

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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END OF TERM WEB SNAPSHOT FOR GOVERNOR PARNELL

A snapshot of Governor Parnell's web pages as they stood at the end of his second term is now available on the State Library's "Alaska Governor's Archived Websites" page at <http://lam.alaska.gov/governor>.

The State Library has taken End of Term web snapshots for Alaska's Governors since Governor Tony Knowles left office in 2002. We recently brought them together on the same page for browsing convenience. The full text of all of the archived web pages can be searched from our "Archived Websites" page.

If you have suggestions, comments or questions about the State Library's web snapshots, e-mail asl@alaska.gov.

ALASKAN LIBRARIES TAKING PART IN NEXT WEEK'S HOUR OF CODE

Hour of Code, a global event to introduce students to computer programming, takes place next week at these* Alaska libraries

- Baxter Elementary School Library (Anchorage)
- Craig Public Library (Craig)
- Haines Borough Public Library (Haines)
- Homer Public Library (Homer)
- Nenana Public Library (Nenana)
- Seward Community Library & Museum (Seward) – Includes outreach to home schooled students
- Susitna Library (Anchorage)

We would love to hear accounts of how things went at your events. Please send them to daniel.cornwall@alaska.gov.

* Participating libraries were compiled from notes sent to us and by browsing the page of Alaskan Hour of Code participants at <http://hourofcode.com/us/events/all/us/ak>

ALASKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATE LIBRARY STUDIES

AkLA has established a scholarship program to support the education of librarians for Alaska's libraries, including school libraries. The stated purpose is to provide financial assistance to worthy students pursuing graduate studies in Library Science and to encourage graduates to return to Alaska to work in professional library positions. Preference is given to qualified applicants meeting the federal requirements of Alaska Native ethnicity.

Three scholarships of \$4,000 each may be awarded: one for a Master's Degree candidate, one for School Library Media Certification (the B. Jo Morse Scholarship), and a third from either category.

To be eligible for the scholarship, an applicant must be an Alaskan resident who:

- possesses a Bachelor's Degree or higher from an accredited college or university;
- is eligible for acceptance, or is currently enrolled, in a graduate program in Library and Information Science leading to a Master's Degree or School Library Media Certification, from a university program accredited by the American Library Association;
- is or will be a student during the academic year, semester, or academic quarter for which the scholarship is received; and
- makes a commitment to work in an Alaskan library for a minimum of one year after graduation as a paid employee or volunteer, or for two semesters for one semester's financial assistance.

Completed applications must be received by January 15 of the award year. If you are interested in applying, copies of the guidelines and application forms are available online at <http://www.akla.org/scholarships/index.html>. If you have questions about graduate library studies or would like paper copies of the scholarship application, contact:

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NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

CONSORTIUM LIBRARY RECEIVES GRANT TO EXPAND JOINT LIBRARY CATALOG

Good news from the November 2014 UAA/APU Consortium Library Report:

The Consortium Library will receive \$300,000 from the Rasmuson Foundation to expand the Joint Library Catalog and to improve access to local historical resources. The grant project is an innovative program involving for the first time a significant number of school, public and university libraries all merging into one integrated library system. The goal is to migrate more than 50 libraries from their current library systems to the Joint Library Catalog. As a result, the Joint Library Catalog will serve more than half of the state's population and will set the stage for future expansion. The grant will fund the start-up and expansion costs to enhance library services in more than a dozen communities including Big Lake, Trapper Creek, Sutton, Willow, Talkeetna, Palmer, Wasilla, Petersburg, and Sitka. As part of the grant project 38 libraries from the MatSu Borough School District and 6 libraries in the Sitka School District including Mt. Edgecumbe will be migrated to the SIRSI system, which is licensed and managed by the Consortium Library.

The expanded system will provide more resources to more Alaskans while reducing the total operating costs among the participating libraries. Library users from their homes, schools, or libraries will have the option of requesting materials from their local collections as well as from combined holdings represented in the Joint Library Catalog. By improving the search capabilities for the SLED website, all students and all residents will have better access to more content, more electronic books and to more resources about Alaska's history.

The first phase of the project is well underway with the merger of the Mat-Su Library Network with the Joint Library Catalog. The merger was recently featured in a story by KTNA.

<http://ktna.org/2014/11/14/mat-su-libraries-link-up-with-joint-library-catalog/>

NEW SMITHSONIAN ARCTIC STUDIES CENTER VIDEOS

The Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center in Anchorage wishes to announce two new videos that have been added to the Living Our Cultures playlist at the National Museum of Natural History YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL33278BF298794573>:

- The Yakutat Seal Camps Project 2014
- Voices of Our Ancestors

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST – PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITY

The Alaska Center for the Book encourages students and writers of all ages to submit their best writing in the Annual Creative Writing Contest sponsored by the University of Alaska Anchorage and Alaska Dispatch News.

The deadline for this year's contest is February 10, 2015. For full prize listings, contest rules, electronic submission instructions and the entry form visit: <http://www.adn.com/creativewriting>

This contest offers such a great opportunity for students to really focus on the process of writing and editing a piece for possible publication.

Winning entries are awarded cash prizes, announced in the Alaska Dispatch News and selected entries are published in the Alaska Dispatch News print and electronic editions and posted on the online edition of the newspaper and on LitSite Alaska (LitSite.org).

Questions can be emailed to creativewritingcontest@alaskadispatch.com

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH APPS AND BROADBAND? SHARE YOUR MUSIC FROM TOKSOOK BAY

An important thing to keep in mind about internet access and computing power is that people will use it in unexpected and exciting ways. A case in point is Byron Nicholai of Toksook Bay. He used an app and his internet access to create videos of songs in Yup'ik. His songs are featured on his [I Sing, You Dance](#) page on Facebook.

Read more of his story at Alaska's Public Radio's 12/3/2014 story, [Toksook Bay Teen's Yup'ik Music Videos Gain Popularity](#). Then think about how people in your community might use the internet to share their treasures with the world.

NEW PUBLICATION: LEARNING LABS IN LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS

Twenty-four Learning Labs in libraries and museums across the country are engaging America's youth in learning settings where they gain skills and following their passions. A new publication, [Learning Labs in Libraries and Museums: Transformative Spaces for Teens](#), describes these innovative teen spaces. The report details the research behind the labs, the practices that support meaningful learning, and the impacts

of a movement that grew with support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and its private partner, the [John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation](#).

Through two cycles of national grant competitions, 24 sites in across the country were selected. Each site received \$100,000 for the planning and design of their Learning Lab. Direct involvement of teens in the planning and design process is a signature characteristic of the Learning Labs.

Learning Labs are spaces with programming that allow teens to follow their passions and inspire one another. The Learning Labs model includes the critical role of supportive and knowledgeable mentors, and the spaces include a combination of digital media and traditional tools.

IMLS and the MacArthur Foundation will continue to foster professional development through collaborative work. New digital spaces for this work will include the public website, youmedia.org, hosted by the National Writing Project, and a new online open community site that will launch in 2015. [Learning Labs in Libraries and Museums: Transformative Spaces for Teens](#) and the [executive summary](#) are available by download from the IMLS website.

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