

# FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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## NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

### STATE ARCHIVES SEEKING ARCHIVIST III

The Alaska State Archives is seeking an [Archivist III](#). This position will play a pivotal role in facilitating the move to the new Statewide Libraries, Archives and Museums facility, which is currently under construction. In addition, this position will ensure efficient collection operations within the State Archives and will manage the day-to-day activities of the Processing and Reference team, which consists of one Archivist II and one Library Assistant I. The incumbent will oversee create and oversee policies, procedures, rules, desk manuals & other directives to assure quality & smooth-functioning of the reference process.

The incumbent of this position will review and plan collection goals and strategies; and regularly evaluate & appraise archival collections and offer suggestions, improvements & refinements when necessary; accession records into the State Archives to document new accretions & acquisitions to the collection; and will be responsible for planning & developing the broad range of access tools that enable clients to locate specific record groups, series, boxes, files & documents in the Archives' large & diverse collection.

In addition, this position will prepare & regularly evaluate electronic research aids to assist in the control,

retrieval, & dissemination of archived records; respond to complex reference queries & perform substantive research for those queries; and will assist State Archivist as necessary on special projects.

**Our ideal applicant will possess some or all of the following knowledge, skills, abilities, and experience (Each of these traits must be documented in your cover letter, but applicants are NOT required to have experience in every area. If you don't have experience with a particular trait, simply say so.):**

- Experience supervising staff, interns, and/or volunteers
- Experience appraising and/or reappraising archival collections
- Experience arranging and describing records for archiving
- Skill in creating policies and procedures, particularly for archival work
- Skill in conducting archival research
- Knowledge of professional archival standards

To apply or to learn more about this opportunity, visit [workplace.alaska.gov](http://workplace.alaska.gov), then click on “for all job seekers”, then click the box next to Education & Early Development, and click the “apply search” button. You are looking for Archivist III (PCN 05-3507). The applications are due by June 16.

### **GOT A FEW YEARS? HELP US MOVE!!**

A [project assistant](#) for the SLAM project is now under recruitment. This is a long term non perm job/ This position works with the museum move now and will go on to help facilitate archives and library moves. It requires a degree in library or archives or museum studies. We will need this position for a couple of years. The applications are due by June 16.

To apply or to learn more about this opportunity to explore our collections in detail, visit [workplace.alaska.gov](http://workplace.alaska.gov), then click on “for all job seekers”, then click the box next to Education & Early Development, and click the “apply search” button. You are looking for Project Assistant (PCN 05-N13003).

### **LECTURE: EMPIRE OF EXTINCTION – 6/12/2014 AT NOON**

Ryan T. Jones, Senior Lecturer of the University of Queensland will be offering a lecture on 6/12/2014 at the Alaska State Library Historical Collections. The lecture is titled “Empire of Extinction: Russians and the North Pacific’s Strange Beasts of the Sea, 1741-1867.

See the [lecture flyer](#) for more information.

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

### **SHI SPECIAL COLLECTIONS RECOGNIZED FOR INSTITUTIONAL EXCELLENCE**

The Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums (ATALM) [announced the winners](#) of its 2014 Guardians of Culture and Lifeways International Awards on 6/3/2014. Sealaska Heritage Institute was one of the honorees. Here is the citation for their award:

**Archives Institutional Excellence**, which recognizes indigenous archival organizations that demonstrate a significant commitment to the preservation and use of documentary heritage, is awarded to the Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI) Library, Archives, and Collections Program, SHI President Dr. Rosita Worl, Archivist and Collections Manager Zachary Jones, staff, interns, language consultants, and the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian people of Southeast Alaska served by the Sealaska Heritage Institute. The development of the SHI Library, Archives, and Collections Program has followed a careful and deliberate path from a site-based repository to a priceless resource of rare books, photographs, recordings, and manuscripts accessible online from anywhere in the world. Creating partnerships with local, national, and international organizations, SHI has ensured that collections donated to the archive encompassing Tlingit oral histories, Alaska Native Brotherhood have been processed and made accessible employing the highest professional standards. Exemplary is the current project to reveal the hidden treasures in their Tlingit language recordings by migrating cassette tapes to digital format and employing native speakers who listen and record metadata about the oral history and traditional ecological knowledge contained therein. SHI Archivist Zachary Jones serves on the Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board and enthusiastically offers his expertise as a consultant and mentor to Southeast Alaska tribal organizations and many others far afield that are just beginning their journey to uncover hidden treasures in their own collections.

#### **NEW LOOK FOR SLED ON 6/24/2014**

After a lengthy development process and the introduction of a new and improved discovery service, SLED (<http://sled.alaska.edu>) will be launching a new look and feel starting Tuesday, 6/24/2014. Aside from an improved discovery service, users will see a more graphic friendly interface and the name Digital Pipeline will be retired. The databases will remain, but will be called SLED Databases.

See the SLED home page next week for further announcements about this redesign.

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