

# FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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## NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

### ALASKA STATE LIBRARY HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS DIGITIZES FLYNN

Entertainers from the USO reached practically everywhere in the theaters of World War II, including Dutch Harbor in the Aleutians. As part of digitizing photos from ASL-PCA-338, the H. Marion Thornton Collection, the Alaska State Library Historical Collection digitized these pictures of actor Erroll Flynn:



For more [Errol Flynn](#), see Alaska's Digital Archives at <http://vilda.alaska.edu>.

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

### **ID BIRDS WITH YOUR PHONE**

Here's the latest app review from Claudia Haines of the Homer Public Library:

[Merlin Bird ID by Cornell Lab of Ornithology](#)

Cornell University, iOS 7.0+ (Android version coming 6/14), free  
7+ (or younger with adult help)

As birds return to Alaska from their winter vacation, identifying the individual species can be fun but, at times, frustrating. For intermediate birders and those new to the pastime, including students, the Merlin Bird ID app will be a valuable tool. Created by the Cornell Lab, a unit of Cornell University and a leading organization in the study, appreciation, and conservation of birds world-wide, the app is designed with the expertise of leading ornithologists and the help of thousands of bird enthusiasts. With five simple questions including the date, location, color, size, and behavior, birders are quickly their way to identifying the bird in question. The five key questions are also used by expert birders to solve mystery sightings and generate the app's list of possible species and narrow the results. With 350 of the most common birds in the United States and Canada included, users are sure to successfully identify those avian visitors. Each of the suggested matches features helpful information for confirming identification including high resolution images of the bird, information on its behavior, identification tips, its calls, and a range map. Once the bird is correctly identified, details about the sighting is sent to the Cornell Lab to help improve the quality of the app's results. Users can also choose to browse all birds in the collection which is organized like a paper bird guide.

During a recent preschool storytime about birds, the app was used to share the Raven's variety of calls. The kids listened to the digital recordings and were asked if they recognized the sounds (a couple of which were recorded in Alaska). The additional natural history information was used to talk about the bird's behavior and provide context for the antics described in the playful book *Ten Rowdy Ravens* by Susan Ewing and Alaska's own Evon Zerbetz. Adults and kids will find this app easy to navigate and useful in future birding adventures.

When using this app with children, consider the following: there is no parental gate separating the link to the Cornell Lab's Facebook page and an email address is required before the app can be used. Unsubscribing to the email list is possible at any time.

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We are still interesting in hearing about what apps make your life easier at your library, archives or museum.

### **UAA'S MIKE ROBINSON WRITES IN NATIONAL BLOG ON PRIVACY**

Mike Robinson of the University of Alaska at Anchorage recently wrote on privacy programming for the the American Library Association Office of Intellectual Freedom blog.

The entry is titled Choose Privacy Week 2014: How to Host Programs about Online Privacy in Your Library can be read at <http://www.oif.ala.org/oif/?p=4961>.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 3D PRINTING WEBINARS – MAY 20 AND MAY 27

We suspect that the upcoming webinars below may be useful to museums as well as libraries:

#### **The Nuts and Bolts of 3D Printing for Librarians (Two-part Webinar Series)**

**Join husband and wife team, and 3D Printing experts, Paul and Paula Waak for a practical look at 3D Printing and 3D printing in libraries.**

#### **Part 1: Past, Present, and Future of the 3D Printed World – Understanding What They Are and How They Work - Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 11-Noon Alaska (2-3pm CDT)**

Paul Waak (Library Consultant, Waak Enterprises) will provide a brief history on 3D printers and then delve into how they work and are being used around the world today. He will talk about the costs of various 3D printers, features to look for when buying one, and will provide a list of supplies to have on hand when using one. Paul will also provide information on various software to use with 3D printers and make resource recommendations for keeping current in this area. He will also discuss future possibilities with 3D printers.

**Register for Part 1:** <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/522183834>

#### **Part 2: My Library's Future – What is a MakerSpace and Deciding If Your Patrons Would Benefit From a 3D Printer - Tuesday, May 27, 2014, 11-Noon Alaska (2-3pm CDT)**

Paula Waak (Director, John Ed Keeter Public Library in Saginaw, TX) will provide information on what makes a MakerSpace. She will give examples of public and academic libraries that have MakerSpaces and how many of these MakerSpaces have a 3D Printer. She will also provide examples of library policies and fees to charge for 3D printers as well as some obstacles and lessons learned at her Saginaw library with staffing, budgeting, and general use issues with 3D printers. And last but certainly not least, Paula will give information about possible grant opportunities in this arena.

**Register for Part 2:** <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/585490834>

**For more information about the series please visit:** <http://bit.ly/1IFSHLu>

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