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Press Release

ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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VISIT THE ALASKA STATE MUSEUM SOON!

Plan a visit to the museum soon. Four temporary exhibits will be opening throughout this fall and winter displaying the work of several of Alaska's foremost contemporary artists.

The museum's permanent galleries will be gradually closing as the staff packs objects and vacates the building to make way for the new State Libraries, Archives and Museum facility. Visit the museum's mining and mineral room and play on the ship in the kids' room through October 5, 2013. View the Russian America and American History exhibits on the second floor through November 2, 2013. The art room and second floor temporary galleries will remain open through the holidays and close on Saturday, January 4, 2014. New teachers should arrange to bring their classes on field trips to the museum now, before the January and February rush! Staff members are available to conduct programs tailored to students' required curriculum. The eagle tree area and first floor Alaska Native galleries and temporary exhibits will remain open until the museum closes on February 28, 2014. The new museum will open its doors in the new State Libraries, Archives and Museum facility during the spring of 2016!

Summer hours at the museum run through September 23 and are 8:30 to 5:30 daily. Summer admission is \$7 with a \$1 discount for age 65 and older. Winter hours begin September 24 and are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Visitors 18 and under are always 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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