

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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CHINIAK LIBRARY: WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Although the following e-mail has already appeared on AkLA-L, we think other cultural institutions might want to join in the efforts to aid the Chiniak Public Library.

Everyone:

The Chiniak Public Library was totally destroyed by fire a week ago. I have been in touch with Sara Fish, the library director. There is still fuel in the propane tank and there may still be live electrical wires in the

debris. The library site has to be made safe immediately so that this non-profit entity does not get hit with a liability claim if someone is hurt going through the debris.

When we talked on Monday, Sara said she might have a line on a place in Kodiak that could store donated books and that she would get back to me on that possibility. I asked her this morning in an email if she had any additional information on that yet. As soon as I hear from Sara, I will send a message to AkLA. Please be patient. Sara and her board have a lot on their plates right now.

Please consider a cash donation to the Chiniak Public Library. You can send donations made out to the Alaska Library Network for the Chiniak Public library at 344 W. Third, Suite 125, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Thank you.

Patience Frederiksen

DIGITAL LITERACY: ALASKA KNOWLEDGE CENTER: DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

If you or a patron are getting started in digital photography, you might want to visit the Digital Photography section of “Digital Literacy: Alaska KnOWLedge Center” at <http://lam.alaska.gov/digitalliteracy/photography>. This page offers links to tutorials in the following areas:

- Photography Basics
- Sharing Photos Online
- Editing Images

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

SINCE YOU ASKED: WHAT WAS BEFORE BOROUGHES?

Claire Imamura explains what sort of county equivalents Alaska had in the days before statehood. For the somewhat surprising answer, visit http://askasl.blogspot.com/2015_09_01_archive.html.

ALASKA STATE LIBRARY INFORMATION SERVICES JOINS YOUTUBE

The Information Services section of the Alaska State Library has joined us on the [LAM YouTube channel](#). Visit [their playlist](#) for a growing selection of archived webinars and videoconferences, including:

- [FREE IMAGES FOR PUBLICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA, July 30, 2015](#)
- [COPYRIGHT AND CREATIVE COMMONS FOR CREATORS, July 9, 2015](#)
- [FOLLOWING A BILL, May 21, 2015](#)
- [DIGITAL DISCRETION - JUNE 18, 2013](#)

We've had other LAM YouTube activity as well, specifically our [Museum Service Web Chats page](#) has YouTube links included with our supplemental materials like slides and chat transcripts. And so does our [archived Public Librarians' Chats and Webinars page](#), which now includes chat transcripts alongside

those supplemental materials. Whether you work for a library, museum, or both, you are bound to learn something new!

ALASKA STATE ARCHIVES GOES TO WAR, ER. POSTS ALASKA AT WAR TO YOUTUBE

The "Alaska at War" film project was an effort to document events of World War II in Alaska. It was funded by the Alaska Legislature through the Alaska Historical Commission and was supported by the Alaska Historical Society and private subscription. The production work was performed by aurora Films, assisted by a citizen's advisory committee. The production "Alaska at War" was first shown in public on Alaska Day, October 18th 1986.

The Alaska State Archives is pleased to announce that this useful documentary has been posted to YouTube. Watch this 59 minute piece of history at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkvqM6RvJW4>.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

VISTA AT WORK: COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT ON UNEMPLOYMENT IN CRAIG

As part of her work as a VISTA at the Craig Public Library, Katie George recently wrote:

[Impacts of Unemployment in Craig, Alaska: Community Assessment, September 2015](#)

This well illustrated report is divided into the following sections:

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Schools and libraries can join the [POV Community Network](#) to borrow films on a variety of topics, including education, art, global politics, race relations, and juvenile justice, for public screenings. POV created discussion guides and reading lists to accompany each film. There are more than 80 titles available to borrow from the [Lending Library](#). You can browse by title or topic.

There are just a few quick steps to register a screening and borrow DVDs:

- **Register** in the POV [Community Network](#).
- **Activate your account:** Check your inbox for an activation link and temporary password. (email events@pov.org if you do not receive this email)
- **Request:** [Log in](#) to your account and click "Create an Event" to register the screening

You're welcome to borrow the films for free sneak preview screenings before they broadcast on PBS, or at any time after their broadcast that works with your programming. Here's a link to a [PDF with their new 28th Season line-up](#) and dates screenings can begin. You can also [watch the trailers here](#).

Questions? Call or email Alice Quinlan at [212-989-8121 ext 318](tel:212-989-8121) and aquinlan@pov.org.

WEBINAR: MEDICARE.GOV: THE OFFICIAL ONLINE RESOURCE FOR MEDICARE

A live training webinar, "Medicare.gov: The Official Online Resource for Medicare," will be presented on Tuesday, October 6, 2015.

Register today for "[Medicare.gov: The Official Online Resource for Medicare](#)"

- Start time: 2:00 pm Eastern / 10 am Alaska
- Duration: 60 minutes
- Speakers:
 - Kristen Stephen, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Content Strategist, Medicare.gov
 - Raven Haller, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Writer, Medicare.gov
- **Learning outcomes:** Medicare.gov is the official online resource for Medicare information. During this webinar, CMS staff will present an overview of the tools and resources available on Medicare.gov. The presentation will highlight key areas of Medicare content and discuss site elements to help users navigate quickly and easily. The webinar will include a demo of tools on the site, like the Medicare Plan Finder and the Publications tool.
- **Expected level of knowledge for participants:** No prerequisite knowledge required.

The webinar is free, however registration is required. Upon registering, a confirmation email will be sent to you. This registration confirmation email includes the instructions for joining the webinar.

MANAGE THE DEVICE DELUGE: HELPING STAFF KEEP UP

A recent Library Journal article:

Manage the Device Deluge | Professional Development

By Jennifer Koerber on June 1, 2015

<http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2015/06/public-services/manage-the-device-deluge-professional-development/>

offered ideas on keeping up on mobile devices that seem to apply across libraries, archives and museums. Here's a broad outline of ideas from the article:

Start by assessing the skills and needs of your staff. Use surveys, self-evaluations, and annual reviews (if they include technology skills) to determine what skills your staff members already have, and where they may need more support. Next—and possibly most important—determine the primary needs of your patrons. Brief surveys, occasional “gadget counting” in library

buildings, and informal qualitative data gathering—“Hi, what kind of phone is that? We want to offer better training here at the library”—are all ways to get to know what should be the focus of your program. Finally, stay on top of trends and advances in technology and how your patrons may be using those tools in the near future.

The article also point to resources for self-directed learning.

STAY SAFE ON THE WATER WITH US COAST GUARD MOBILE APP

One app that Alaskans may want on their device is the new Coast Guard Mobile App available at <http://www.uscg.mil/mobile/>. From the website:

Features of the app include: state boating information; a safety equipment checklist; free boating safety check requests; navigation rules; float plans; and calling features to report pollution or suspicious activity. When location services are enabled, users can receive the latest weather reports from the closest National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather buoys as well as report the location of a hazard on the water.

The app also features an Emergency Assistance button which, with locations services enabled, will call the closest Coast Guard command center.

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