

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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HAIL AND FAREWELL AT LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

After seven years as Head of Library Development for the Alaska State Library, Sue Sherif is retiring. Sue's dedication to libraries in Alaska has resulted in great benefits. The OWL program; the Alaska Native Libraries, Archives and Museums project; Summer Reading Program; and others are just some examples of her visionary leadership. We will miss her energy and commitment, and wish her the best of fun in her new adventures.

We are very pleased to welcome Patience Frederiksen as the new Head of Library Development. Patience worked at the Anchorage Public Library from 1983 to 1988, with time off for library school in Syracuse. In 1988, Patience started work at the State Library in a grant-funded reference coordinator position managed by Juneau Public Library for the Capital City Consortium. The following year, she was hired into a permanent position at the State Library as the government publications librarian, with supervision

of the small technical services staff added later. Patience moved back to Anchorage in 1999 to work in the Library Development unit as the grants administrator, public library statistics coordinator, and as the regional librarian for the Talking Book Center.

Her long service to the State of Alaska and her deep knowledge of Alaskan libraries will shine as she takes on the challenges of her new position. We look forward to working on new approaches and initiatives with her.

In addition to Sue's retirement and Patience's promotion to Head of Library Development, further changes are coming. Watch this space to see them unfold.

HIEB PROMOTED TO ARCHIVIST III

The Alaska State Archives is to announce that Chris Hieb has accepted the Archivist III position, filling retired Larry Hibpshman's vacancy. Chris will be the Head of the Processing & Reference Unit supervising an Archivist II and Library Assistant I. Chris began his duties on 7/8/2014.

PARTIAL CLOSURE OF ALASKA STATE ARCHIVES 7/14 – 8/25

From the desk of State Archivist Dean Dawson:

From July 14, 2014 until August 25, 2014 the Alaska State Archives Research Room will be closed and reference services curtailed so that staff can transfer and process 13,000 boxes from two other facilities into the SLAM building.

We will fulfill emergency requests for transcripts that are located in our Willoughby building and address special reference queries on a case-by-case basis. Please contact me if you have an urgent request that we might be able to fill.

I would like to apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Thank you.

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STATE LIBRARY HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS HONORS EMPTY CHAIR, KAYAMORI

In honor of the Empty Chair project dedication this Saturday in Juneau, Alaska State Library Historical Collections has prepared a small display featuring Japanese photographer and cannery worker Seiki (Shoki, Fhoki) Kayamori. The Alaska State Library Historical Collections is open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Kayamori lived and worked in Yakutat from 1912-1941. The library holds his extensive collection of portraits of the Yakutat community and environs. Many of Kayamori's photographs can be viewed on Alaska's Digital Archives at: [Fhoki Kayamori. Photographs, ca. 1912-1941. ASL-PCA-55](#)

And at Sealaska Heritage Institute:
[Seiki Kayamori Photograph Collection, 1916-1930](#)

For more about Kayamori, a biographical article by Margaret Thomas is available on Alaska's Digital Archives at: "[Was Kayamori a Spy?](#)"

For a scholarly analysis of the importance of Kayamori's work, attached is a recently published article by Juliana Hu Pegues.

More about the Kayamori Photograph Collection at the Alaska State Library Historical Collections can be found at: http://www.library.alaska.gov/hist/hist_docs/finding_aids/PCA055.pdf

ALASKA STATE MUSEUM ANNOUNCES GRANT IN AID AWARDS

While the building may be closed, work continues at the Alaska State Museum in Juneau. On 7/3/2014, the following awards were announced:

The Alaska State Museum has announced the awarding of 22 grants totaling \$105,600 to Alaska museums and cultural centers for museum projects around the state. The following awards were made:

Applicant	Project	Amount
Alaska Jewish Museum, Anchorage	Collections management	8,456
Museum of Science and Nature, Anchorage	Museum supplies	4,017
Alpine Historical society, Sutton	Support for large artifacts	2,000
Alutiiq Museum, Kodiak	Alutiiq dance history	7,573
Anchorage Museum, Anchorage	Conservation of photos	3,330
Beringia Center of Culture and Science, Nome	fireproof filing cabinet	2,000
Cordova Historical Society, Cordova	Preparation for move	7,710
Eagle Historical Society, Eagle	Update media equipment	2,000
Hammer Museum, Haines	Purchase printers	2,000
Hope Sunrise Historical Society, Hope	Outdoor exhibit signage	1,604
Juneau Douglas City Museum, Juneau	Exhibit upgrade	9,710
Ketchikan Museum Department, Ketchikan	Museum security upgrade	8,780
Kodiak Historical Society, Kodiak	Digital management plan	4,400
Kodiak Maritime Museum, Kodiak	Design interpretive display	8,400
Museum of AK Transportation & Industry, Wasilla	Computer equipment	1,945
Museum of the Aleutians, Unalaska	Purchase dataloggers	1,220
Museums Alaska, Statewide	Workshop for Meeting	7,060
Pioneer Air Museum, Fairbanks	Cataloging Project	6,000
Pratt Museum, Homer	Remote camera project	6,595
Sheldon Museum, Haines	Collections management	4,400
Friends Tanana Valley RR Museum, Fairbanks	Diorama exhibit fabrication	2,000
Valdez Museum, Valdez	Cataloging Project	4,400

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CRAIG LIBRARIAN AMY MARSHALL ELECTED TO NATIONAL BOARD

We recently got news that Amy Marshall, Director of the Craig Public Library has been elected as a Member at Large of the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) Board of Directors.

ARSL is a national organization of over 800 members whose mission is to provide resources and support that empower those in small and rural libraries to deliver excellent service for their communities. For more information about ARSL, visit their website at <http://arsl.info/>.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY HISTORY AND GENEALOGY FROM USA.GOV

If you've been thinking about tracing your family history, you may want to visit the [Family History and Genealogy](#) page of USA.gov. This page links to a number of resources of interest, including:

- [Census Finder \(U.S., Native American, Canada, and United Kingdom\)](#)
Find ancestors in free Census records, transcriptions, indexes, and images.
- [Genealogy Resources, by State](#)
Find state and local resources to help research your family history.
- [Immigration Records – Ship Passenger Arrival Records](#)
Immigration records, by port of arrival, for arrivals to the U.S., from 1820 - 1982

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