

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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From at least as far back as the mid-1990s, the *Friday Bulletin* has been created and sent out from the State Office Building in Juneau. That tradition ceases with this issue. We fully expect to publish the 5/20/2016 *Bulletin* from our new home at the Fr. Andrew P. Kashevaroff (APK) Building.

This move is also why the Bulletin is a smidge early this week. The editor needs to box up their computer for the move!

If you'll be in Juneau on 6/6/2016, please stop by our new location at 395 Whittier St for our grand opening!

ARCHIVES TRANSITIONS: GOODBYE DAWSON, HIEB ACTING

Alaska State Archivist Dean Dawson retired from his position on 4/29/2016, Dean Dawson served as State Archivist since October 2009 and served the state for nearly 30 years. He became a records analyst in 1994 and administered the Records & Information Management Program for several years. Prior to that

he accessioned, processed and researched archival holdings as a reference associate for five years. He attained a certified records manager credential in 2002 and holds a BA from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

Chris Hieb is the Acting State Archivist. His phone number is 907.465.2245 and his e-mail address is chris.hieb@alaska.gov.

OWL PROGRAM TRANSITIONS: GOODBYE SHANE, HELLO DANIEL

As previously reported on AkLA-L, OWL Program Manager Shane Southwick will be giving up his job and remaining in Anchorage after our Anchorage office closes. Shane has done a tremendous job with OWL's startup and maintenance and everyone involved with OWL will keenly miss him, along with OWL alum and Grants Coordinator Alex Pock.

The OWL Program work, including video conferences, will continue. Daniel Cornwall is the new OWL Manager effective 5/16/2016. He can be reached by phone at 907.465.6332 or by e-mail at daniel.cornwall@alaska.gov. More information will be forthcoming to libraries after our move to the APK. In the meantime, why not visit <http://library.alaska.gov/dev/owl.html> to learn more about the OWL Program?

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SUSITNA DOC FINDER FROM ARLIS

ARLIS recently launched the new Susitna Doc Finder (<http://www.arlis.org/susitnadocfinder/>), featuring full-text indexing and retrieval of more than 4,000 historic and recent reports from all phases of the Susitna Hydroelectric Project (SuHydro Project), as well as those documents continually being produced since 2010 under the current Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project (SuWa Project). It features:

- Google-style searches or traditional searches by author, title, report number, topic, etc.
- Mobile-friendly usage on devices of all sizes and shapes
- Cover images of all PDFs

Access to historic reports has been identified as a baseline requirement on which to build for today's researchers. The Susitna Doc Finder makes it easy to identify relevant reports and contributes to the permanent record of these important scientific studies.

The Susitna Doc Finder is completely updated each evening, Monday through Friday. During the evening rebuild, the Doc Finder returns zero results to any query. The rebuild is completed in the early hours of the next morning, well before 8 am.

If you have questions or comments, call or e-mail the ARLIS Reference Desk, 907-272-7547, reference@arlis.org.

Does your institution have a search tool or electronic repository that you are proud of? Drop us a line!

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LITERARY, LITERACY AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE 5/31/2016

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.

Although the initial deadline was in April, the deadline has been extended to May 31. 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](tel: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.

Alaska Center for the Book is Alaska's affiliate to the Library of Congress Center for the Book. The non-profit, all-volunteer board partners with literary, educational, arts and humanities organizations to host and sponsor events across the state, including Reading Rendezvous, Alaska Reads, Poems in Place, Letters About Literature and more.

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