

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 B. Jo 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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Alaska State Library
P.O. Box 110571, Juneau, AK 99811-0571
(907) 465-2916 or 1-888-820-4525
akla.scholarship@alaska.gov

HOURLY OF CODE WEBINAR NOW AVAILABLE / STAR WARS CODING

Last week Claudia Haines and Daniel Cornwall hosted a presentation on resources for [Hour of Code](#), a global computer coding education event held every December. Learn about this event and the resources to hold an event at your library by watching the archived webinar at https://youtu.be/Q_OKvK6KOsg.

Not mentioned at the webinar because it had not come out – one of [the tutorials](#) will be themed on Star Wars: The Force Awakens. For details on how you or your patrons can [learn to code from Princess Leia or Rey](#), see:

Hour of Code to feature Star Wars: The Force Awakens
Jessica Guynn, USA TODAY 6:04 a.m. EST November 9, 2015
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2015/11/09/codeorg-hour-of-code-star-wars-the-force-awakens-disney-lucasfilms/75304288/>

BRAINPOP GETTING MAKEOVER

BrainPop is getting a new look and feel later in November. See <https://educators.brainpop.com/were-getting-a-new-look/> for details. Be aware that “My BrainPop” features are NOT available in the statewide subscription. We've asked for it, but the company will not provide the option at any price.

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ARLIS REALIA COLLECTION COLLECTS NATIONAL ATTENTION

An update from our friends at ARLIS regarding the coverage their collection of furs, skulls and other realia are receiving.

ARLIS has been featured in several news outlets of late, particularly in regard to its renowned fur/skull/mount/education kit collections. ARLIS checks out these items to any patron who can reach ARLIS on the road system. As a practical matter, these items are unable to be mailed remotely via interlibrary loan, as they are fragile and much-requested locally. ARLIS works cooperatively with Alaska Department of Fish & Game and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to circulate these to the public. A re-cap of the recent attention follows:

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

Initial story and slideshow on the front page of the October 6, 2015 Alaska Dispatch News entitled "Check Out This Stuff."

<http://juneauempire.com/state/2015-10-07/anchorage-library-loans-out-skulls-furs>

ADN story reprinted as an Associated Press story in the Juneau Empire ("Anchorage Library Loans Skulls, Furs") on October 8th, page A3.

PDF available via online subscription only:

ADN story reprinted as an Associated Press story in the Ketchikan Daily News ("Library Loans out Skulls, Furs, Mounted Animals") on October 9th, page 5.

<http://www.npr.org/2015/10/07/446499508/check-out-what-you-can-borrow-from-a-library-in-alaska>

NPR's Morning Edition follow-up interview on October 7th. Link includes interview and transcript.

<http://www.greatbigstory.com/stories/nov-2-arlis-taxidermy-library>

A CNN-affiliated video crew spent 4 1/2 hours to do an onsite shoot that resulted in a 1 minute, 52 second Great Big Story video called "The Library that Checks Out Dead Animals." It essentially went viral with more than 250,000 views.

<https://www.rt.com/shows/watching-the-hawks/321093-million-man-march-us/>

The first of a locally-produced TV broadcast that considered the collection newsworthy enough to feature some commentary. Fast forward to approximately 11 minutes in to hear the story. ARLIS has been contacted by others since then.

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=wildlifeneews.view_article&articles_id=748

ARLIS's ADF&G Librarian, Celia Rozen, authored an article in Alaska Fish and Wildlife News, an online publication of the ADF&G, Division of Wildlife Conservation.

A 12-15 page chapter about ARLIS is currently underway, to be included in the forthcoming Libraries Unlimited book entitled, Audio Recorders to Zucchini Seeds: Building a Library of Things. The projected publication date is December 2016.

Given that ARLIS's win of the National Award for Library & Museum back in 2001 also highlighted this collection, ARLIS has long been proud of this service and its huge success with library patrons.

If you have a collection you are proud of and/or has received news coverage, please drop us a line.

CORDOVA PUBLIC LIBRARY MOVES TO THE CORDOVA CENTER!

Cordova Public Library director Miriam Dunbar recently offered us this account of their library's move:

The Cordova Public Library finally moved to their new location in the Cordova Center the first part of November. It was a massive effort by many community members over five days. The few pieces of furniture not being replaced were moved on Monday. AML provided the truck, and Coast Guard men and women and city employees helped the staff load and unload. The new shelving had just been installed, so seven volunteers moved the entire fiction section that day using totes on dollies. The supplies, files, videos, magazines, CD's, board games, and equipment were moved on Tuesday morning with three temporary employees and the AML truck. The staff shelved as many items as they could that afternoon.

A Book Brigade took place for 6 hours on Wednesday, transporting about 15,000 books with over 200 volunteers of all ages. They were served hot dogs and were given a tee shirt that read "I Moved Books, Books Moved Me". It was a beautiful day, so people who were part of the brigade thoroughly enjoyed themselves:





Our tech also moved all six patron computers to the new facility that day, and began connecting them to the new network. On Thursday, five volunteers shelved books again, as the staff tried to figure out where all the supplies should be placed. Miraculously, by Friday afternoon, all the books, magazines and videos were on shelves, the new furniture was arranged to take advantage of the view of the harbor and Orca Bay, and the most of the technological issues had been worked out for our staff and patron computers.

The Grand Opening of the Cordova Center featured a ribbon cutting ceremony, a plaque to Museum Director Cathy Sherman who had been pushing this project since 1999, and performances in the auditorium. 277 people came through the library, and all were very impressed with the welcoming atmosphere. Come visit us and see for yourselves!

Watch the book brigade of the Cordova Public Library in action at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oRoC_I60V9g

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Highsmith (Carol M.) Archive

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/carol-m-highsmith/about-this-collection/>

“Photographs of landmark buildings and architectural renovation projects in Washington, D.C., and throughout the United States. The first 23 groups of photographs contain more than 2,500 images and date from 1980 to 2005, with many views in color as well as black-and-white. Extensive [coverage of the Library of Congress Jefferson Building](#) was added in 2007. The archive is expected to grow to more than 100,000 photographs covering all of the United States.”

The collection also includes a number of landscape pictures such as this photo of Mount Foraker in Denali National Park:



As of November 2015, this collection had 147 photos with Alaska as a subject. See <https://www.loc.gov/collections/carol-m-highsmith/?fa=location%3Aalaska&sp=1>

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