

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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Submissions for the Friday Bulletin should be sent to linda.thibodeau@alaska.gov and may be edited for content and length if used.

Special note: This is the last Friday Bulletin until the 7/10 issue. We hope you have a great Fourth of July holiday.

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SLAM PACKED – TRAINS, CRANES AND RADIO INTERVIEWS

It's been a busy few weeks for activity around the Kashaveroff building:

We moved a train into the new building:



As [reported by KTOO on 6/17/2017](#), we took our huge yellow crane out of the Kashaveroff building.

Finally, Division Director Linda Thibodeau and Division Operations Manager Bob Banghart sat down for a [two part](#) interview on [KINY RADIO Capital Chat](#) on 6/15/2015 on developments related to the SLAM project.

NEW BOOK: VIEW FROM THE FUTURE 2017: FIFTY YEARS AFTER THE ALASKA PURCHASE CENTENNIAL

As part of remediation associated with the construction of the new Kashaveroff building, the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums published the following book:

Brown, Tricia, George Bryson, Mark Kelley, Dermot Cole, Charles Mason, Nick Jans, Clark Mishler, et al. 2015. *The view from the future, 2017: fifty years after the Alaska Purchase Centennial*.

This work features known projects of Alaska's 1967 Centennial as seen by six writers and six photographers – all Alaskan notables who travelled the state and shared what became of these big ideas of 1967.

The print edition of this book sells for \$29.99 and can be ordered through Taku Graphics at <http://www.takugraphics.com/> or by 1-800-278-3291. Later this summer we will be posting electronic versions of *The view from the future, 2017* in the following formats for free download and/or viewing:

- PDF
- Epub
- Mobi (suitable for Kindle)
- HTML (for online reading)

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Historian Ross Coen will talk about his new book *Fu-Go: The Curious History of Japan's Balloon Bomb Attack on America*. Near the end of World War II, Japan launched its *fu-go* campaign, sending balloon bombs across the Pacific to the west coast of North America. The Japanese hoped that these *fu-go* would reach the mainland and terrorize American citizens and ignite devastating forest fires across the western states, ultimately causing the United States to divert wartime resources to deal with the domestic crisis. While the *fu-go* offensive proved to be a complete tactical failure, six Americans lost their lives when a discovered balloon exploded. Coen will discuss the history of this little-known episode in our national history.

NATIVE VOICES: NATIVE PEOPLES' CONCEPTS OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS EXHIBITION TO CLOSE JUNE 26

Come see the Native Voices exhibition from the National Library of Medicine in the Alaska State Library and Historical Collections before it closes on Friday, June 26. This traveling exhibit explores how Native concepts of health and illness are closely tied to the concepts of community, spirit, and the land through videos and interviews with Alaska Natives, Native Americans, and Native Hawaiians. The exhibit will move to Sealaska for the summer and University of Alaska Southeast's Egan Library for the fall. For more information about the exhibit, see <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nativevoices/>.

ADULT SUMMER READING COMES TO JUNEAU

Summer reading isn't just for kids! For every four books that you read or listen to between May 29 and August 16, you can submit an entry for great prizes from the Juneau Public Libraries. Prizes include \$25 gift certificates from the Canvas and Zen Asian Fusion Cuisine and an ASUS Memo Pad 7 donated by the Friends of the Juneau Public Libraries. You can pick up and drop off entry forms at the Alaska State Library in Juneau. Participants must be living in Juneau for the summer but can read books from any source or in any formats.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

KAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY – WE'RE BACK!

In 1999 the town of Kake, located on Kupreanof Island, shut its public library's doors for good. Though the space still ostensibly served as the High School's library, lack of a dedicated librarian to oversee upkeep of the collection reduced the library to little more than a warehouse for books. Over the next sixteen years the library fell further and further into disarray. The community of Kake's undertaking of resurrecting the abandoned public library came about as an unintended consequence of the more modest project, simply re-organizing the Elementary School's much smaller library.

Community members in Kake, a town with a population of roughly 500 people, partnered with the Alaska State Library's "Libraries Build Communities VISTA project." In February, Lindsey Bennet a VISTA volunteer arrived in Kake and began coordination the renovation of the abandoned library. She assisted with recruiting volunteers and the facilitation of Library Board meetings. She worked with the Library Board to develop library policies and wrote a Public Library Assistance grant.

On June 8th the renovated library was renamed the Shirly Jackson Community Library and re-opened its doors to the public for the first time since its closure sixteen years ago. This monumental task was accomplished thanks to the generous support and efforts of community members. The Shirly Jackson Community Library is open 10 hours a week and will begin hosting community programs in the coming months.



Figure 1: Interior of Shirly Jackson Community Library

RACHEL BAZZETT NEW COFFMAN COVE VISTA

We are pleased to announce that Rachel Bazzett from Boise, Idaho has accepted the VISTA position in Coffman Cove. She will be arriving to Prince of Wales in September directly following the mandatory VISTA training in Portland, Oregon. Rachel has extensive outreach, community organizing and workshop facilitation experience. She received her Master's degree in Social Work from Boise State University and recently completed a yearlong internship at the Boise VA Medical Center

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We recently received the following e-mail from Dawn Biddison, Assistant Curator, Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center:

In case you have not come across this yet ... an online Arctic resource of interest:
Encyclopedia Arctica, 15-volume unpublished reference work (1947-51)
<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~library/digital/collections/manuscripts/arctica/index.html>

“The Encyclopedia Arctica is the typescript of a proposed 20-volume reference work on the northern arctic and subarctic regions. The project was begun in 1947 under the sponsorship of the Office of Naval Research, Department of the Navy and drew on the expertise of governments (especially Canada), learned societies, and scholars from all over the world. In 1951 the Navy withdrew its support after 3 or 4 million words had been written. ... [Vilhjalmur] Stefansson and dozens of other writers worked on the project for five years.”

Alaska Native cultures are included in VOLUME 8: ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHEOLOGY: The Pacific Eskimo, Bering Sea and Arctic Coast Eskimos of Alaska, The Aleuts and The Indians (regions, peoples, cultures, archaeology) [Tlingit, Haida, and Eyak].

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