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NOONTIME LECTURE BY LAKOTA AND TLINGIT WRITERS AT THE STATE MUSEUM

Visiting writer Susan Power (Lakota) and local author Ernestine Hayes (Tlingit) will present a free brown-bag lecture at the Alaska State Museum at noon Thursday, January 28.

Power, who is a poet, writer, and storyteller, has published two books, "The Grass Dancer," which won a PEN/Hemingway Award for Best First Fiction, and "Roofwalker." Her fiction and nonfiction has appeared in leading publications including Atlantic Monthly, Paris Review, Voice Literary Supplement, Story Magazine, and Harper's Bazaar.

Power received a law degree from Harvard University in 1986 and is a member of the Standing Rock Sioux. Her literature reflects her Native American heritage. She teaches at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Ernestine Hayes is a University of Alaska Southeast professor and author of "Blonde Indian: An Alaska Native memoir," published by the University of Arizona Press, which was an American Book Award Winner in 2007. Born in Juneau, Hayes has won recognition in Native oratory and storytelling. Her writing has appeared in a variety of publications and she also authors a Juneau Empire opinion column, "Edge of the Village." Her current projects include a collection of linked short stories and a fictional treatment of Tlingit history.

The free noontime lecture is being sponsored by the University of Alaska Southeast and the Alaska State Museum.

Hours at the museum are 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is \$3. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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