

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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ALASKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATE LIBRARY STUDIES

The Alaska Library Association (AkLA) has established a scholarship program to support the education of librarians for Alaska's libraries, including school libraries. The stated purpose is to provide financial assistance to worthy students pursuing graduate studies in Library Science and to encourage graduates to return to Alaska to work in professional library positions. Preference is given to qualified applicants meeting the federal requirements of Alaska Native ethnicity.

Three scholarships of \$4,000 each may be awarded: one for a Master's Degree candidate, one for School Library Media Certification (the Jo B. Morse Scholarship), and a third from either category.

To be eligible for the scholarship, an applicant must be an Alaskan resident who:

possesses a Bachelor's Degree or higher from an accredited college or university;

is eligible for acceptance, or is currently enrolled, in a graduate program in Library and Information Science leading to a Master's Degree or School Library Media Certification, from a university program accredited by the American Library Association;

is or will be a student during the academic year, semester, or academic quarter for which the scholarship is received; and

makes a commitment to work in an Alaskan library for a minimum of one year after graduation as a paid employee or volunteer, or for two semesters for one semester's financial assistance.

Completed applications must be received by January 15th.

If you are interested in applying, copies of the guidelines and application forms are available online at <http://akla.org/scholarships/application-and-reference-forms/>. If you have questions about graduate library studies or would like paper copies of the scholarship application, contact:

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akla.scholarship@alaska.gov

ASHRAB AWARDS ARCHIVAL CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE FOR FIFTH YEAR

On October 2, 2015 the Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board (ASHRAB) awarded Bruce Parham of Anchorage, and the joint team of the Petersburg Public Library/*Petersburg Pilot* archival Certificates of Excellence for 30 years of dedicated archival service and digitization of Petersburg's historical newspapers.

Parham, who recently retired from the National Archives & Records Commission – Anchorage, was chosen for his nearly three decades of significant contributions to Alaska's archival community. Parham was an archivist at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska & Polar Regions Collections, Assistant Director and Director at the National Archives, and has served on the boards of the Alaska Historical and Cook Inlet Historical Societies. He has conducted pro-bono archival records management consulting for the ASHRAB and others; and, leads by example.

The ASHRAB also chose the Petersburg Public Library and *Petersburg Pilot* under its Milestone Projects criteria. This library and newspaper partnership digitized Petersburg historic newspapers dating back a century. A contractor scanned microfilm and converted the files into PDFs. These records were placed in an organized, keyword searchable database on the library's website so that everyone can access Petersburg's valuable community history. The Petersburg Public Library website is <http://petersburg.advantage-preservation.com/>

The ASHRAB, coordinated by the State Archivist, is a 9-member Governor-appointed state board. The ASHRAB believes that the collection and preservation of historical records – Alaska's priceless legacy, are fundamental to understanding our past and guiding our future. This was the ASHRAB's fifth year recognizing archival excellence among several worthy nominations.

MUSEUMS ALASKA RECOGNIZES SLAM STAFF FOR EXCELLENCE

We were very pleased to learn that Museums Alaska had awarded our Division the Excellence Award in the Museums Field at this year's Museums Alaska/Alaska Historical Society annual meeting in Cordova. Here is the text of the award letter:

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE MUSEUM FIELD

The 2015 Award for Excellence in the Museum Field is awarded to the State Library, Archives, and Museums (SLAM) Staff.

Over the past year, the SLAM staff packed and moved 32,000 artifacts in a matter of six weeks, during what is generally Juneau's busiest time of year - tourist season. In addition, they packed and moved the entire State archives, records, maps, and historical documents.

With the financial support of a major IMLS grant, they recruited and trained a cadre of Alaskan museum employees, providing people in various phases of their careers an opportunity to learn about how professionals move a collection while gaining an invaluable hands-on experience.

They sent representatives around the state to query communities about what they wanted to see in the new museum. They developed a new museum exhibit floor plan, assembled a team of content experts, carefully selected artifacts for each section, developed label copy, and built new mounts - a process that is still ongoing.

And through all this, they continued day to day operations. Despite the demands of packing and moving, they continued responding to general inquiries, meeting the needs of the visiting museum professionals, maintaining reference desk hours at the State Library, keeping the Alaska State Library Information Services open, dealing with objects found in the collection, and much, much, more.

