

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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HOUSE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION RECOMMENDS REDUCTIONS

The House Finance Subcommittee on Education has recommended budget reductions to our Division for FY 2017, including:

- (\$672,700) – Reduced funding to broadband grants (17ADJ Base)
- (\$3,300) reduce library travel (17ADJ Base)
- (\$3,300) reduce archives travel (17ADJ Base)
- (\$3,300) reduce museum travel (17ADJ Base)
- (\$917,300) – Eliminate UGF Portion of Broadband Access Grant Program (HouseSub)
- (\$500,000) – Reduce Library operations (HouseSub)
- (\$500,000) – Reduce Museums operations (HouseSub)
- (\$20,500) – Reduce Archives operations (HouseSub)
- (\$761,800) – Eliminate GF for Online with Libraries (OWL)(HouseSub)

For budget documents see <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=HEED%202016-02-23%2018:00:00#tab4> 4. The Subcommittee meeting that determined these recommendations is available on video at <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=HEED%202016-02-23%2018:00:00>.

This is only one part of the budget process. These recommendations must first go to the full House Finance Committee, then to the full House. A similar process is taking place in the Senate. Any differences between the House and Senate numbers in the state budget must be worked out in a conference committee.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

ALASKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2016 CONFERENCE CALL FOR PAPERS: 9/21-24/2016

The vast Pacific Ocean exists as both barrier and thoroughfare, fostering cultures in isolation and allowing astonishing journeys of exploration and imperial ambition. Please join us in discovering how Alaska's past can be better understood by examining its role in the history of the Pacific world. This complex region offers us the chance to employ disciplines as far ranging as environmental history, indigenous studies, global history, and (of course) maritime history, while also remembering that for many Alaskans, then and now, the ocean is a local place, a place we call home.

This year's conference is organized by the Gastineau Channel Historical Society, Juneau-Douglas City Museum, Sealaska Heritage Institute, and the Alaska State Library, Archives and Museums. Our host location will be the newly completed Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff State Library, Archives, and Museum facility. We are also thrilled to announce David Iglar, author of *The Great Ocean* (2013), as our keynote speaker. Dr. Iglar's work on the history of the Pacific and the American West illustrates how much human drama has played out on this boundless blue stage. This year's theme—Exploring Alaska's Past in the Pacific World—invites presentations on all topics related to Alaska history, with special emphasis on events that unfolded on the world's greatest ocean.

You are invited to submit proposals for papers, panels, and poster sessions. Paper Presentations are limited to 20 minutes. Presenters must be registered for the Conference.

Proposals are due May 1, 2016 and should be sent to Chris Allan, program chair, Sprucetip105@gmail.com. Also, visit the AHS site: alaskahistoricalsociety.org.

HAINES AND JUNEAU LIBRARIES ON SHORT LIST FOR NATIONAL MEDAL

From the Institute of Museum and Library Services:

The Institute of Museum and Library Services today announced 30 finalists for the 2016 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The National Medal is the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries for service to the community. For 22 years, the award has celebrated institutions that demonstrate extraordinary and innovative approaches to public service and are making a difference for individuals, families, and communities.

"The 2016 National Medal finalists make lasting differences in their communities by serving and inspiring the public," said Dr. Kathryn K. Matthew, director of the Institute of Museum and

Library Services. "We proudly recognize these museums and libraries for their invaluable work to provide Americans with educational resources, 21st century skills, and opportunities for lifelong learning. As key stewards of our nation's future, we salute the 30 finalists for their excellence in engaging our citizenry and expanding learning of all kinds."

IMLS is encouraging those who have visited finalist libraries and museums to share their story on the IMLS Facebook page. To Share Your Story, please visit www.facebook.com/USIMLS.

The 2016 finalists of the National Medal for Museum and Library Service are:

Libraries

- Brooklyn Public Library (Brooklyn, New York)
- Dallas Public Library (Dallas, Texas)
- **[Haines Borough Public Library \(Haines, Alaska\)](#)**
- Illinois Fire Service Institute Library (Champaign, Illinois)
- James E. Brooks Library at Central Washington University (Ellensburg, Washington)
- **[Juneau Public Libraries \(Juneau, Alaska\)](#)**
- Kitsap Regional Library (Bremerton, Washington)
- Longmont Public Library (Longmont, Colorado)
- Madison Public Library (Madison, Wisconsin)
- North Carolina State University Libraries (Raleigh, North Carolina)
- Otis Library (Norwich, Connecticut)
- Richland Library (Columbia, South Carolina)
- San Mateo County Libraries (SMCL) (San Mateo, California)
- Santa Ana Public Library (Santa Ana, California)
- Terrebonne Parish Library System (Houma, Louisiana)

We are very happy to see TWO Alaskan finalists on this list. Last year Craig Public Library was an IMLS National Medal winner.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE EBOOKS FOR LOW INCOME CHILDREN

The Open Ebooks initiative is an effort to put ebooks in the hands of low income children. Title I-funded schools are eligible, as are public libraries or other programs that serve at least 70% children from low income families (This can be determined by a number of ways described [here](#)).

