

# FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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**STATE ARCHIVES: SLAM RELATED SERVICE DELAYS**

A message from State Archivist Dean Dawson:

Between April 1 thru September 30, the Alaska State Archives will have limited access to its holdings, which have been moved into the new SLAM building, an active construction site.

Staff will make every effort to quickly and efficiently serve our clients, but there is a possibility that there will be delays in answering your query; however, we will keep you informed via email/telephone regarding the status of your requests.

I would like to apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. Thank you.

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## HOW ALASKANS BENEFIT FROM THE INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES (IMLS)

IMLS awarded \$941,340 in Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds for 2013-2014 to the Alaska State Library. The State Library awarded these funds to 62 libraries that submitted applications for 122 exciting grant projects. These grant projects impacted thousands of Alaskans in many different ways.

### Encouraging the Love of Reading

- Helped 9,000 toddlers develop a love of reading by shipping *Ready to Read* tubs and kits to their parents and caregivers
- Intrigued nearly 2,000 Alaska students with graphic arts through the *Alaska Spirit of Reading*, a statewide event focused on the work of Filipino-Canadian author Joseph Torres
- Helped 3,600 Alaska students increase their reading comprehension and demonstrate their academic excellence in the statewide *Battle of the Books* contest
- Stemmed the summer reading slide (student reading scores drop over the summer as they read less) by providing summer reading program materials to 14,000 Alaskan children
- Helped 150 Alaskans on the North Slope enjoy poetry by attending author readings in their libraries

### Sharing Alaska's History

- Digitized 600 items concerning the 1964 Alaskan earthquake and made these materials easily accessible to all Alaskans on a single website - <http://64akquake.org/>
- Detailed the impact of the Exxon Valdez oil spill on Alaskans by combining pictures, publications, radio recordings, and oral histories in a single jukebox - <http://jukebox.uaf.edu/site7/exxonvaldez>
- Preserved the history of rural communities by having 600 Native Alaskans identify people and tag the content in older photographs taken in towns across the state
- Digitized 200 photographs and documents detailing Tlingit tribal history and culture and made these items accessible to all Alaskans on *Alaska's Digital Archives* - <http://vilda.alaska.edu/>

### Providing Free Online Resources to All Alaskans at SLED - <http://sled.alaska.edu>

- Saved 4,000 Alaskans money on car repairs by paying for access to *Auto Repair Reference Center*
- Helped 3,000 Alaska teens get better informed on *Teen Health and Wellness*
- Showed thousands of Alaska elementary students that learning can be fun at *Brain Pop*
- Taught thousands of Alaskans 65 foreign languages, ranging from Arabic to Cherokee to Pirate to Yiddish, on *Mango Languages*

### Providing Library Services to Rural Alaskans

- Delivered 2,000 books and reference items to Alaska's smallest libraries for their patrons

- Provided 14,000 books and other items by mail to 1,100 Alaskans living in towns without public libraries

### **Building Library Capacity**

- Trained 500 librarians on myriad topics, such as customer service, internet search techniques, the basics of running a public library, and summer reading program, to name a few
- Introduced 1,500 Alaskans to the diversity of community-based programs, such as folk dancing, small business start-up, resume writing, and computer coding, by supporting Anchorage's innovation lab

*Developed by the Library Development section of the Alaska State Library with information found in the grant reports from the Alaska libraries that benefited from Program Year 2013 LSTA funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.*

### **ALA PRESIDENT RESPONDS TO HOUSE PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE IMLS**

*Editor's Note: As noted in the previous item IMLS is an important source of funding to Alaska's libraries as it administers funds from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). So we would like to share this statement from Courtney Young, President of the American Library Association:*

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The budget resolution released this week by the U.S. House Budget Committee proposes to eliminate the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the agency that administers federal funding support for more than 123,000 libraries in virtually every community in the nation. American Library Association (ALA) President Courtney Young today released the following statement in response:

"We are shocked and appalled that the U.S. House Budget Committee would call for the elimination of federal support for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the agency that administers federal funding to libraries. Our nation's public libraries receive more than [1.5 billion in-person visitors](#) (pdf) each year from students, parents, job-seekers and seniors alike. Through grant-making and federal funding, IMLS aids libraries in supporting lifelong learning and equitable access for all. Since its founding, IMLS has provided invaluable leadership and expert oversight to libraries and supported libraries in providing dynamic services to their patrons, such as workforce training, maker spaces, coding classes and entrepreneurship resources.

"ALA calls on every member of the Budget Committee, and of Congress, to recognize the enormous benefits that IMLS creates for libraries and constituents in their own communities. In Chairman Tom Price's (R-GA) own district, for example, IMLS helped establish and now helps fund a hugely efficient and successful statewide library catalog that gives millions of Georgians and every library in the state access to everything in every other library's collection. The State Librarian of Georgia estimates that replacing this statewide PINES network with individual systems would cost over \$100 million over the next ten years alone.

