

# FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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## NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

### INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIBRARY STUDENTS

The Alaska State Library is accepting applications for summer internships in public libraries. Interns will receive travel reimbursement, a \$4,000 stipend and free housing during the eight-week internship.

Learn more at [http://lam.alaska.gov/library\\_internship](http://lam.alaska.gov/library_internship), deadline to apply is 2/15/2016. A [printable poster](#) is also available.

## **ALASKA DIGITAL LIBRARY (FORMERLY LISTEN ALASKA) BREAKS NEW RECORDS**

Happy news from Alaska Library Network director Tracy Swaim:

Alaska Digital Library patrons circulated 29,161 books in December, a new monthly record!  
Yippee!

Our total circulations for the calendar year were 323,177. That is up 16.8% from 2014 (276,594) and 46.3% from 2013 (220,833).

13,767 patrons (unique users) made at least one check-out in 2015.

In 2015 we added 2,123 titles to the collection (3,527 copies).

Currently, we have the following number of titles in the shared collection:

- 11,555 Ebooks (12,679 copies)
- 9,283 Audiobooks (10,958 copies)
- 20,838 Total (23,637 copies)

If you are in an [Alaska Digital Library community](#), you can experience Alaska Digital Library for yourself by visiting <http://listenalaska.lib.overdrive.com>.

## **TECH TALK: OPTIONS FOR MEASURING WIRELESS USAGE**

The Library Development Section of the Alaska State Library's Tech Talk for January 2015 is:

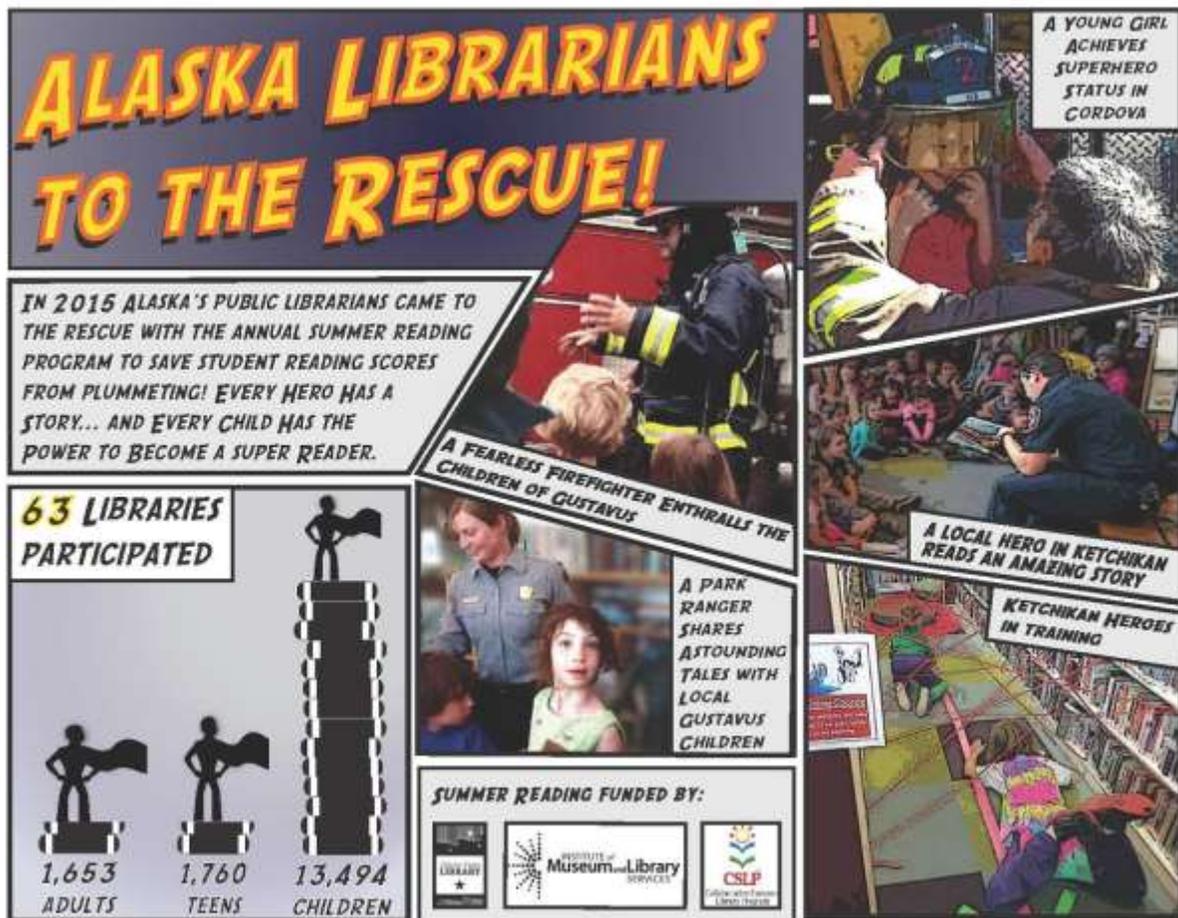
Options for wireless usage statistics  
Friday, January 15, 2016, 9am

Learn the techniques and challenges of counting your patron's wireless usage. We will include methods that start from scratch and methods you can use with existing wireless networks. If you collect usage statistics for your wireless network, come share how you do it!