Educators, librarians and program workers whose programs meet the income requirements can then sign up with First Book at <http://firstbook.org/openebooks>. Once signed up, educators can request access codes for Open eBooks at <http://fbmarketplace.org/openebooks>. They can request one access code per child they serve. The child then uses a program supplied app and the access code to get their books.

With the app and their access code, children can get titles from these contributing publishers:

- **[Bloomsbury](#)**: Providing unlimited access to over 1,000 of its most popular titles.
- **[Candlewick](#)**: Providing unlimited access to all relevant children's and young-adult eBook titles in their catalog.

- [Cricket Media](#): Offering full digital access to all of its market-leading magazines for children and young adults, including *Ladybug* and *Cricket*.
- [Hachette](#): Offering access to a robust catalog of their popular and award-winning titles.
- [HarperCollins](#): Providing a vast selection of their award-winning and popular titles.
- [Lee & Low](#): Providing unlimited access to over 700 titles from this leading independent publisher of multicultural books.
- [Macmillan](#): Providing unlimited access to all of the K-12 age-appropriate titles in their catalog of approximately 2,500 books.
- [National Geographic](#): Providing unlimited access to all of their age-appropriate content.
- [Penguin Random House](#): Committing to provide an extensive offering of their popular and award-winning books.
- [Simon & Schuster](#): Providing access to their entire e-catalog of books for children ages 4-14, comprised of 3,000 titles.

In-need youth have unlimited access to titles in the app. They can borrow up to 10 books at a time and replace each book with a new book as many times as they'd like. To get access to the app, they—or an adult working with them—can download the app and enter credentials provided by a person registered with First Book to enable access to the eBooks.

For more information about the Open Books initiative, see <http://www.openebooks.net/OpenEbooksPressRelease.pdf> or <http://www.openebooks.net/faq.html>.

2016 VIRGINIA MATHEWS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In 2016, the American Indian Library Association (AILA) will provide a library school scholarship to a qualified American Indian individual in the amount of \$4000 for the 2016-2017 academic school year.

The purpose of the Virginia Mathews Memorial Scholarship shall be to provide tuition to an American Indian individual who lives and works in the American Indian community, and who is enrolled, or has been accepted and will enroll, in a master's degree program at a university with a library and/or information sciences program accredited by the American Library Association.

Further details and scholarship criteria, as well as application forms and instructions, are available at the AILA website at <http://ailanet.org/awards/scholarships/>.

All applications, references, and other supporting materials must be received by May 1, 2016.

ARL/SAA MOSAIC PROGRAM CALL FOR APPLICATIONS—DEADLINE 4/6

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) and the Society of American Archivists (SAA) are now accepting applications for the 2016–2017 cohort of the ARL/SAA Mosaic Program. This program, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), ARL, and SAA, promotes much-needed diversification of the archives and special collections professional workforce by providing support for master of library and information science (MLIS) students from traditionally underrepresented racial and ethnic minority groups who are pursuing degrees with a concentration in archives or special collections librarianship.

Components of the ARL/SAA Mosaic Program include a robust internship experience, mentoring, career placement assistance, and leadership development. The program seeks to attract individuals who

demonstrate excellent potential for scholastic and personal achievement and who manifest a commitment both to the archives and special collections profession and to advancing diversity concerns within it.

Program Benefits

The ARL/SAA Mosaic Program offers a generous compensation package for each program participant consisting of:

- Tuition stipend of up to \$5,000 distributed in two equal installments of \$2,500 per semester
- Paid internship in a partner archives or library organization beginning in early fall 2016
- Mentoring from an archives professional or special collections librarian
- Financial assistance of up to \$1,000 for relocation to the area of the MLIS program that the participant will attend
- Student membership in SAA for one year
- Support for travel to and participation in the annual ARL/SAA Mosaic Leadership Forum and SAA Annual Meeting in August 2016
- Support for travel to and participation in the ARL Annual Leadership Symposium, held in conjunction with the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting in January 2017

Eligibility

To be eligible for the ARL/SAA Mosaic Program, you must:

- Identify with a racial/ethnic minority group as described by the US Census Bureau or Statistics Canada
- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or Canada
- Be accepted into a master's program in archival science, archival management, digital archives, special collections, or a related program
- Remain enrolled in at least six graduate credit hours per term through completion of the designated graduate programs and have at least one full academic year remaining in studies
- Maintain a 3.0 grade point average (on a 4-point scale) each term and submit transcripts as evidence of progression towards completion of graduate studies in the targeted areas

More Information & Application

For additional information about the program and to apply, please visit the [ARL/SAA Mosaic Program webpage](#). The completed online [application form](#) and attachments as well as both letters of recommendation should be submitted to ARL by **11:59 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, April 6, 2016**.

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