"Even closer to home for Mr. Price, nearly 100,000 individual and business library users in Georgia's Sixth Congressional District rely on their local libraries for access to summer reading programs, online research databases and cutting-edge technology tools and resources. And over 35,000 blind and physically handicapped residents of his District depend on an IMLS-funded program called the Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services to access information from library collections, assistive technology and more.

"In no small measure, federal funds administered by IMLS also have helped leverage other federal investments in the programs of many other agencies. Libraries, for example, are front-line partners with the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and the Government Publishing Office in affording millions of Americans access to data critical to everything from home schooling, to job searching and retraining, children's health and small business-building support.

"The programs that IMLS incentivizes and expertly oversees—with among the very best efficiency records in the federal government—are literal engines of our economy at every level. We hope that Congress and President Barack Obama will support the important role that the Institute for Museum and Library Services plays in educating and supporting communities by rejecting the House Budget resolution."

### **About the American Library Association**

The American Library Association is the oldest and largest library association in the world, with approximately 55,000 members in academic, public, school, government, and special libraries. The mission of the American Library Association is to provide leadership for the development, promotion and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all.

### **ALASKA STATE MUSEUMS REGISTRAR ANDREW WASHBURN PROFILED IN ASM BULLETIN 82**

The latest issue of *Alaska State Museums Bulletin* ([No. 82, 3/25/2015](#)) has an interview with Andrew Washburn, the relatively new Registrar of the Alaska State Museums.

Previous issues of the *Alaska State Museums Bulletin* are archived at <http://museums.alaska.gov/Bulletin/bulletin.html>

### **ARCHIVED WEBINAR: HOW TO SELECT CHILDREN'S LITERATURE THAT ACCURATELY DEPICT NATIVE EXPERIENCES**

Public Librarians' Chat 14: **How to select children's literature that accurately depict Native experiences** (3/17/2015): Sorrel Godwin, Alaska State Librarian joined us as a guest presenter and shared his experience as a member of the Native Education Advisory Committee that was formed in Juneau.

- [Blackboard Collaborate Recording](#)
- [Raven Goes Mainstream? The Challenges of Transference and Translation of Northwest Coast Indigenous Oral Traditions to Modern Children's Literature](#) (PDF)
- [Assessment of Reading Wonders Publications](#) (PDF)

If you have any problems viewing the Blackboard Collaborate recording, contact Daniel Cornwall at [daniel.cornwall@alaska.gov](mailto:daniel.cornwall@alaska.gov) with any error messages you get.

### **OTHER ARCHIVED STATE LIBRARY WEBINARS**

Did you miss one of our winter webinars? You can find those recordings and many more at our website ([http://library.alaska.gov/is/info\\_services\\_training.html](http://library.alaska.gov/is/info_services_training.html)) under View Archived Recordings.

[Leading Effective Meetings](#): Katie Fearer shares findings from her research on how to lead successful meetings. She addresses features of a successful meeting, tips and techniques for leading meetings, including how to encourage thoughtful engagement and deal with common problems like one person dominating the discussion, people going off on tangents, heated disagreements, and delivering bad news. She also discusses tips for leading virtual meetings and cultural considerations. The recording includes ideas and tips from participants in the chat window. Katie's resource list about this topic is available here: <http://lam.alaska.gov/leadingmeetings>. [1 hour, 17 minutes]

[Reaching Alaskans with Videoconferencing](#): Claire Imamura discusses how to use the Online With Libraries (OWL) videoconferencing system for outreach to Alaskans by giving background on the OWL project that connects 97 Alaskan communities to the videoconferencing network, sharing ways that organizations are using OWL, and walking through the process of setting up your own videoconference. [37 minutes]

[Getting Started with Legislative Research](#): Maeghan Kearney shows some features from the new legislative website, including how to search for bills by subject or sponsor, use the Bill Tracking Management Facility (BTMF) service to follow a bill's status, and use the Statute Information Retrieval System (SIRS) to monitor bills that affect particular statutes. She also discusses the differences between the official printed statutes and the electronic versions, shares tips on using the statute database Infobases, and addresses how to find research requests from the Legislative Library. [43 minutes]

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DOES YOUR INSTITUTION NEED A MOBILE APP? MAYBE NOT

Recently TechSoup published an article titled [Does My Nonprofit Need a Mobile App?](#) by Ginny Mies. We think it would be useful reading for any library, archives or museum considering the creation of a mobile app.

The short version is that if all you want to do is to repeat information on your website, an app probably isn't for you. If you'd like to take advantage of specific smartphone features such as location, touch screen ability, vibration or push notifications, an app could be for you. If custom made from scratch, an app can also be expensive. Read the article for more.

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