

# FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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## **NEWS FROM THE DIVISION**

### **SLAM IN THE NEWS**

Our ongoing exhibit development process and the storage of recently received Alaska Railroad Records were the focus of two recent articles mentioning the SLAM Project:

State Museum Staff Seeks Kodiak's Input

Posted on August 12, 2014

Brianna Gibbs/KMXT

<http://kmxtnews2012.wordpress.com/2014/08/12/state-museum-staff-seeks-kodiaks-input/#more-4674>

NARA records now safe in SLAM

By Matt Miller (KTOO)

Posted on August 8, 2014 at 5:12 am

<http://www.ktoo.org/2014/08/08/nara-records-now-safe-slam/>

For more information about the SLAM Project itself, please visit <http://lam.alaska.gov/slam>.

## ALASKA STATE LIBRARY NOW ON FACEBOOK

The Alaska State Library now has a page on Facebook. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/AKStateLibrary> for historical photos, upcoming events, notes on how other Alaskan libraries are using Facebook and more. One of our first posts was a “Throwback Thursday” photo of the 1977 Raising of the Waasago Totem Pole in the State Office Building Atrium:



## IPAD GUIDE FOR ALASKAN LIBRARIES

Over the past few years, a number of public and school libraries have had an influx of iPads and other mobile devices. Some of the ones going into public libraries have been purchased by the Alaska State Library with federal grant funds.

In response to this growing mobile presence in Alaska, Julie Niederhauser and Daniel Cornwall of the State Library Development staff have put together an iPad resource guide at <http://lam.alaska.gov/ipads>. The guide is broken down into the following sections:

- Loaning your iPads
- Alaskan Apps
- Apps for Kids
- Apps for Exploration
- Useful iPad Accessories

We hope libraries and other institutions will find this guide helpful. Suggestions can be directed to Daniel at [daniel.cornwall@alaska.gov](mailto:daniel.cornwall@alaska.gov) or to Julie at [julie.niederhauser@alaska.gov](mailto:julie.niederhauser@alaska.gov) .

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SMITHSONIAN GIVES YOU CHANCE TO ADD TO SCIENCE AND HISTORY FROM YOUR CHAIR

We recently noticed a [Tumblr post](#) from the Smithsonian Transcription Center highlighting some of the new crowdsourcing projects for volunteers:

*We're recruiting digital volunteers to our [Transcription Center](#) to help us transcribe digitized archival material to make the text searchable, opening it up for research and discovery. Some projects that might pique your interest:*

- [Archaeological reports from Langdon](#) Wagner, a Monuments Man and rumored inspiration for Indiana Jones
- [A diary](#) from the Western Union Telegraph Expedition of 1865 which is basically like watching a real life Oregon Trail game unfold
- [Handwritten personal letters](#) of artists like Mary Cassatt, Grandma Moses and Claes Oldenburg from the [archivesofamericanart](#)

You can participate in these projects from the comfort of your home, school or library. If you know about a similar project running in Alaska, we would LOVE to know about it.

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