

# Friday Bulletin

News from the Alaska State Libraries, Archives & Museums

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**SPECIAL NOTE:** No Friday Bulletin will be published on 10/21/2016.

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Join us on OWL for this upcoming event! The Alaska State Museum at the Andrew P. Kashevaroff State Library, Archives, and Museum will host Alaska Positive Juror Larry McNeil for a lecture on October 21 at 7 pm. McNeil's art is about the intersection of cultures, American mythology, irony, and satire, and embodies a distinctive sense of American identity. He is from the Dakl'aweidi Kéet Gooshi Hit, Killer Whale Fin House in Klukwan, Alaska.

Anyone may view this event by joining the [livestream](#). This link will not be active until just before the lecture.

Libraries may join in a two way videoconference. To join the videoconference, contact OWL Video Conferencing Services at 1-800-910-9601 or email [ua-owlvideo@alaska.edu](mailto:ua-owlvideo@alaska.edu).

### **OWL Videoconference promotional materials**

If you are a library hosting OWL videoconferences, we now have a downloadable, customizable event flyer along with a downloadable OWL logo. To access these materials visit <http://library.alaska.gov/dev/OWL/marketing.html> . Using these materials is not required but encouraged. If you have ideas for other downloadable OWL promotion materials, contact OWL Program Manager Daniel Cornwall.

### **Alaskana recommendations from the Alaska State Library**

Last week was Alaska Book Week. While the week is gone, recommendations for good Alaska themed reading remain in an Alaska State Library blog post:

Alaska Book Week is October 1-8, 2016

<http://askasl.blogspot.com/2016/10/alaska-book-week-is-october-1-8-2016.html>

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

**Kodiak Public Library selected as participant for IMLS funded project, “Future Ready with the Library”**

The [Young Adult Library Services Association](#) (YALSA), in partnership with the [Association for Rural and Small Libraries](#) (ARSL), have selected Kodiak Public Library in Kodiak, Alaska as one of the first 20 participants of its [Future Ready with the Library](#) project funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

Future Ready with the Library: Connecting with Communities for College and Career Readiness Services is an innovative, library project specifically designed for remote, rural and tribal communities. Through this project, YALSA and ARSL will support the members of the first cohort as they work with a community partner to develop college and career readiness services for the middle school students in their area. The [Future Ready with the Library](#) project will engage a total of 80 library staff, separated into three cohorts, over a three-year period. At the conclusion of the project, tangible turnkey resources such as templates for program planning and partner development will be freely available and ready for use by the library community at-large. Learn more about the project by going to <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/future-ready-library>.

“I love the timing and opportunity of Future Ready with the Library for our community,” says Katie Baxter, library director at Kodiak Public Library. Baxter went on to say, “Kodiak Public Library is about synergizing collaborations and resources to support the interests and information needs of its

patrons. Our work with high school students has taught us that they face often overwhelming decisions in a compressed period of time during junior and senior years. Building connections with library staff and resources during middle school years helps individual youth ease into the process of understanding life goals and personal happiness. This is why learning about and designing college and career readiness library services for our middle school age children is a current focus of our library's youth services team."

"I can't wait to see how the libraries, tweens, and community partners work together to create quality career and college readiness services, and to see those programs replicated in other communities nationwide over the next few years," said YALSA President Sarah Hill. "The program is a stellar example of the transformation of teen library services, and it supports YALSA's vision--'creating new opportunities for all teens' personal growth, academic success, and career development'."

### **Need money for library school? Ask AkLA!**

For the past twenty-five years the Alaska Library Association has been offering scholarships for MLS students with the stated purpose is to provide financial assistance to worthy students pursuing graduate studies leading to a Master's Degree in Library and Information Studies and to encourage graduates to return to Alaska to work in professional library positions. Scholarships may be awarded for both on-campus and/or distance education programs. Preference will be given to an individual meeting the federal definition of Alaska Native ethnicity.

An applicant must be an Alaskan resident who:

- is eligible for acceptance, is currently enrolled, or will be a student in a graduate school library media specialist certificate program during the academic year, semester, or academic quarter for which the scholarship is received.
- makes a commitment to work in an Alaska library for a minimum of one year after graduation as a paid employee or a volunteer, or for two semesters for one semester's financial assistance. A scholarship recipient who fails to fulfill this commitment will be expected to repay the money received. Candidates awarded the scholarship must supply proof of admission to an accredited program before the scholarship is disbursed.

Amount for the next academic year will be \$4,000.

An individual will be selected by a Scholarship Committee of AkLA based on the following criteria:

- Financial need
- Demonstrated scholastic ability and writing skills
- Applicant's response to an essay question regarding his/her professional goals and objectives in pursuing a library career
- Strength of references. Three Applicant Reference Evaluation Forms are required, at least one of which must be from a librarian. References may include additional comments or letters.

Completed application and reference forms must be received by January 15 of the award year. The recipient is announced at the annual spring AkLA conference.

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Passing along a find from our Division Webmaster Amy Carney:

I discovered this site today and thought it useful for those of us who create content. Plain language is one way to make our site and publications more accessible and inclusive.

<http://www.plainlanguage.gov/howto/wordsuggestions/simplewords.cfm>

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