

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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TWO NEW SLED DATABASES: HOME IMPROVEMENT AND HOBBIES & CRAFTS

We're excited to announce that as part of Alaska's information dividend, two new EBSCO databases are now available to Alaska residents through the SLED Databases: the Home Improvement Reference Center and the Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center. You can access them, along with Auto Repair and Small Engine Repair, from the new Do-It-Yourself box on SLED at <http://lam.alaska.gov/sled/>.

The Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center "offers detailed "how-to" instructions and creative ideas to meet the interests of virtually every hobby enthusiast. Full text is provided from leading hobby and craft magazines, including *Bead & Button*, *Creative Knitting*, *FineScale Modeler*, *Quilter's World* and many more." The topic ranges are broad, with something for everyone, including, but definitely not limited to:

- aquarium maintenance
- calming a dog
- travel, hiking,
- coin collecting
- comic books
- winemaking
- blacksmithing
- needlework
- woodwork
- electronic gaming
- fantasy sports
- paper crafts
- gardening
- and so much more.

Resources include videos, books, and articles.

The Home Improvement Reference Center features pamphlets, articles “from leading home improvement magazines images not found anywhere else online, and videos of popular home repair projects.” Topics here are wide-ranging as well, including:

- feng shui
- energy saving
- repairs and renovations
- gardening
- carpentry
- electrical work
- plumbing
- laundry
- buying or building a home
- and much more



These new resources may be especially helpful for those who need to manage and maintain their own facility, and may have helpful ideas for programming in libraries or museums.

With the addition of these databases to the great resources we’ve already grown to depend upon, SLED Databases can provide helpful information for just about every aspect of your life! See the full list of databases at http://lam.alaska.gov/databases/a_z.

DIGITAL LITERACY: ALASKA KNOWLEDGE CENTER: SOCIAL MEDIA

Are your staff and patrons interested in exploring social media but don’t know where to start? Point them to the “Social Media” section of “Digital Literacy: Alaska KnOWLedge Center” at <http://lam.alaska.gov/digitalliteracy/socialmedia> . This page has two sections, Social Media 101 and Voice Over IP (VoIP).

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

WEBINAR SERIES: PLANNING AND TRENDS

We just finished the second webinar in a three part series on planning, focusing on using online tools. The first webinar, presented by Freya Anderson, highlights tools for spotting trends and taking advantage of them for your own organization. The second, presented by Claire Imamura, shows how to keep track of how your users and others see you, and how to respond to that feedback. The recordings for both of these webinars are available at http://library.alaska.gov/is/info_services_training.html#TOL under the View Archived Recordings heading.

The capstone to this series is coming up in November, when Maeghan Kearney will host one of our What to Read webinars, providing readers advisory. This time, the topic is strategic planning, and she'll be focusing on ebooks from ebrary on how to plan for the future of your organization. The webinar will run on November 19th at 12:15-1. To attend, go to the link above a little before the start time, and click on the Join Webinar button.

All of these webinars, as well as others archived on the same page, are geared towards employees of the State of Alaska, but most of the information can benefit anyone, particularly folks in LAMs and other community organizations.

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In order to reflect changes in the content in ListenAlaska+, and taking into account impassioned perspectives from library staff and users around the state, the name of this cool resource is changing too. Alaska's initial shared instance of Overdrive offered only audiobooks and music, so ListenAlaska seemed appropriate. But, the +plus just wasn't cutting it anymore! Now that the ebooks there are hugely popular, and other formats are being explored, it's time to have a title that more accurately expresses its role: **Alaska Digital Library**.

Already, you can access the Alaska Digital Library through its new URL: <http://adl.lib.overdrive.com>, which is working alongside <http://listenalaska.lib.overdrive.com>. Soon, a new URL will be in place that is all our own. Right now you can get a preview and give your input on potential logos and branding by taking the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AKDILI> (available until midnight, Monday, October 26th).

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The Office of the Secretary of State, located in Olympia, Washington, is seeking a library services professional to shape the vision, develop the strategic plan and provide the leadership

required to transform the Washington State Library into a model public resource, through which information is available in digital form, accessible anytime and anywhere.

The ideal candidate will be an advocate for thoughtful, purposeful modernization; a nimble leader with extensive success in building strong teams and high morale; an excellent communicator who is comfortable in front of a wide variety of audiences; and an exceptional administrator who is adept at managing resources and can demonstrate the value of library programs and services.

Applications must be submitted through careers.wa.gov online and include an application, resume, salary history, and letter of interest.

The screening process for this position is ongoing and will continue until the position is filled. If you have applied for this position already, your application is still under consideration and there is no need to reapply.

Visit <http://careers.wa.gov/> for information on applying.

Using careers.wa.gov, select Look for Jobs, scroll to Department and select “Office of the Secretary of State,” then click on Apply Search located farther down the screen; the Washington State Librarian recruitment is part of the resulting list.

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