All of this has been done with the utmost dedication to the people of Alaska, and the museums, cultural centers, and historical societies across the state, with a commitment to the mission of SLAM.

In recognition of their outstanding progress in bringing the SLAM project to fruition, please join me in congratulating the SLAM team for the Museums Alaska Award for Excellence in the Museum Field.

DIGITAL LITERACY: ALASKA KNOWLEDGE CENTER: PRODUCTIVITY

Do your staff or patrons need a refresher on Word, Excel or some other piece of Office like software? Maybe some hints on getting started with Google Drive or MS OneDrive? Send them to the "Productivity" section of "Digital Literacy: Alaska KnOWLedge Center" at <http://lam.alaska.gov/digitalliteracy/productivity> . This page is divided into the following sections:

- Word Processing
- Spreadsheets
- Databases
- Publishing and Presentations
- Earlier Versions of Microsoft Office (2007, 2003)
- Other Productivity Tools
- Working With PDFs

Send feedback on this section or any of the linked tutorials to Daniel Cornwall at daniel.cornwall@alaska.gov.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

ONLINE WITH LIBRARIES (OWL): BRINGING APPRENTICESHIPS TO THORNE BAY



Figure 1: Thorne Bay Students connect to apprenticeship programs via OWL. Photo by Jesse Drucker.

Thorne Bay Public Library VISTA Jesse Drucker recently shared news of two OWL programs on apprenticeship training:

At the Thorne Bay Public Library, we held two events educating teens about apprenticeship opportunities in the State of Alaska on September 23 and the 30. Jon Medaris from the Alaska Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Trust and then Kathleen Bugbee of the Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters Apprenticeship Train Trust connected to our library through the OWL network using Jabber.

For both of their presentations, we coordinated with the Thorne Bay Public School for the woodshop class to join us at the library to attend. Both Medaris and Bugbee educated the nine students about their respective trades, how the apprenticeship program works, and how to apply.

Bugbee wrote, “My experience doing a presentation on apprenticeship to Thorne Bay was made possible by the OWL videoconferencing network. The process of setting it up was facilitated by Chris Skidmore. I found the experience to be a good one, as it is great to carry on a dialogue when you can see the people you are addressing, especially when it comes to question and answer sessions.”

Overall, the program worked quite well and technical issues were dealt with quickly by the technical staff at UAF, even in the face of a snowstorm. I was most surprised by the fact that the kids seems quite interested in and excited by the presentations. After the presentation by Mr. Medaris one student said, “You know, I didn’t want to be an electrical worker before, but now that sounds awesome!”

If your library has held an OWL event that you are proud of, let us know about it!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEBINAR 11/10: HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES THRIVE: CENSUS BUSINESS BUILDER

A live training webinar, "[Helping Small Businesses Thrive: Introducing Census Business Builder](#)," will be presented on Tuesday, November 10, 2015.

Register today for “Helping Small Businesses Thrive: Introducing Census Business Builder”

- **Start time:** 2:00 p.m. (Eastern) / 10:00 a.m. (Alaska)
- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Speaker:** Andy W. Hait is an economist and serves as the Data Product and Data User Liaison in the Economy-Wide Statistics Division at the U.S. Census Bureau. With over 28 years of service at the Census Bureau, Hait oversees the data products and tools and coordinates data user training for the economic census and the Census Bureau’s other economic survey programs. He is also the lead geographic specialist in the Economic Programs Directorate. Hait holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Economics from Syracuse University and has a Masters Certificate in Project Management from George Washington University.
- **Learning outcomes:** The U.S. Census Bureau provides a wealth of data that entrepreneurs and small business owners can use in their business and marketing plans, but access to this information can often be difficult for users not familiar with Census Bureau data programs and tools. This webinar will feature the recently-released Census Business Builder (CBB). CBB provides access to key demographic and economic data from the Census Bureau (as well as other third party data) in an easy-to-use, interactive map-based tool. Webinar attendees will not only learn how to access and use the Small Business Edition of CBB, but will also learn about a prototype second edition of CBB designed specifically for Chambers of Commerce staff.
- **Expected level of knowledge for participants:** No prerequisite knowledge required.

The webinar is free, however registration is required. Upon registering, a confirmation email will be sent to you. This registration confirmation email includes the instructions for joining the webinar.

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