

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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Submissions for the Friday Bulletin should be sent to linda.thibodeau@alaska.gov and may be edited for content and length if used.

Special Note: Although it is April Fool's Day, we observe the fourteenth rule of the alternate Odo in [Star Trek: Deep Space Nine "Crossover"](#) – "No Joking." Unless it involves puns.

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FINAL COUNTDOWN TO STATE LIBRARY PUBLIC CLOSURE: T-10

After today, the remaining Juneau reading room of the Alaska State library will be open for just ten more working days. Public access will cease at 4:30pm on Friday, 4/15/2016. Collections will move and the entire State Library will reopen in the Fr. Andrew P. Kashevaroff Building (APK) later this spring. Visit us while you can in the State Office Building, then visit us later this spring in the APK!

GUT SKIN BAG IS SJM ARTIFACT OF THE MONTH

From the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka:

This Month's Featured Artifact



APRIL ARTIFACT OF THE MONTH

Bag made of gut skin (sea lion intestines)

[Learn more](#)

For more information and additional artifacts, visit
http://museums.alaska.gov/sheldon_jackson/artifact_of_month.html.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

AKLA 2016 PRESENTATION MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Presentation resources from the 2016 Alaska Library Association are now available at
<http://akla.org/fairbanks2016/program-presentation-files/>.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITERARY, LITERACY AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE APRIL 30

Nominations are being accepted for 2016 Contributions to Literacy in Alaska (CLIA) Awards. The program is a statewide effort to recognize people and agencies who support literature and literacy in the north.

The awards, presented by Alaska Center for the Book annually since 1993, honor individuals and institutions who have made a significant contribution to literacy efforts, to the literary arts, or preservation of the written or spoken word in Alaska. Past winners include librarians, teachers, writers, tutors, learning programs, volunteers and others dedicated to making the world a better place through the gift of language. Last years' winners were historian Dee Longenbaugh of Juneau; Barrow author Debby Dahl Edwardson; Dr. Edna McLean of Anchorage, author of an Inupiaq-English dictionary; and "Alaska Spirit of Reading," a literacy program based in Sitka.

CLIA nominations must be received in writing by April 30. Nomination forms are available on-line at Alaska Center for the Book's web site, <http://www.alaskacenterforthebook.org> or by calling 907-786-4379.

Awards will be presented in July during the University of Alaska's Northern Renaissance Arts and Sciences reading series, held in conjunction with UAA's MFA program in Creative Writing.

NEW PEW REPORT: LIFELONG LEARNING AND TECHNOLOGY

In March 2016, the Pew Research Center for Internet, Science and Tech issued the following report:

Lifelong Learning and Technology

(<http://www.pewinternet.org/2016/03/22/lifelong-learning-and-technology/>)

“A large majority of Americans seek extra knowledge for personal and work-related reasons. Digital technology plays a notable role in these knowledge pursuits, but place-based learning remains vital to many and differences in education and income are a hallmark of people's learning activities”

Looking through the report, it appears that learning at a physical place is important. Libraries do not head this list, as learners reported turning to a museum (29%) or church (26%) more often than a library (23%). While this seems disappointing at first, we think it shows room for libraries to expand their learning reach.

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