

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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ADDISON FIELD NEW CHIEF CURATOR OF ALASKA STATE MUSEUMS

The Alaska State Museum is very proud to announce the appointment of Addison Field as Chief Curator. This is Addison's third job with the State Museum. He had been serving as the Alaska State Museum's Registrar since 2012. In 2004 he worked in Protection and Visitor Services. In between he worked more than five years as Curator of Collections and Exhibits at the Juneau-Douglas City Museum. You can learn more about our new curator by reading the [2012 interview](#) Addison gave to the *ASM Museum Bulletin* when he began serving as the Registrar for the State Museum.

DANIEL CORNWALL APPOINTED TO FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY COUNCIL

Daniel Cornwall, Digital Librarian for the Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums, has been appointed to the Government Printing Office's [Depository Library Council](#) (DLC) by Public Printer Davita Vance-Cooks. The Council, composed of 15 members each of whom serves a three year term, advises the Public Printer on policy matters relating to the [Federal Depository Library Program \(FDLP\)](#). The FDLP provides the public with access to authentic, published information from all three branches of the Federal Government in print and electronic formats through partnerships with approximately 1,200 libraries nationwide. Depository libraries, located in almost every congressional district, include small public libraries, Federal agency libraries, law libraries and research university libraries.

Daniel was one of five members appointed this year and his term runs from June 1, 2014 - May 31, 2017. For additional information about Daniel Cornwall and the other new members of the DLC, read the [full press release](#).

ALASKA NEWSPAPER INDEXES BACK TO NORMAL

Last week we reported on a loss of functionality to the online index of Fairbanks and Juneau newspapers at <http://education.alaska.gov/lam/newspapers.cfm>. This week we're happy to report that full functionality has been restored and you can once again view individual records.

We remind you that this index does NOT contain any full text. However microfilm of all issues covered in the Alaska Newspaper Indexes is available at the Alaska State Library (Juneau), the Rasmuson Library at the University of Alaska (Fairbanks), the Consortium Library at the University of Alaska Anchorage (Anchorage) and the Anchorage Public Library. If your local library has a microfilm reader, you may be able to have the library borrow the microfilm on your behalf.

HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS DIGITIZES ALASKA RAILROAD RECORD

Recently the Alaska State Library Historical Collections digitized the Alaska Railroad Record newspaper from 1916-1920. The paper and its associated index can be found at <http://vilda.alaska.edu/cdm/ref/collection/cdmg21/id/17582> .

This Anchorage-based, government run newspaper seems like it will be of value to historians and genealogists alike based on the statement of purpose published in v.1, no.1, November 14, 1916:

The primary purpose of the 'Alaska Railroad Record is the publication of accurate information, based upon official records, concerning all branches of the work of railroad construction in Alaska.

The secondary purpose is to furnish a convenient form for the distribution of official orders and circulars.

The progress of the work in the several construction divisions will be shown week by week and month by month, together with statements of disbursements and expenditures and other tables of statistics. The Land & Industrial Department will make use of this publication as a means of supplying reliable information to the press regarding the resources of the country and the advancement of the work. In addition there will be published from time to time, personal notes and items of general interest concerning amusements, sports and other activities.

The newspaper is divided into large PDF files by year. In communities with slow internet connections it might be best to save the files onto your own computer before opening them up. On Windows computers, this can be usually accomplished by right-clicking one of the PDF links and choosing “save as.”

ALASKA LANDS SELECTIONS INTERVIEWS DIGITIZED BY STATE ARCHIVES

In 1981 the Department of Natural Resources wanted to develop an understanding of how the State of Alaska selected land under the Alaska Statehood Act. Intern Doug Schoenberg interviewed key members of State government who were responsible for lands selections from 1959-1976.

The Alaska State Archives has digitized these interviews that were the result of Mr. Schoenberg’s efforts. Interviews were conducted in Anchorage, Juneau and telephonically in August of 1981. During the interviews several maps are mentioned that Mr. Schoenberg created to help those he interviewed recall past events. Unfortunately those maps did not accompany the audio recordings and have not been identified. Mr. Schoenberg told the State Archives that no final report was produced and the project was discontinued after his summer internship concluded, but these interviews provide a rare glimpse into the historical narrative behind the State of Alaska’s land selections.

