

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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TESTING & EDUCATION REFERENCE CENTER DOWNTIME SATURDAY/SUNDAY

Gale/Cengage sent us a note to “let you know that Testing & Education Reference Center will be undergoing maintenance between 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. EST on Sunday, February 9th. The TERC website may not be available during that time. A message has been posted on the website to ensure that users are aware.” For Alaska, this outage will take place from 8pm on Saturday, February 8th through 2am Sunday February 9th.

FINAL FIRST FRIDAY FOR STATE MUSEUM TILL 2016: EARTH, FIRE AND FIBRE

The work of Alaska’s top craft artists will be on display at the Alaska State Museum beginning Friday, Feb. 7 with an opening reception sponsored by The Friends of the Alaska State Museum at 4:30 p.m.

Earth, Fire and Fibre, the biennial statewide craft exhibition, is one of the state's longest running juried exhibitions. It showcases Alaska artists working with traditional craft materials such as fiber, clay and bone. Selected artworks are chosen for the artists' superb skills and their forward-thinking concepts and methods.

This year's entries included 360 works of art by 119 Alaska artists. For the exhibition, that pool was narrowed down to 41 works of art by 34 artists. This exhibition was juried by Andrew Glasgow of Asheville, N.C. Glasgow's résumé includes the American Craft Council, Southern Highland Craft Guide and Birmingham (Ala.) Museum of Art.

Award-winning *Earth, Fire and Fibre XXIX* artists were:

- Juror's Choice Award and \$1,500 went to Anchorage artist Amy Meissner for *Spontaneous Combustion* (wool, cotton, domestic linens, 2013)

\$500 awards went to:

- Lael Gordon of Seward for *Endgrain Parquet Cabinet* (Douglas fir, eastern maple, 2013)
- Sandra Mander of Auke Bay for *White Bird* (porcelain, 2013)
- Diane Melms of Anchorage for *Tangerine Sky* (fiber, 2013)
- Kathryn Rousso of Ketchikan for *All Worlds Intertwined* (red and yellow cedar bark, woven abaca, 2013)

Auke Bay artist Sandra Mander will be present at the opening reception, and there is a possibility that Anchorage artist Amy Meissner will also be in attendance.

Earth, Fire and Fibre XXIX is organized by the Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center. Support for this traveling exhibit has been made with the grants from the Alaska State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, and with support from the Municipality of Anchorage and the Anchorage Museum Association.

Earth, Fire and Fibre XXIX will be on display at the museum until February 28 when the show and the entire museum will close for the continued construction of the new facility. The museum will reopen in the new [State Library, Archives, and Museum building](#) at 395 Whittier Street in April, 2016. The new 118,000 square foot facility will feature museum galleries, a museum store, a café, a large 125-seat multi-purpose room, a classroom, a reading room, a research room, the state historical libraries, and state archives – all under one roof.

EPISODE 2 OF SINCE YOU ASKED FEATURES OCTOBER 2013 SLAM INTERVIEW

On October 23, 2013, Librarian Julie Niederhauser spoke with Bob Banghart about the State Library, Archives and Museum building (also known as the SLAM building) currently under construction in Juneau. Bob serves as the Deputy Director for the Alaska State Library and Chief Curator for the Alaska State Museum.

That interview has now been posted as [episode 2](#) of the *Since You Asked* podcast of the Alaska State Library. Visit the iTunes store or <http://askasl.blogspot.com/> to subscribe to the podcast. *Since You Asked* issues new podcasts on the 1st and 15th of every month.

SEARCH CONTINUES FOR STATE LIBRARY CATALOGER

The Alaska State Library continues to search for a cataloger. Visit <http://workplace.alaska.gov> and search on “Librarian II” for full description and application instructions. Position is currently open to Alaska residents and closes 2/27/2014 at 5pm.

If you graduated from a high school in Alaska, but live elsewhere, you are a resident for employment purposes. Other special situations may apply. Visit <http://doa.alaska.gov/dop/serviceCenters/alaskaRes/> for more details.

HERITAGE OF ALASKA TV SPOTS DIGITIZED BY HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS

Here’s a treasure from Alaska’s Digital Archives you may not know about:

The Heritage of Alaska - Presented by the National Bank of Alaska (36 episodes)
<http://vilda.alaska.edu/cdm/ref/collection/cdmg21/id/15858>

The Heritage of Alaska series, a weekly television and radio program created by Elmer Rasmuson, and hosted by Elmer Rasmuson and Roger Laube, aired in 1968. The series, with 36, five-minute episodes, highlighted various Alaskan subjects in history, art, and literature. National Bank of Alaska sponsored the program. The Alaska State Library Historical Collections currently has 24 of the original 36 five minute episodes in its collection.

Notable episodes include:

- Episode 6: The First Bells Cast in Alaska
- Episode 14: Alaska on the World Map
- Episode 17: The Capital Move
- Episode 20: Elsa Pedersen-Phenomenal Alaskan Writer
- Episode 21: How to Start an Alaskan Library

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MARCH OWL VIDEO CONFERENCES

This month we announce video conferences known to be held in March. Our next Friday Bulletin announcement of OWL videoconferences will be on March 7th and will list April 2014 videoconferences. Get the scoop on what happens in between by visiting the OWL Videoconference Calendar at <http://library.alaska.gov/dev/owlCalendar.html>.

The videoconferences listed below were open for other libraries to join as of press time. Please check the OWL Videoconference Calendar to verify that a videoconference is still open to join.

Wednesday, March 5

1:00pm AkLA CD Roundtable - Weeding Meeting - OPEN

Thursday, March 6
4:00pm Summer Reading Demo and Program Ideas - OPEN

Thursday, March 20
5:00pm Heck Yeah! It's Time to Start My Own Business - OPEN

Friday, March 28
12:00pm Lunch and Learn with the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra – OPEN
To reach the Fairbanks OWL video staff by email, write to: ua-owlvideo@alaska.edu. Emails to this address will go to all the Fairbanks crew, so if someone is on leave or out for the day, your email will be answered by available staff.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENATOR MURKOWSKI AND GOVERNOR PARNELL HIGHLIGHTED DIGITAL LEARNING DAY

Digital Learning Day was 2/5/2014 and a [number of events](#) took place. We wish to thank [Governor Parnell](#) for his [proclamation](#) and [Senator Murkowski](#) for her [statement of encouragement](#).

UPCOMING E-GOVERNMENT WEBINARS

The American Library Association (ALA) and the Information Policy & Access Center (iPAC) at the University of Maryland at College Park have teamed up to offer a series of webinars from the Lib2Gov initiative:

- Webinar 1: E-government @ Your Library - Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at 2 p.m. EST
- Webinar 2: Government Information Expertise Online: Beyond the First Century of Federal Depository Library Program Practice - Thursday, March 27, 2014, at 3 p.m. EST
- Webinar 3: An Introduction to Mobile Government Apps (mgov) for Librarians - Wednesday, April 30, 2014, at 2 p.m. EST
- Webinar 4: Roles for Libraries and Librarians in Disasters - Thursday, May 15, 2014, at 2 p.m. EST
- Webinar 5: Beta.Congress.Gov - Thursday, June 12, 2014, at 2 p.m. EST

For full descriptions and registration information, visit the [webinar announcement](#) page.

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