

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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SUE SHERIF HONORED WITH CREATION OF LITERACY AWARD

The Alaska Center for the Book recently released the following statement on their [Facebook group](#):

We are proud to announce the creation of the Sue Sherif Literacy Award.

This year, the Library of Congress Literacy Awards Program encouraged us to create a special award for literacy. We've chosen to name that award for someone special--a longtime board member, herself a former CLIA recipient, who is retiring from the state library system. She has dedicated her career to readers of all ages in all parts of the state. Her passion for libraries, books and readers are an inspiration to many people around Alaska.

The first recipients of the Sue Sherif Literacy Award are members of a team that created interactive children's books in Cup'ik. Joseph Gorski is director of technology and federal programs for the Kashunamiut School District in Chevak. Dr. Bob Whicker is director of the Consortium for Digital Learning of the Association of Alaska School Boards. They helped form a team which translated an interactive book series into the Chevak region's language. Finding books that are relevant, accessible and affordable to Alaska Native language speakers has been a longtime goal of Alaska Center for the Book, and we're delighted that this program is so successful.

We are thrilled for Sue, who will be retiring as Head of Library Development on August 1st. If you'd like to see Cup'ik books were produced by the first Sue Sherif award winners, visit

<http://cdl.aasb.org/projects/language/>

CORNWALL NEW INTERNET AND TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANT FOR LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

As a part of the ongoing changes in Library Development, Daniel Cornwall has been transferred to Library Development as their Internet and Technology Consultant. Working closely with other Library Development staff Daniel will offer consulting and training services in the areas of internet resources, best practices in technology and social media, among others. He will also assist other Library Development staff in other projects as needed. Daniel continues to be available by e-mail at Daniel.cornwall@alaska.gov and by phone at 907-465-6332.

BIOGRAPHY, SCIENCE, HISTORY & POINTS OF VIEW NEW ON SLED!

New K-12 oriented databases that may be of interest to all have been purchased by the state and made available as part of the [SLED Databases](#). The new databases are:

- Biography Reference Center- More than 461,000 full-text biographies.
- History Reference Center - Designed for academic research, this database features full text for more than 1,990 reference books, encyclopedias and non-fiction books.
- Points of View Reference Center - Containing resources that present multiple sides of an issue.
- Science Reference Center - A comprehensive research database that provides easy access to a multitude of full-text, science-oriented content.

If your institution is based within Alaska, you are welcome to link directly to these databases. The links are:

Biography Reference Center

<http://sled.idm.oclc.org/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,uid&profile=brc>

History Reference Center

<http://sled.idm.oclc.org/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,uid&profile=hrc>

Points of View Reference Center

<http://sled.idm.oclc.org/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,uid&profile=pov>

Science Reference Center

<http://sled.idm.oclc.org/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,uid&profile=scirc>

If you live or work in Alaska and these links do not work for you, visit the Alaska Library Network (ALN) [Get Help](#) form from a computer experiencing the access issue and explain your problem. The “Get Help” form sends us useful troubleshooting information. It is available on the SLED home page.

SLAM WEBSITE REFRESHED

If you haven't visited the [SLAM project site](#) in a while, you might have missed a refresh of our site that updates our funding status and links you to articles on the moves of the Museum's umiak and the well-known Nimbus sculpture.

STATE LIBRARY AND SEALASKA HERITAGE INSTITUTE CITED FOR KAYAMORI

A recent story in the Juneau Empire about photographer Fhoki Kayamori highlights resources from the Alaska State Library Historical Collections and the Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI). It also quotes Jim Simard, Head of the Alaska State Library Historical Collections and Zachary Jones, archivist and collection manager at Sealaska Heritage Institute.

- Story: [Behind the camera: Researchers explore legacy left by Japanese-American photographer Seiki Kayamori](#). Amy Fletcher. *Juneau Empire*, July 24, 2014
- To view the state library's collection of Kayamori's images, visit <http://vilda.alaska.edu/> (search for Kayamori).
- To view SHI's collection, visit <https://picasaweb.google.com/106959281489663118722/PO072SeikiKayamoriPhotographCollection>

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

IMLS GRANTS ANNOUNCED FOR ALASKA

Museum grants announced in 7/18/14 Primary Source newsletter from IMLS.