Join us the day of the webinar by visiting <http://library.alaska.gov/dev/techtalks.html>. Alaska State Library webinars are provided through WebEx. If you have not attended one of our webinars before, visit <http://www.webex.com/test-meeting.html> to make sure that your computer can handle a WebEx webinar.

## SUMMER READING IN PICTURES

How did Alaska's Summer Reading Program go in 2015? We drew you a picture.



Find this printable poster on the Summer Reading Program page: <http://library.alaska.gov/srp/home.html>.

## MAKERSPACE GUIDE FROM LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

Julie Niederhauser of the Alaska State Library's Library Development section has developed a guide on Makerspaces that may interest museums as well as libraries. The guide can be found at <http://lam.alaska.gov/makerspaces> and includes the following sections:

- Maker Resources
- Maker Tutorials & Project Ideas
- Books
- Safety in the Maker Space
- Makerspace Organizations & Associations
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
- Blogs
- Podcasts
- Blog Posts, Articles and News Clips

## **LONEED COMPACT SHELVING? CALL JIM!**



*Former State Library shelving at the Sheldon Museum and Cultural Center in Haines*

As part of the process of moving to the Fr. Andrew P. Kashevaroff building, the Alaska State Library Historical Collections is offering up some of their compact shelving to other institutions. The Sheldon Museum and Cultural Center in Haines took them up on this offer and announced the installation of the new shelving in their January 2016 newsletter.

More shelving is available and must go before we fully vacate our current location! For details, contact Jim Simard, Head of Historical Collections at (907) 465-2926 or by e-mail at [james.simard@alaska.gov](mailto:james.simard@alaska.gov).

## **NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA**

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF ALASKA READS FEBRUARY 2016 FROM ALASKA LAUREATE**

We are excited to share a letter from Frank Soos, Alaska State Writer Laureate that was enclosed with copies of *Blonde Indian: An Alaska Native Memoir* that went to 32 libraries in Alaska:

December 10, 2015

Dear Alaskan Librarian,

Thanks to the good offices of the Alaska Center for the Book, the Alaska State Library, the Alaska Humanities Forum and the Alaska State Council on the Arts, we are on the verge of a month of Alaska Reads events.

Successful local reading events have been carried off in Anchorage, Homer, on the University of Alaska Southeast campus, and at least once statewide. This 2016 Alaska Reads event will jump over our tremendous geographic limits and get everybody from Southeast to the North Slope talking about the same book at the same time.

The book chosen for the 2016 Alaska Reads is *Blonde Indian: An Alaska Native Memoir*, a powerful read by Tlingit author and Juneau resident Ernestine Hayes. Our hope in picking this book is to make a living Alaskan writer available to as many people as possible. Ernestine Hayes has volunteered to travel throughout the state reading from and talking about *Blonde Indian* to as many people and to as many different kinds of people as can be managed.

Through the month of February 2016, Ernestine Hayes will visit many towns, including Ketchikan, Petersburg, Sitka, Haines, Skagway and Juneau in Southeast; Anchorage, Palmer, Wasilla, Seward, Homer and Kenai in South Central; and Fairbanks, Barrow, Nome and Bethel in the Interior and Northern Alaska. Unfortunately, Ernestine Hayes can't be everywhere. We hope to provide radio and television call-in events for those who cannot meet Ernestine in person. You may want to organize a reading and discussion group around *Blonde Indian* in your community in conjunction with visits or the call-in shows.

Through a generous grant from the Alaska State Library, please find enclosed the FREE copies of *Blonde Indian* you requested in November. If you have questions about this book shipment, contact Patience Frederiksen at 269-6566.

It is our hope that this Alaska Reads will set the standard for those statewide reading events that follow. Our success depends on your enthusiastic participation. I hope you share our excitement.

Yours,

Frank Soos  
Alaska State Writer Laureate

The Alaska Center for the Book has made a number of resources related to *Blonde Indian* on their Alaska Reads 2016 website at <http://www.alaskacenterforthebook.org/alaska-reads-2016/>.

## **DIGITAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION PRECONFERENCE AKLA**

The Alaska Native Language Archive and the Alaska Native Issues Roundtable of the Alaska Library Association is hosting a workshop on Digital Heritage Preservation for Alaska Native Libraries, Archives, and Museums, March 9-10.

Travel scholarships will be available to qualified participants.

The deadline for scholarship applications is January 10, 2016.

Please see <http://www.uaf.edu/anla/shn-workshop/> for more information and registration information.

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **NATIVE AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

The Peabody Essex Museum (PEM) in Salem, MA has paid, full-time, 10-week fellowships for the summer of 2016. Graduate students and emerging professionals affiliated with an indigenous community are invited to apply.

