

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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BACKGROUND ON SIGNING CEREMONY

As previously reported in the Friday Bulletin, the Alaska State Library was thrilled to have Governor Walker hold the signing ceremony for the bill naming our new building for Fr. Kashaveroff. More photos and resources related to that event can be found on the State Library's Since You Asked blog at <http://askasl.blogspot.com/2015/05/naming-slam.html> .

WEBINAR RECORDING: LIBRARY WEBSITE DESIGN

The May "Public Librarians Chat" will likely be of interest to museums and archives as well.

Public Librarians' Chat 16: Easy Web Design (5/12/2015): Starting with a brief discussion on library website design, Julie Niederhauser evaluates some actual library websites and shares what does and doesn't work. Participants were introduced to some inexpensive website builder options.

- [Blackboard Collaborate Recording](#)

Tools covered included Weebly, Webs.com, Hostgator and Wordpress.

COAST GUARD VETERANS HONOR DAMON STUEBNER OF HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS



Figure 1: L-R: Rebecca Tyson Smith, Clair Upton, Damon Stuebner, Chuck Schmitzer and Dick Juge.

Members of the All Coast Guard Ships Veterans' Association and the Alaska/Bering Sea Patrol Veterans' Associations honored Alaska State Library Historical Collections staff member Damon Stuebner with an Award of Recognition for his work in the preservation of Coast Guard history. A bronze Coast Guard medallion was presented to Stuebner after a special screening of his documentary, "STORIS: The Galloping Ghost of the Alaskan Coast" on May 5, 2015, during the associations' joint biennial reunion in Reno, NV.

Stuebner's independently produced, 100 minute documentary chronicled the nearly 65 year history of the Coast Guard Cutter STORIS.

"This film captures the true essence of Coast Guard missions", one veteran commented, "We used to say, 'You have to go out, but you don't have to come back'. You have captured what it means to be a Coastie."

A number of STORIS veterans were present for the showing of the film, one of whom had been interviewed for the documentary. Three of the former STORIS crewmembers in attendance served aboard the ship during the 1957 Coast Guard Northwest Passage Expedition, a mission to find and chart a deep-water route through the Arctic. During that mission, STORIS became the first U.S. ship to sail the Northwest Passage and the first U.S. ship to circumnavigate the North American continent.

Commissioned in 1942, STORIS was the only ship built of her design and class. STORIS spent 59 years patrolling Alaskan waters, where she conducted the first major fisheries law enforcement operations in the Bering Sea. In 1972, she earned the title "The Galloping Ghost of the Alaskan Coast" for the seizure of two Russian factory trawlers illegally fishing off St. Mathew Island.

STORIS also provided relief after the 1964 earthquake, provided icebreaking for the construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, and was one of three command ships for the clean-up of the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

In 1991, STORIS became the oldest commissioned cutter in the U.S. Coast Guard earning it the new title, “Queen of the Fleet”; and in 1992, she became the military ship with the longest tour of duty in Alaska, surpassing the Cutter BEAR’s 44 years of service.

STORIS was decommissioned in 2007 in Kodiak, Alaska.

After attempts by members of both veterans’ associations and several historical societies to preserve the ship as a museum failed, STORIS was scrapped in 2013 in Mexico. Another veteran said, “It is a real shame she was not saved for her historical value.”

The inscription on the back of the medallion reads “Damon Stuebner, thanks for keep the history of the CGC STORIS alive, 2015.”



Figure 2: The bronze Coast Guard medallion presented to Damon Stuebner by members of the All Coast Guard Ships Veterans’ Association and the Alaska/Bering Sea Patrol Veterans’ Association after a special showing of his documentary.

HEROIC SUMMER READING

Coming Soon... Summer Reading Program 2015



The 2015 Summer Reading Program is just around the corner. Be a super hero for your community by bringing summer reading to your library.

The State Library's Library Development section commissioned webmaster and publications specialist Amy Carney to create a ["coming attractions" video](#) for the 2015 Summer Reading Program. We hope it inspires your library to participate. For more information about the statewide Summer Reading Program, contact Julie Niederhauser at 907-465-2916 or visit the Summer Reading Program page at <http://library.alaska.gov/srp/home.html>.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

WALTER SOBOLEFF CENTER PRAISED FOR ART INTEGRATION

Juneau Empire reporter Melissa Griffiths documented the ubiquity of art in the new Walter Soboleff Center of the Sealaska Heritage Institute. Her article is titled [Office d'art: No detail spared in Sealaska Heritage Institute's new space SHI unveils Soboleff Center to public on May 15](#) and was published on 5/11/2015. Additional articles celebrating the opening of the Soboleff center can be found at http://www.sealaskaheritage.org/news/news_articles_on_shi.htm.

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