Alaska

Chilkat Indian Village - Haines, AK

Award Amount: \$47,900

Grant Program: Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services Program

Contact: Ms. Lani Hotch, Project Director/Collection Development Planner

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The Chilkat Indian Village will conduct a yearlong project to increase the capacity of tribal members to implement museum best practices and install a traditional whale house exhibit using original objects at the Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage Center. Staff from the Alaska State Museum will train tribal members in professional collection handling, interpretation, and exhibit installation. Tribal members will create the interpretive content and work with a consultant to design and install the exhibit using the traditional

layout of the whale house interior and original objects. The Whale House exhibit will preserve the Whale House collection and enable the Chilkat Tlingits to share their history, art, and cultural practices with tribal members, clan members, and all audiences viewing the installation.

Sealaska Corporation - Juneau, AK

Award Amount: \$49,860

Grant Program: Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services Program

Contact: Dr. Charles Smythe, Cultural Anthropologist

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The Sealaska Heritage Institute will engage in a one-year exhibition development process to design an exhibit that showcases Tlingit Indian clan hats from the perspective of the Tlingit people to educate the public about the functions, roles, and uses of clan hats today. The process will include several meetings with exhibit designers and Sealaska Heritage Institute staff to develop the conceptual and final design plans for all aspects of the exhibit. The exhibit will be the inaugural show in Sealaska Heritage Institute's new building in downtown Juneau, Alaska. This exhibit will benefit tribal members and promote cross-cultural understanding as Alaskans and tourists learn more about the cultural significance and artistic characteristics of clan hats and the ways of the Tlingit people.

Seldovia Village Tribe - Seldovia, AK Award Amount: \$38,148

Grant Program: Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services Program

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The Seldovia Museum will hire a professional curator and engage staff in professional development to improve skills in exhibition design and mount-making. The curator will organize a two-day professional development workshop, to be held at the Pratt Museum in Homer, AK, for ten participants from the Seldovia Museum and other small local museums to learn about aspects of exhibition development. The workshop will be filmed and developed into six brief instructional how-to videos that will be made available online to museum professionals and the public. Following the workshop, staff will create two new temporary exhibits and make environmental improvements to the exhibit gallery to improve collections care.

MURKOWSKI'S 10,000TH BOOK DONATION HONORS LONGTIME ANCHORAGE LIBRARIAN

From the office of Senator Lisa Murkowski:

Senator Lisa Murkowski is proud to announce that she has now donated over 10,000 books to Alaskan schools, libraries, tribes and other non-profit agencies through a partnership with the Library of Congress. The program donates excess unused books nationwide to non-profit entities, and Murkowski has leveraged it to deliver books statewide – including to replace books [stolen or damaged in Togiak in 2011](#).

Aesop's Fables was the 10,000th book and part of a larger donation to Chester Valley Elementary School in honor of the late Beverley Fannesbeck, one of the Anchorage School District's first librarians. Of the most recent batch of donations, 142 books were sent to Chester Valley Elementary School in Anchorage, 28 to Denali Elementary School in Fairbanks, and 33 to Colony High School in Palmer.

Commemorating this impressive milestone, Senator Murkowski said:

“It is very fitting that *Aesop’s Fables*, a timeless collection of stories that originated almost 3,000 years ago, was the milestone book in this donation. The value of education, literacy and living a good life are also timeless beliefs that never lose relevance – and they were the virtues that Beverley Fannesbeck devoted her life to passing along to young Alaskans. It is clear that reading is such an important aspect in all stages of life, and I am excited to see how many more books can be donated as part of such a wonderful program.”

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEWARE ADDTHIS? MORE DATA COLLECTION WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT

We just came across a fairly disturbing article on a new form of data tracking. The InfoDocket article, [Online Privacy: How Simply Clicking the “Share” Button Found on Many Web Pages Might Be Very Hazardous to Your Online Privacy](#) from InfoDocket states in part:

Surprisingly, the researchers traced 95 percent of canvas fingerprinting scripts back to a single company: AddThis. AddThis is the world’s largest content sharing platform and provides free website plugins such as share buttons, follow buttons and content recommendation features. *The company reaches an estimated 97.2% of Internet users in the United States and receives 103 billion page views each month.*

Can users protect themselves against canvas fingerprinting? Acar and his colleagues studied the effect of ad-industry opt-out tools offered by the Network Advertising Initiative (NAI) and the European Interactive Digital Advertising Alliance. No websites included in the opt-lists stopped collecting canvas fingerprints after activating the opt-out option. At present, only one browser, Tor, can prevent canvas fingerprinting scripts, but this added security comes with major trade-offs in performance, functionality and content availability.

Many websites, including sensitive sites such as health and government websites, unknowingly contain canvas fingerprinting – by using one of AddThis’ free plug-ins for example.

We love sharing. We love privacy more. So we are reviewing our websites to see if this technology is in use and will drop share buttons that we find.

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