

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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A message from Alaska State Archivist Dean Dawson:

I am pleased to announce that Zach Jones has been hired as Archivist II at the Alaska State Archives.

Zach has worked for nearly seven years as archivist at the Sealaska Heritage Institute. During this time he has also served on the Alaska Historical Society and Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Boards. Zach attained a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Archives & Records Management from the University of Wisconsin in 2009, a MA in Comparative History from the College of William & Mary in 2008, and a BA in History from Utah State University in 2006. He is currently a Ph.D student in Ethnohistory at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Jones will start work on October 1, 2014.

REGISTRATION CONTINUES FOR MOBILE TECHNOLOGY GROUP HIKE

Join Daniel Cornwall and other Alaskan colleagues in a “group hike” through the technologies listed at 23mobilethings.net. No blogging will be required. If you’ve ever left a comment anywhere on the internet, have the use of a mobile device and a willingness to learn new things, you have what it takes to participate.

Don’t have time to sample all 23 Mobile Things? Sign up anyway and participate in just the “things” that interest you.

Together, we’ll examine and discuss these mobile technologies. You’ll come away with a better understanding of the various mobile technologies out there, how your library/archives/museum can use them, and some guidelines about whether a given technology is a fit for your community.

If this intrigues you, send an e-mail to Daniel at daniel.cornwall@alaska.gov. He’ll set you up with an account on our online discussion forum.

This 23 week long adventure starts on 10/1/2014. While offered by Library Development, this class is open to staff in museums, archives and schools as well.

SPRING CLEANING AT THE STATE LIBRARY – 1967

From the [State Library and Historical Collections Facebook page](#):



NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

TOGIAK CELEBRATES OPENING OF NEW LIBRARY

An 8/29/2014 Bristol Bay Times article titled [Togiak celebrates opening of new library](#) spells out what the new library has to offer:

“It now has more than 17,000 books, 12 public computers, and a special reading area for pre-school children and their parents. In addition, it has a corner for Alaska and Yupik art, artifacts and books. “

Congratulations Togiak on your new facility!

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Recently the Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI) documented a happy but stunning development. Sacred objects thought to be sold to private collectors at auction were instead secretly purchased by the Annenberg Foundation and returned to their tribes. From SHI's press release:

A major American foundation that anonymously purchased sacred objects during a fiercely contested auction in Paris last year has returned one of the pieces to Southeast Alaska Natives.

The Annenberg Foundation is donating a Native panel to Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI) that appears to be part of an old Tlingit bentwood box with a painted Chilkat design. Such a box would have held a clan's sacred objects or possibly the paraphernalia of a shaman.

The news that the piece was coming home stunned staff at SHI who were familiar with the controversial auction and tried to stop it, said SHI President Rosita Worl.

"We couldn't believe it. We were astonished when we heard the Annenberg Foundation purchased the panel to send it home. This has never happened before, and it is wonderful news," said Worl, noting the panel was donated to SHI because clan affiliation could not be determined.

For more information, visit

http://www.sealaskaheritage.org/news/news_article_AnnenbergDonatesPanel.html.

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