The digitized interviews can be heard at http://archives.alaska.gov/for_researchers/lands_selection.html .

DIVISION PUBLISHES RESOURCE GUIDE FOR OFFICE 2013

Our parent agency is migrating to Microsoft Office 2013 and the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums is following suit. In preparation for the change we created a brief resources guide that highlights changes from Office 2010 and provides links to training resources. The guide is available to all at <http://lam.alaska.gov/office2013> .

TREASURES FROM THE STATE FILM LIBRARY ON VIEW MARCH 28.

As part of the University of Alaska Southeast’s spring arts and humanities series, “Sound + Motion,” the Alaska State Library Historical Collections will present its fifth annual short film festival, “Treasures from the State Film Library,” on Friday, March 28.

Join the staff of the Alaska State Library Historical Collections at 7 p.m. in the UAS Egan Lecture Hall in Juneau.

The program will feature a collection of short films from the library’s historical film and video collections, including a “[Heritage of Alaska](#)” episode where Elmer Rasmussen recounts the 1867 purchase of Alaska from Russia; “Juneau: Alaska’s Capital City,” a light-hearted film produced by the late National Geographic photographer and Juneau resident Amos Burg; and “[Though the Earth be Moved](#),” a documentary detailing the relief efforts after the March 27, 1964, Alaskan earthquake, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the event.

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NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

KINGSLAND WINS 2014 KEN HAYCOCK AWARD

Already reported on AkLA-L but worthy of formal recognition here in the Friday Bulletin, Valarie Kingsland of Seward, Alaska and AkLA Alaska Native Issues Roundtable Chair has been given the [Ken Haycock award](#) by the San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science.

Her citation reads in part:

Kingsland's impressive service accomplishments, valuable contributions to professional associations, and excellent academic record set her apart. She "clearly exhibits exceptional professional promise for leadership among the December 2013 and May 2014 graduating SJSU SLIS students." –

See more at: <http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/about-slis/news/detail/mlis-student-valarie-kingsland-stands-out-her-exceptional-professional>

Valarie was characteristically modest and generous in her reaction to the award and the concurrent praise from fellow library workers around the state:

I appreciate everyone's kind words and the supportive library community we have in Alaska. I've learned a great deal from many Alaska librarians who model the sort of librarian I aspire to be. While looking up a source for a saying a few weeks ago I came across one I think embodies the spirit of that sort of librarianship:

If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together ~ African Proverb

The SJSU SLIS Ken Haycock award is truly an honor, but, I believe it is also a tribute to a lot of support and shared effort along the way, and the importance of community.

Thank you for letting me be a part of yours!

Valarie – the thanks is ours to you. Thanks for being an active part of the Alaska library community.

UAA SPECIAL COLLECTIONS SUMMITS 10,000 IMAGES ON DIGITAL ARCHIVES

On March 21, 2014, Arlene Schmuland of the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) filed a blog entry titled [Reaching a peak!](#) where she chronicled the [10,000th image](#) that UAA Special Collections added to Alaska's Digital Archives (<http://vilda.alaska.edu>).

That image was of mountaineer Vern Tejas. Congratulations to UAA on their peak experience and many thanks to sharing their collections with the world!

Be sure to read all of Arlene's blog entry to find some personal stories behind the staff's favorite Alaska Digital Archives uploads.

LIBRARIAN REVIEWS LIBRARY BUILT CHILDREN’S APP

Here’s another app review from Homer Youth Services Librarian Claudia Haines:

[Grow A Reader](#) ([Calgary Public Library](#), 2013), iOS, Free

Story time is a program found at almost every public library and offers families fun, early literacy experiences. Caregivers leave the library with new songs to sing, new rhymes to tell or act out, new media to explore, and new stories to share. The Calgary Public Library decided to help families take some of their library’s story time fun home with them!

Based on the five Every Child Ready to Read 2 early literacy practices (read, sing, talk, play, and write), library staff developed an app that shares the songs, finger plays, and interactive rhymes from their programs. The videos, tips, and book suggestions (with links to their catalog) are good supplemental information for caregivers to use with young children at home or school and for librarians looking for new ideas to incorporate into story time.

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