

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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HISTORIC SUFFRAGE RECORDS DIGITIZED FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

With March being Women's History Month and March 8 being International Women's Day, the Alaska State Archives has digitized historic records about women's suffrage from the 1910s. When the Alaskan Territorial Legislature held its First Session in March 1913, the first piece of legislation that was voted into law was House Bill 2, An Act to Extend the Elective Franchise to Women. This legislation placed Alaska at the forefront of the suffrage movement, Alaska being among the few U.S. States and Territories that extended the right of female citizens to vote by 1913.

The historic records relating to suffrage in Alaska recently digitized by the State Archives have been placed online as PDF documents and are available to the public. These records are comprised of the correspondence files from Territorial Governors Walter E. Clark and John F. A. Strong, as well as records that document House Bill 2's hearing by the legislature, its passage, and signing into law.

Please feel welcome to share these records for educational purposes, to raise awareness of women's history, or help further your work.

Documents Include:

Letter of inquiry about the voting rights of women, 1912;
<http://vilda.alaska.edu/cdm/ref/collection/cdmg41/id/727>

Governor Walter E. Clark's correspondence and files on the passage of HB 2, 1913;
<http://vilda.alaska.edu/cdm/ref/collection/cdmg41/id/721>
<http://vilda.alaska.edu/cdm/ref/collection/cdmg41/id/722>

Legislative and Legal Record of the passage of HB 2, 1913;
<http://vilda.alaska.edu/cdm/ref/collection/cdmg41/id/722>
<http://vilda.alaska.edu/cdm/ref/collection/cdmg41/id/724>

Governor John F. A. Strong's correspondence files about the impact of suffrage legislation, 1915;
<http://vilda.alaska.edu/cdm/ref/collection/cdmg41/id/725>



St. Patrick's Mask Ball, Flat City, Camp A. B. no. 26. ASL-P28-213.

Note women at right with signs promoting women's suffrage.

<http://vilda.alaska.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/cdmg21/id/11046/rec/4>

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

VALARIE KINGSLAND NAMED 2016 IMLS FELLOW

Hearty congratulations to Valarie Kingsland, Director of the Seward Community Library & Museum! Valarie has been awarded a fellowship from the American Library Association to attend the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) in Columbus, Ohio. From the press release:

The Fellowships are provided through a \$50,000 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Laura Bush Program grants support the recruiting and educating of library students, continuing education for those already in the profession, research and new programs that build institutional capacity. The Fellows work and study in 27 states; are employed in a variety of venues, including public, academic, school, law, medical and government libraries; and represent the diversity in the community and country. The fellowships will help cover costs related to travel, hotel, meals and registration.

<http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2016/03/fifty-receive-fellowships-imals-grant-attend-ifla-congress-columbus-ohio-aug>

KETCHIKAN PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS NEW WEBSITE

Check it out at <http://www.ketchikanpubliclibrary.org>. It's quite attractive, sharing a lot of information while not feeling busy or confusing. Through it, learn about some fun and innovative programs in Ketchikan, including a seed swap, a paper airplane challenge, and geocaching. They also highlight the ability to donate through Pick.Click.Give front and center with their top banner.

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MARCH 15TH WEBINAR: INTRO TO LIBRARY OF CONGRESS ONLINE RESOURCES

The Library of Congress is offering a free webinar next week to “provide an overview of what's available, provide strategies for accessing the materials, and introduce you to the resources created by staff to further your research into the Library's collections.” With online collections covering a huge range of material types and topics, this looks fun and informative for LAM staff and users alike. The next orientation is Tuesday, March 15th, at 10:30-11:30 am, Alaska time, but never fear! If you can't make it, it will be offered again in April and May. For more details and to register (required), see <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/orientation.html?loclr=eaps>.

MARCH 24TH WEBINAR: CHOOSE PRIVACY WEEK 2016 FROM ALA

The American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom and IFC Privacy Subcommittee are offering a free webinar on March 24th, at 8 am Alaska time, to help you develop programming for Choose

Privacy Week, which is set for May 1-7 this year. Speakers include Erin Berman of the San Jose Public Library, Michael Zimmer of the University of Wisconsin, and Jamie LaRue, new director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom. For more information and to register, see <http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2016/03/choose-privacy-week-2016-webinar-focuses-raising-privacy-awareness-your>.

FREE SOCIAL MEDIA ARCHIVES TOOLKIT NOW AVAILABLE

Social media has become an important platform for official content and serious discourse, the innovative North Carolina State University Libraries has created some tools that may be helpful for cultural heritage organizations. From their website:

The toolkit may aid cultural heritage organizations to:

- Develop collecting strategies for content such as official communication from their institution as well as crowdsourced communication from communities of interest
- Gain knowledge of how peer institutions have gone about collecting similar content
- Develop an understanding of the current and potential use of social media content by researchers
- Assess the legal and ethical implications of archiving social media content for future use by researchers
- Develop techniques for enriching collections at a minimal cost by taking advantage of harvesting interfaces provided by social media platforms

The goal of the toolkit is to have a meaningful impact on archival researchers by promoting the inclusion in the historical record of a larger and more diverse set of perspectives found through social media platforms.

The Libraries has also developed the Social Media Combine, a pre-configured collection of tools including Social Feed Manager and Lentil for easily building Twitter and Instagram social media archives on your own computer.

<https://www.lib.ncsu.edu/social-media-archives-toolkit>

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