new Invitation to Bid (ITB 2015-0500-2848) for broadband support to public libraries participating in OWL. We are taking this action in order to be absolutely sure that there is no disruption in funding for the OWL broadband support your libraries receive.

- To view the new ITB, go to: <http://notice.alaska.gov/174537>
- The ITB bid period will run from November 3 to December 12.

- State Library staff are barred from discussing the ITB with possible vendors. We are required to forward all vendor inquiries to Rob Roys, the EED contracting officer, at 465-8654 or at [robert.roys@alaska.gov](mailto:robert.roys@alaska.gov)

## 2015 ALASKA TEEN VIDEO CHALLENGE

The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) launches the *2015 Teen Video Challenge*, a national video competition for teens to get involved with reading and their public library's summer reading program. CSLP is a consortium consisting of public libraries and state library agencies throughout the United States, its territories, and the Cayman Islands. The members of this consortium work together to provide high-quality summer reading materials for public libraries to use in their summer programs with children, teens, and adults.

Teens across the country are invited to create a 30 to 90 second video with their unique interpretation of the 2015 teen slogan *Unmask* in combination with reading and libraries. The idea is to involve teens in summer reading, before and during the summer months, by being part of the process. This is an opportunity for teens to showcase their creativity and have their ideas heard before a national audience.

\$150 will be awarded to the creators of the winning state video and their associated public library will receive prizes worth at least \$50 from CSLP and Demco/Upstart. Winners will be announced by CSLP in April 2015.

For full details about the Alaska *2015 Teen Video Challenge*, please visit <http://library.alaska.gov/srp/home.html>

## NEW MUSEUM BULLETIN FEATURES ANAKTUVUK AND HOMER

The Alaska State Museums recently released [Bulletin #77 \(PDF\)](#): October 2014, which contained the following features:

- *My Summer in Anaktuvuk,*
- *Ask ASM: Use of an artifact for commercial purposes,*
- *Spotlight on Grant in Aid: Pratt Museum in Homer.*

All issues of the Alaska State Museums' Bulletin Newsletters can be read at <http://museums.alaska.gov/Bulletin/bulletin.html>.

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

### LIBRARY JOURNAL NAMES EIGHT ALASKA STAR LIBRARIES

As reported elsewhere, Library Journal named eight Alaska libraries among the list of [America's Star Libraries, 2014: Top Rated Libraries](#). Alaska's eight great Library Journal Star Libraries are:

- \*\*\*\*\* Delta Community Library Delta Junction AK
- \*\*\*\*\* Unalaska Public Library Unalaska AK
- \*\*\*\* Haines Borough Public Library Haines AK

- \*\*\*\* Petersburg Public Library Petersburg AK
- \*\*\*\* Homer Public Library Homer AK
- \*\*\* Seward Community Library Museum Seward AK
- \*\*\* Tri-Valley Community Library Healy AK
- \*\*\* Craig Public Library Craig AK

See the full article for particulars.

## **NOVEMBER 15TH KETTLESON @ THE STRATTON OPEN HOUSE WARMING**

We recently received the following note from Sitka Library Director Robb Farmer:

The Open Housewarming for Kettle Memorial Library @ the Stratton will be held on Sunday, November 16, both to showcase the library's home away from home at 831 Lincoln Street. From 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm, the event will feature refreshments, crafts, exhibitions of library services and resources, photo ops with Bookzilla, the library dinosaur; and a memory book for the Stratton Library. At 4:00 pm, there will be a program to officially thank those who have helped with the library's move and expansion projects; kick-off KML's programming for the upcoming year; and celebrate the history of Sheldon Jackson College's Stratton Library. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Kettle @ the Stratton  
Open House Warming**

**Crafts** **Exhibitions**

**Refreshments** **Memories**

**Kettle Memorial Library \* 831 Lincoln Street  
Sunday, November 16, 2014  
Activities begin at 2:00 pm  
Official Welcome Ceremony begins at 4:00 pm**

## **LIBRARY CROWDFUNDING COMES TO ALASKA VIA POTTER BRICKS**

Crowdfunding is the term for making a public call for donations for a specific project. People who donate to the project receive some form of gift for their support. According to the May 2014 American Libraries article [Libraries Find Success in Crowdfunding](#), several libraries have had success with crowdfunding. Funded projects included an expanded graphic novel collection and municipal wifi via television “white space.”

Now Library-related crowdfunding has come to Alaska in the form of the “[Accio Library Bricks!](#)” project being run by a group of Juneau library staff on IndieGOGO. The campaign is being run on their own time to support the Friends of the Juneau Public Libraries’ [Buy Bricks, Build a Library](#) campaign. Bricks purchased through the campaign will be put on three exterior walls of the new Valley Public Library. Funds from the brick sales will fund ongoing programming at the Juneau Public Libraries.

The twist of the IndieGOGO project is that all bricks purchase through the project will be Harry Potter themed. The hope of the group is to buy enough bricks to dominate one of the three walls with quotes and characters from the books and movies.

If you’re a fan of libraries, but not Harry Potter, you can buy bricks with your own inscription direct from the [Friends of the Juneau Public Libraries](#).

If your library, archives or museum has had experience with a crowdfunding project, either good or bad, we’d like to hear about it.

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BRING COMPUTER SCIENCE TO YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH AN HOUR OF CODE**

Computers are everywhere, but fewer schools teach computer science than 10 years ago. The Hour of Code is working to change this.

The Hour of Code is a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify code and show that anybody can learn the basics. Sign up to host an Hour of Code this December 8-14 during Computer Science Education Week, and help reach 100 million students by the end of the year. Watch the video and ask all librarians to give it a shot. Every participating organizer will receive thank you gifts. Add your library to the map, go to <http://hourofcode.com>.

As of this writing, the following schools and institutions have announced intentions to hold Hour of Code events:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anna Tobeluk Memorial School (Nunapitchuk)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aquarian Charter School (Anchorage)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Auke Bay Elementary School (Juneau)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Central Middle School of Science (Anchorage)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chugiak Elementary (Anchorage)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chugiak Elementary (Anchorage)</li></ul>
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• Chugiak elementary (Chugiak)	• Gustavus School (Gustavus)	• Harborview Elementary (Juneau)
• KBeach Elementary (Soldotna)	• Kodiak Island Borough School District (Kodiak)	• Muldoon Elementary (Anchorage)
• Northwood (Anchorage)	• Northwood Elementary (Anchorage)	• Nunaka Valley (Anchorage)
• Pioneer Peak Elementary (Palmer)	• Rabbit Creek Elementary School (Anchorage)	• Randy Smith Middle School (Fairbanks)
• Randy Smith Middle school (Fairbanks)	• Resource Data Inc. (Juneau)	• Sacred Heart Academy (Delta Junction)
• Seward Elementary School (Seward)	• Spruce Tree Montessori School (Fairbanks)	• Stedman Elementary (Petersburg)
• Susitna Elementary School (Anchorage)	• Tanana Middle School (Fairbanks)	•

### CHANGES IN INTERNET ADDRESSES – WELCOME .CITY, .CARS, ET AL

Did you know that the last part of internet addresses are getting new company? In addition to the long familiar .com, .net, .org, .edu, .mil and .gov, we'll now see things like .city, .cars and over a thousand more.

Here are a couple of resources to familiarize yourself with this change:

The Dot gets new friends (Video)

<http://youtu.be/1kFcx8KAjg>

List of all delegated strings (top level domains/end of addresses)

<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/delegated-strings>

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