

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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NOW ONLINE: ALASKA RAILROAD COMMISSION TOWNSITE LOT SALES VOLUMES, 1916-1930

The Alaska State Archives just made some of their Alaska Railroad Commission townsite lot sales volumes available online. These volumes, received from NARA in Anchorage, range from 1916 to 1930 and include the townsites of Matanuska, Nenana, Seward, Wasilla and Talkeetna. Explore these scanned records and registers online at http://archives.alaska.gov/for_researchers/lot_sales.html. Do you recognize any names from your local history?

WEBINAR: CONSUMER WEB FILTERING 10/16, 9AM

The State Library's Tech Talks kicks off with an hour session on web filtering from a home perspective. Learn about different kinds of filters and factors to consider when selecting or implementing a web filter. Join us at <http://library.alaska.gov/dev/techtalks.html> to participate in this WebEx powered webinar.

If you haven't joined a WebEx session before, test your computer a day or two before the meeting by visiting <http://www.webex.com/test-meeting.html> and joining a test meeting.

DIGITAL LITERACY: ALASKA KNOWLEDGE CENTER: MOBILE DEVICES

Have a patron with a brand new smartphone, tablet or ereader? Feel free to point them at the "Mobile Devices" section of "Digital Literacy: Alaska KnOWLedge Center" at <http://lam.alaska.gov/digitalliteracy/mobile>. This page is divided into the following sections:

- Phone Tips
- Smart Phones
- iPads
- ereaders
- App Tutorials

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

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The Juneau Public Libraries (JPL) was one of fifty libraries have been selected to receive training and support to host book club programs on a theme of "media, resistance and revolution" with at-risk youth, the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office announced on 10/1/2015.

The 2015 grantees represent 43 public libraries, three school libraries and four libraries located within youth detention facilities. [View a full list of grantees.](#)

Created in 2006, the Great Stories Club strives to introduce young adults to accessible and thought-provoking literature selected by humanities scholars to resonate with reluctant readers struggling with complex issues like incarceration, violence and poverty.

Working with small groups of six to ten teens, grantees will host reading and discussion events for each of three selected book titles. The theme for the current round of grants is "Hack the Feed: Media, Resistance, Revolution," and the books are "Feed" by M.T. Anderson, "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins and "March: Books One" by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell. The book club meetings will take place between Jan. 1 and May 30, 2016.

Grantees will receive 11 paperback copies of each of the three book selections (10 to gift to participants; one for discussion leader/library collection); travel and accommodation expenses paid for attendance at the project orientation workshop in Chicago; and other resources and support.

Here in Juneau, JPL will be teaming up with Juneau Youth Services to carry out this grant. For more information about the Great Stories Club project, see the full [ALA press release](#).

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The ARLIS library in Anchorage has a fairly unusual collection of realia/3D objects. These objects are lendable to Anchorage area patrons and the collection was highlighted in a recent ADN article:

*Need a wolf fur? A puffin pelt? All you need is a library card and a visit to the ARLIS library
For years, an Anchorage library has been loaning out skulls, furs and mounted animals to the public -- free of charge.*

<http://www.adn.com/article/20150925/need-wolf-fur-puffin-pelt-all-you-need-library-card-and-visit-arlis-library>

Does your library or museum have an unusual collection you would like to see get some coverage? Drop us a line about your holdings and we may do a *Friday Bulletin* item on it.

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CONTEST: LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE STARTING 11/2

If you know a student in grades 4-12, let them know about the Letters About Literature contest. This program invites students to write an author (living or dead) of a book, poem or play about which they have strong feelings. These letters are collected by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and prizes will be awarded at both the state and federal levels for the following competition levels:

Level 3, grades 9-12, letters due by 12/4/2015

Level 2, grades 7-8, letters due by 1/11/2016

Level 1, grades 4-6, letters due by 1/11/2016

National Winners in each competition level will receive a \$1,000 cash award.

National Honor Winners in each competition level will receive a \$200 cash award.

Letters can be sent starting 11/2/2015. See full contest details at

<http://www.read.gov/documents/GUIDELINES-LAL-2015-FINAL.pdf>

ALSC NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2016 ALSC/CANDLEWICK PRESS 'LIGHT THE WAY' GRANT

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) and the Library Service to Special Population Children and Their Caregivers Committee are now accepting online applications for the 2016 Light the Way: Library Outreach to the Underserved grant. This \$3,000 grant, made

possible by Candlewick Press in honor of Newbery Medalist and Geisel Honoree author Kate DiCamillo, will go to a library conducting exemplary outreach to underserved populations through a new program or an expansion of work already being done.

The winning project should be well thought-out, appropriate to the target population, doable and replicable by other libraries. Each applicant will be judged on the following:

- **Project Information-** The outline should include goals, measures of success, a timeline with action steps and how the project will be documented.
- **Target Population-** Descriptions of the community served by your library, including a concise economic and demographic profile. Detail community benefits, outreach and the various players involved in promoting the program to the underserved population in your area.

Applicants must be members of the American Library Association. Deadline for submissions is Dec. 1, 2015. For more information about the award requirements and submitting the online application please visit the [ALSC/Candlewick Press “Light the Way” Grant Web page](#).

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