Applications due by January 22, 2016. Learn more at [http://pem.org/aux/pdf/learn/PEM\\_Native\\_American\\_Fellowship\\_Application\\_2016.pdf](http://pem.org/aux/pdf/learn/PEM_Native_American_Fellowship_Application_2016.pdf)

### **APPLY BY 2/1/2016: FY 2016 SPARKS! IGNITION GRANTS FOR LIBRARIES**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is accepting applications for Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries. The application deadline is February 1, 2016.

Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries are small grants that encourage libraries and archives to prototype and evaluate innovations that result in new tools, products, services, or organizational practices. They enable grantees to undertake activities that involve risk and require them to share project results-whether they succeed or fail-to provide valuable information to the library field and help improve the ways that libraries serve their communities.

The funding range is from \$10,000 to \$25,000, and there are no matching requirements. Projects must begin on October 1, November 1, or December 1, 2016. [Click here for program guidelines and more information about the funding opportunity.](#)

#### Getting Your Questions Answered

IMLS staff members are available by phone and e-mail to discuss general issues relating to the Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries program. We also invite you to participate in one of our webinars to learn more about the program, ask questions, and listen to the questions and comments of other participants.

The webinars are scheduled for Thursday, January 7, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. EST and Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at 2 p.m. EST. [See grant program guidelines for additional webinar details.](#)

IMLS is using the Blackboard Collaborate system (version 12.5). If you are a first-time user of Blackboard, please [click here to check your system compatibility and configure your settings](#)

### **APPLY BY 2/2/2016! NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: NLG AND LB21**

Washington, DC-The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announces the Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) for the second cycle of FY 2016 [National Leadership Grants for Libraries \(NLG\)](#) and the [Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program \(LB21\)](#). The NLG program will invest in projects that address challenges faced by the library and archive fields and generate results such as new tools, research findings, or models that can be widely used. The LB21 program will support human capital capacity projects for libraries and archives.

IMLS is offering two opportunities to apply for the FY 2016 NLG and LB21 programs. The NOFOs announce the February 2, 2016 deadline for two-page preliminary proposals. From the preliminary proposals, IMLS will select applicants and invite them to submit full proposals in June. Applicants who were not invited to continue from the first cycle of funding are welcome to submit new preliminary proposals.

The 2016 NLG and LB21 programs respond to priorities of the National Digital Platform and Learning in Libraries, topics of two 2015 IMLS Focus convenings. Information from the nationally webcasted meetings is available to help inform project development at the following links:

<https://www.imls.gov/news-events/events/imls-focus-2015-national-digital-platform>

<https://www.imls.gov/news-events/events/imls-focus-2015-learning-libraries>

Each program's NOFO provides additional information about the types of activities that can be funded under these project categories.

#### Getting Your Questions Answered

IMLS staff members listed on the [NLG](#) and [LB21](#) program pages are available by phone and email to discuss general issues relating to the programs. Informational webinars will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 3:00 PM EST and on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 2:00 PM EST.

For more information about the webinars, please visit the [IMLS Webinar webpage](#).

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#### **CAN YOU ADD ONE REFERENCE TO WIKIPEDIA? 1/15-1/23**

While librarians have a range of opinions about the usefulness of Wikipedia, no one can deny it is a first stop for many, many students and researchers. The organization behind Wikipedia is inviting librarians (and we're sure would welcome archivists and curators) to add "one more reference" to Wikipedia during the week of 1/15-1/23/2016. This is an opportunity for you to highlight something special from your collection or a favorite authoritative open access resource to a Wikipedia article lacking references. For more information on this initiative see:

#1Lib1Ref (One Librarian, One Reference) – January 15–23, 2016.

[https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/The\\_Wikipedia\\_Library/1Lib1Ref](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/The_Wikipedia_Library/1Lib1Ref)

Help editing Wikipedia

[https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/The\\_Wikipedia\\_Library/1Lib1Ref/Help](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/The_Wikipedia_Library/1Lib1Ref/Help)

#### **INCREASED SPENDING ON HISTORY IN NEW FEDERAL FUNDING BILL**

Good news from the American Association for State and Local History:

The history community fared well in the FY2016 federal funding bill that Congress passed on December 18, 2016. This \$1.15 trillion omnibus appropriations package increased funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for the first

time in six years. Though at its lowest funding level in constant dollars since 1971, NEH received a \$2 million boost. Its budget is now \$148 million.

Also noteworthy is that the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) will receive level funding. And this is a win. As reported by our colleagues at the National Coalition for History (of which AASLH is a member), “The original appropriations bill considered in the House Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee would have cut NHPRC’s FY’ 16 budget by 40 percent from the FY’ 15 level of \$5 million to \$3 million. The situation allowed NCH to use the contacts gained from the History Caucus, and the cut was rescinded at the House Appropriations Committee markup. The NHPRC was only program in the entire bill to have funding restored.”

The Smithsonian Institution received \$21 million more than last year, Library of Congress will be up \$9 million, and the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) received a \$2.2-million increase.

Two charts showing the budget changes for these and other history, archival, and education programs are available on the National Coalition for History website.

Share this news by sharing this link: <http://on.aaslh.org/OmnibusFY2016>

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