

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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E-RATE DEADLINE ALMOST HERE! VALERIE CAN HELP!

The E-rate deadline for applying for discounts on Phone and Internet support for public libraries is March 26, 7:59pm. This discount is for FY2014 and begins July 1, 2014 and runs through June 30, 2015. All Public Libraries in Alaska are eligible to apply for E-rate discounts, which range from 50% to 90%. Questions? Contact Valerie in the Anchorage Alaska State Library office at Valerie.oliver@alaska.gov.

NEWLY ARCHIVED WEBINARS FROM THE STATE LIBRARY

The Alaska State Library recently posted several new videos to their website, including:

Alaska History Online with Freya Anderson (3/13/2014)

- [Recording](#) (SchoolTube)

Office Ergonomics with Jason Burke (2/13/2014)

- [Recording](#) (SchoolTube)
- [Presentation Slides](#) (PDF)

- [Office Ergonomics Job Aid](#) (PDF)
- [State of Alaska ADA Coordinator's Office](#)

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT VIDEO/WEBINAR ARCHIVES

The State Library's Library Development section has recently expanded their online programming. Monthly Public Librarian Chats are supplemented by occasional training webinars on various topics. There is now enough content to justify new archives. To see what has been made available so far, visit:

- [Archived Webinars](#)
- [Public Librarians' Monthly Chat](#)

MORE CONGRESSIONAL REACTION TO NARA-ANCHORAGE CLOSURE

Last week we reported that Senator Lisa Murkowski [published a reaction](#) to the planned October closure of the National Archives field office in Anchorage.

Today we can report that [Senator Mark Begich](#) and Representative Don Young have also commented on this closure. Because we did not find a press release on his site, Representative Young's position comes from the 3/20/2014 Anchorage Daily News article; [Anchorage moves one step closer to acquiring Midtown property for transit center](#).

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

REDDIT HISTORY FORUMS FEATURE ALASKA LIBRARY AND MUSEUM STAFF

Reddit (www.reddit.com) is an aggregator/message board where folks from all over the world can post an interesting news article, self-made content or just a general question. Others can "upvote" it based on how interesting it is and it will be made more visible to others. The way the system is set up anything offensive is usually "downvoted" where less people are able to see it. Some controversy remains and you can learn more at reddit's [Wikipedia article](#).

There are different boards called "subreddits" on nearly every possible interest. There are segments called Ask me Anything (AMA) where everyone from movie stars to politicians to janitors have started threads and answered questions.

This week the subreddit Ask Historians discussion board featured a live Q&A on [Alaska Disasters AMA: 1964 Good Friday Earthquake and 1989 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill](#). This talk featured a panel that had the following Alaskans from Alaska-based libraries and museums:

- **Sara Bornstein**, [Alaska State Library](#) historical collections librarian
- **Andrew Goldstein**, curator of collections at the [Valdez City Museum](#)
- **Toby Sullivan**, director of the [Kodiak Maritime Museum](#)

The panel also included authors, journalists and scientists. Panelists rotated in and out of the session throughout the day as their schedules allowed. A browse through the page at press time Thursday showed interesting discussions going on and resources being shared.

To find reddit discussions on other topics, try visiting [reddit.com/r/\[topic\]](http://reddit.com/r/[topic]). Here are some links of possible interest to readers of the *Bulletin*:

- <http://www.reddit.com/r/libraries>
- <http://www.reddit.com/r/museums/>
- <http://www.reddit.com/r/archivists>
- <http://www.reddit.com/r/genealogy>

SHI HIGHLIGHTS NATIVE AMERICANS IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

Zach Jones of the Sealaska Heritage Institute Special Collections has a new blog entry out titled [Native American Image in Children's Literature](#) that highlights the [American Indians in Children's Literature](#) (ACIL) organization.

According to Zach, "The AICL operates a user-friendly website that allows the public to search for book reviews, learn about Native media, and more. For many, the AICL offers an important resource toward helping our schools and communities improve."

To read more of the SHI Special Collections blog, visit <http://shispecialcollections.blogspot.com>

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