

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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STATE LIBRARY REMAINING READING ROOM CLOSSES TODAY

Our countdown to closing the Information Services reading room of the Alaska State Library is complete. Today at 4:30pm, doors will close to the public for the last time. Starting next week, remaining collections in the State Office Building will be moved to the new Fr. Andrew P. Kashevaroff Building (APK). LAM staff will follow soon thereafter.

Services for Information Services and Historical Collections will continue electronically, but responses to some reference questions may be significantly delayed, as access to our hard copy collections will be severely limited.

For assistance, please contact:

- General reference and services to employees of the State of Alaska: call 907-465-2920 or email asl@alaska.gov
- Historical Collections: call 907-465-2925 or email asl.historical@alaska.gov

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We look forward to serving you in the new Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff Building this summer! If you're in Juneau, please join us for our grand opening on June 6th. Watch for details!

WELCOME TO NEW KAKE VISTA VOLUNTEER!

The State Library has placed a new VISTA volunteer in Kake on Prince of Wales Island. We'll let her introduce herself:



Hi, my name is Jocelyn McKinnon-Crowley. I'm the VISTA volunteering in Kake and working at the Shirly Jackson Community Library. I'm originally from Indianapolis, Indiana. I graduated from Indiana University in 2014 with a double major in Telecommunication and History of Art.

I've previously worked with a nonprofit legal service organization and helped out with community outreach projects around the city. Before this, I was working with a startup marketing company.

I'm a big fan of hiking, photography, and reading. I'm new to the area, so I'm always open to suggestions and ideas about either Alaska or the library. I also love to hear really good stories. Glad to be here!

WELCOME TO NEW CRAIG VISTA VOLUNTEER!

The State Library also placed a new VISTA volunteer in Craig, here's what she had to say on starting her assignment here in Alaska:



Hi, I'm Emma Fisk, the new VISTA volunteer at the Craig Public Library. I grew up in Corvallis, Oregon and have always wanted to experience Alaska. I attended the University of Oregon in Eugene where I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Psychology with a minor degree in French. Go Ducks! (and Beavs!). I love to travel and learn and was lucky enough to do both when I spent my junior year of college studying abroad in Lyon, France. I am excited to jumpstart a career in service work with AmeriCorps.

In the library I am working to develop educational programs in financial, digital, and early literacy. While I am here I hope to go salmon fishing, explore the Tongass National Forest, and see the Northern Lights!

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

IT'S F-R-E-E FREE! AT THE SKAGWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY! (YOUTUBE)

Building on their learning at last year's Digital Literacy Intensive, staff at the Skagway Public Library put together an animated short about all the things available at the library – perfect for someone broke during winter.

See the promo at <https://youtu.be/d3fmibtaL-c>(2 minutes)

See the app they created this with at <https://plotagon.com/>

ARCHIVES 101 FROM UAA INTERN BECKY

In a Consortium Library Archives & Special Collections post, archives intern Becky walks people through the basics of locating and using archival records.

Archives 101

<http://www.consortiumlibrary.org/blogs/archives/2016/04/07/archives-101/>

Thanks Becky!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING WITH NO COMPUTER? NO PROBLEM WITH BOARD GAME

The tech site Boing Boing recently ran a review of a board game called Code Master:

Code Master is an ingenious programming board game that'll make you feel smarter

Boing Boing / Michael Borys / 8:25 am Mon Apr 4, 2016

<http://boingboing.net/2016/04/04/code-master-by-thinkfun.html>

From the article:

You play the role of an adventurer who needs to collect gems on each level before escaping through a Portal. To aid you in your quest you'll need to "write a program" that moves your hero across the map.

To write the program you'll need to order a random set of movement tokens that allows your avatar to travel on appropriately colored paths.

If you have played Code Master, we'd love hear your take on this game.

Hat tip to Amy Carney for this item

MAY WEBINAR: TOP SECRET: DECLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUESTS

From the desk of the Government Publishing Office:

A live training webinar, "Top Secret: Declassified Documents and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests," will be presented on Wednesday, May 4, 2016.

Register today for "[Top Secret: Declassified Documents and Freedom of Information Act \(FOIA\) Requests](#)"

- **Start time:** 2:00 pm (Eastern) / 10 am (Alaska)
- **Duration:** 60 minutes

- **Speaker:** Melanie Maksin; Librarian for Political Science, International Affairs, Public Policy, and Government Information; Yale University
- **Learning outcomes:** Depository libraries provide access to a rich record of the U.S. Government's activities. But what about the memos, telegrams, reports, and other elusive documents that were intended for a very limited audience? This session focuses on some of the processes through which these documents become available to members of the public: declassification, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, and Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR). Participants will discover sources and strategies for finding declassified Government documents, as well as best practices for submitting FOIA and MDR requests.
- **Expected level of knowledge for participants:** No prerequisite knowledge required.

Closed captioning will be available for this webinar.

The webinar is free, however registration is required. Upon registering, a confirmation email will be sent to you. This registration confirmation email includes the instructions for joining the webinar.

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