

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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DATES OF THE E-RATE FUNDING YEAR 2016 APPLICATION FILING WINDOW

The window for filing E-rate applications for Funding Year (FY) 2016 will open February 3 at 8:00 AM and close April 29 at 7:59 PM – a window of 87 days, which is approximately two weeks longer than the usual window. The extended application window for FY2016 reflects the reality that this is an initial launch of a new system, which will likely present many opportunities for learning and improvement as users begin filing their applications.

Whether you plan to file early, or wait until USAC has dealt with any potential initial performance issues, the best way to support your successful filing of your E-rate application is to start now with your EPC account and user information. You can set up your account in the USAC Portal, assign user rights and establish or update your profile.

For more information on how to complete the tasks mentioned above go to <http://www.usac.org/sl/tools/e-rate-productivity-center/default.aspx> or if you have questions and want to speak with someone who can help, call USAC at (888) 203-8100. All future E-rate forms will require EPC(E-rate Productivity Center) portal access.

Valerie Oliver, is available within the State of Alaska to assist you with filing questions and procedures as well. She can be reached at erate@alaska.gov.

COLORING OUR COLLECTIONS

The Alaska State Library, along with other LAMs in Alaska, the US, and the world, has been participating this past week with #ColoringOurCollections. This social media event was initiated by the New York Academy of Medicine Library, and inspired by their Twitter exchange with the Biodiversity Heritage Library. What is it? Simply, participating libraries and archives shared images from their collections, either born digital or scanned, that are suitable for coloring, and posted them via social media, such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram. Many of the images are complex, and perhaps better suited to youth or adults, but there are offerings for all ages. The major event just finishing up, but there's no reason you can't still benefit from it. Try searching in your favorite social media platform (as of yet, not many are showing up on a Google search) using the hashtag #ColoringOurCollections, and check out all the cool and interesting images to color. Share them with your users, or simply enjoy them yourself during your downtime. A special tip: I noticed at least one typo, so you might try also searching on

Here's one sample, posted on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AkStateLibrary/>, from *Alaska's Birds: Their Identification, Biology and Conservation, a guide for youth groups*, from the Non-Game Wildlife Program of the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game and the Cooperative Extension Service at the University of Alaska, July 1982. BIR/AK-M-11:



NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

AMERICAN INDIAN YOUTH LITERATURE AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Linda Wynne served this year on the American Indian Library Association (AILA) Youth Literature Awards Committee, and shares with us the results of their hard work. From their website, “the awards were established as a way to identify and honor the very best writing and illustrations by and about American Indians. Books selected to receive the award will present American Indians in the fullness of their humanity in the present and past contexts.” How wonderful to have an Alaskan involved in this process!

The awards are given every two years, and this year’s winners are:

- Picture Book Award: **Little You**, Richard Van Camp (author), Julie Flett (illustrator), Orca Book Publishers, 2013
- Middle School: **In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse**, Joseph Marshall III (author), Amulet Books, 2015
- Young Adult: **House of Purple Cedar**, Tim Tingle (author), Cinco Puntos Press, 2013

You can see more about the awards and the winners at <http://ailanet.org/2016-aiyla-announced/>. AILA is affiliated with the American Library Association.

DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY OF AMERICA SEEKS COMMUNITY REPS

Following up on last week’s notice about the DPLA primary source sets, Jonas Lamb, of the University of Alaska Southeast is actively recruiting for an Alaskan to serve as a DPLA Community Rep. Jonas has himself served as a DPLA Community Rep for two years, but has now stepped down and is hoping that Alaska will once again be represented. From the DPLA website, Community Reps will:

- Organize activities that promote DPLA as a portal, platform, or public option using DPLA materials;
- Share materials and feedback from outreach efforts (blog posts, group notes, images, video, etc.);
- Check in with DPLA staff about progress and share experiences via the DPLA Reps listserv;
- Collaborate with DPLA staff and other Reps to plan and pursue new outreach initiatives or DPLA-related projects;
- Be willing to participate in speaking or event opportunities as requested by DPLA; and
- Represent DPLA formally as an acknowledged Rep on our website and informally through various networks.

For more information, including links to current Community Reps and to an application, see <http://dp.la/info/get-involved/reps/>. DPLA is accepting applications for their fourth class of Community Reps through Friday, February 19th.

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Online registration is now open for a new two-day event from the American Association of School Librarians (AASL). **GAME | Gaming As Meaningful Education**, co-sponsored by the ALA Games and Gaming Round Table (GameRT), will focus on how games encourage critical thinking, problem solving and creative activities. GAME will be held September 23-24 in Rochester, N.Y. Early bird registration is open through May 1, 2016, at www.ala.org/aasl/GAME.

Attendees will explore how to implement interactive learning opportunities in their library programs through all types of games. They will also discover how these strategies connect communities – students, parents, and educators – through the educational, recreational, and social value of games.

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From their announcement, “Knowledge River is concerned with the information interests and needs of Latinos and Native Americans. Our program offers students the opportunity to earn a Master of Arts degree in Information Resources and Library Science that fosters an understanding of archives, museums and library information issues from the perspective of Latino and Native Americans and advocates for culturally sensitive library and information services to these communities.” Based at the University of Arizona’s School of Information (SI), they are currently accepting applications for their 15th Cohort, with a priority deadline of March 1, 2016.

Alaska’s Linda Wynne attended this program and shared this announcement. She says, “I really enjoyed myself and felt at home in Tucson.” There’s a neat presentation and video at <https://voicethread.com/share/7017243/> with more about the program, including an inside view on some participants’ experiences.

For more information, including how to apply, see <http://si.arizona.edu/knowledge-river-0>, email kriver@email.arizona.edu, or call 520-621-5220 and ask to speak to someone about Knowledge River applications.

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