

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

DIRECTOR THIBODEAU TO UNDERGO CANCER TREATMENT

This week brought sad news to people working in the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums. Director Linda Thibodeau has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She will be out of the office for an indefinite time while undergoing treatment in Seattle. In her absence, the Division will be in the hands of Deputy Director Glenn Cook.

All of us wish Linda a speedy recovery and cancer-free life. We hope she'll be back in Juneau soon!

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION RECORDINGS UPDATE

As previously announced, the Alaska State Archives is in the process of posting digitized recordings of Alaska's 1955-56 Constitutional Convention to <http://archives.alaska.gov/audio/ConstConv/intro.html>.

Now available on the site:

Day 1 (11/8/1955) – Day 57 (1/18/1956)

Day 71 (2/1/1956) – Day 76 (2/6/1956)

The pages for each day's recordings and transcripts come up best in Firefox. Internet Explorer will display the pages but take longer to load for reasons Division web staff are trying to figure out. Pages load correctly on iPhones and we believe will be just fine on any mobile device.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

ARTS AND SCIENCE TALKS IN SELDOVIA

In a blog entry at <http://seldovialibrary.wordpress.com/2011/08/29/great-saturday/>, Seldovia Public Library Director Savannah Lewis highlighted two talks that took place at the library on 8/27/2011. The talks featured author Nancy Lord and Alaska Pacific University professor Dr. Leslie Cornick. See the URL above for more details and event photos.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

9/11 BOOKS REVIEWED BY LIBRARY JOURNAL

As we approach the tenth anniversary of 9/11, Elizabeth R. Hayford rounds up new books that, through different lenses, consider the events of that tragic day and their impact upon our world. There are new personal remembrances of the tragic day itself, but, with a decade gone by, there are also formal studies that assess longer-term security concerns and social and cultural changes, from micro to global.

For the complete book list with capsule reviews, see http://www.libraryjournal.com/lj/newsletters/newsletterbucketbooksmack/891477-439/911_ten_years_on_15.html.csp (Hat tip to Jacque Peterson for this item)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: MUSEUM FOR AMERICA GRANTS

Museums for America
Deadline: November 1, 2011

Prospective applicants are invited to participate in one of two pre-application Webinars to learn more about the program, ask questions, and listen to the questions and comments of other participants. The Webinar schedule for the Museums for America program is as follows:

- Wednesday, September 21, 2011, at 3-4 p.m. Eastern Time
- Tuesday, October 4, 2011, at 3-4 p.m. Eastern Time

Program Overview:

Museums for America is IMLS' largest grant program for museums, supporting projects and ongoing activities that build museums' capacity to serve their communities.

Museums for America grants strengthen a museum's ability to serve the public more effectively by supporting high-priority activities that advance the institution's mission and strategic goals. Museums for America grants can be used for a wide variety of new or ongoing museum activities and programs, such as improvement of institutional infrastructure, planning, management of collections, public access, professional development, purchase of equipment or services, research and scholarship, public programming and exhibitions, development and/or implementation of

education programs, or efforts by museums to upgrade and integrate new technologies into their overall institutional effectiveness.

Grants are awarded in the following categories:

- Engaging Communities (Education, Exhibitions, and Interpretation): Support projects that represent a broad range of educational activities through which museums share collections, content, and knowledge to support learning.
- Building Institutional Capacity (Management, Policy, and Training): Support projects that serve to improve the infrastructure of museums to better serve their communities.
- Collections Stewardship (Management of Collections): Support projects that museums undertake to maintain and improve the management of museum collections in order to fulfill a museum's public service mission.

Eligibility:

Museums that fulfill the eligibility criteria for museums at <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/museums.aspx> may apply.

For more information about this funding opportunity, including program guidelines, contacts, and Webinar access information, visit <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=11>. (Hat tip to Patience Frederiksen for this item.)

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