

# FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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**TESTING AND EDUCATION REFERENCE CENTER - UPCOMING MAINTENANCE 4/18,5/4**

From our friends at Gale/Cengage Learning:

I wanted to send along a note to let you know of some upcoming Testing and Education Reference Center downtime that will be coming up due to some work that Peterson's is doing on the product and infrastructure. TERC will have intermittent downtime this Saturday, from 12:00 a.m. to approximately 2:00 a.m., Eastern Time and then on May 4th, and our sites will not be accessible from approximately 11:00 pm to 7:00 a.m., Eastern Time.

**BASIC ARCHIVAL TRAINING AT UAF 5/14/2014**

The Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board (ASHRAB) will sponsor Basic Archival Training May 14, 2014 from 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM in the multi-media classroom located on the third level of the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library. The training will be conducted by ASHRAB members that are trained

archivists – Bruce Parham (NARA – Retired), Dennis Moser (UAF), Zachary R. Jones (Sealaska Heritage Institute) and Dean Dawson (Alaska State Archives).

In this workshop you will:

- Learn about archival terminology, ethical responsibilities & outreach
- Learn the principles of archival organization & functions: provenance, respect des fonds & original order
- Master the fundamentals of acquisition, appraisal, arrangement, description & preservation of archives
- Examine successful reference & access strategies
- Understand how to deal with collection water emergencies

There is no registration fee or cost to attendees. To register for the training contact dean.dawson@alaska.gov prior to May 9th.

\*\*\*Scholarships\*\*\*

[Deadline for scholarship applications is April 24th]

Ten travel scholarships are available up to \$1000 each. To access the Scholarship Application Questionnaire go to the State Archives website at <http://archives.alaska.gov> and submit to Dean Dawson, State Archivist.

## **NIEDERHAUSER INTERVIEWED BY SAMMY THE TOUCAN**



Recently Julie Niederhauser, Public Libraries/Continuing Education Coordinator for the Alaska State Library attended a conference on summer reading programs. While there, she sat down with Sammy, the interviewing Toucan from Indiana for an interview. [Watch her interview with Sammy](#). Sammy actually has his own [YouTube Channel](#) which provides this background about this amazing bird:

Sammy, the interviewing toucan puppet from Indianapolis, Indiana is a dedicated corduroy journalist who likes to make 2 minute-ish videos of interviews with writers, illustrators, and librarians. Suzanne Walker is the mama, and she likes to make videos explaining how to play Storytime Songs with three chords or less on the guitar.

## **SCHOOL LIBRARIAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 7/28-8/1**

The School Librarian Leadership Academy will be held this summer from July 28th – August 1, 2014. Each day will last from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**(CLASS FULL-Contact Jacque to have your name put on the wait list.)**

This 3 credit graduate level course is available to Alaskan certified school librarians. Space will be limited so please email Jacque if you are interested in being put on the list. Our speakers list has not yet been finalized, but we do have Shannon Miller coming up to talk about Common Core and Gail Petri from the Library of Congress. Contact Jacque at the State Library at [Jacque.peterson@alaska.gov](mailto:Jacque.peterson@alaska.gov).

## **NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA**

### **ARMA-ALASKA SPRING CONFERENCE**

The Alaska Chapter of [ARMA International](#) is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the Chapter's 2014 Spring Conference. Building on the foundation of ARMA's Generally Accepted Recordkeeping Principles®, the focus of this year's conference is on "Principles in Practice." Keynote speaker Alison North's presentation is on "Principles and Information Governance." Dr. Frank Jeffries, University of Alaska Anchorage, will talk about "Compliance and Emotional Intelligence." C'Les Jensema, Alaska Chapter President, will pull it all together with her presentation on "Business Processes and Records and Information Management (RIM) Practices." If you are a records manager, or find yourself unexpectedly tagged with records management responsibilities (lumped under the catchall rubric of Other Duties as Assigned!), or just have an interest in the arcane and mysterious world of records management, this is the event for you!

The conference takes place on May 16, 2014, 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage, Alaska. The registration fee of \$135.00 includes lunch and snacks at the conference, and a networking and socializing event on the evening of May 15th, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. For more information and to register, go to the Alaska Chapter website at <http://alaskaarma.org/2014-annual-conference/>. Questions about the conference can be directed to Nellie Phillips, Alaska Chapter Secretary, at [nphillips\[at\]bbnc.net](mailto:nphillips[at]bbnc.net).

## **APP REVIEW FROM HOMER – COLOR UNCOVERED (IOS)**

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

Color Uncovered ([The Exploratorium](#)) 2011  
iOS (6.0+) only  
Free

[Color Uncovered](#), like its sibling Sound Uncovered, offers opportunities to explore the world of color through both the artistic and scientific lens making this an app perfect for STEAM-related programs or with kids at home. Kids will be attracted to the eye-catching optical illusions and in most cases intrigued enough to tap on the "what's going on?" button on each screen or delve deeper into the interactive app. The informative activities, video, and text are well-designed, making them useful for displaying on a large screen or on an iPad. Ages: 7+

## **ALASKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION HONORS OWL PROJECT**

The following resolution was passed in March by the Alaska Library Association:

**Alaska Library Association  
General Membership Meeting  
March 1, 2014  
Anchorage, Alaska**

### **Resolution to present a Letter of Commendation to the Online With Libraries (OWL) Project Team**

WHEREAS, the OWL Project Team had the vision to take on an important project that brought expanded computing capabilities to public libraries all over Alaska;

WHEREAS, the OWL Project Team named this project OWL, Online With Libraries;

WHEREAS, the OWL Project Team consists of these dedicated individuals; Sue Sherif, Shane Southwick, Linda Thibodeau, Valerie Oliver, Lynn Hallquist, Jacque Peterson, Julie Niederhauser, Aja Razumny, Carolyn Todd, Chris Skidmore, Alex Pock, Donna Rohwer, Matt Shiffler, Artem Zhadanov, Cate Remme, Daniel Cornwall, Jencyne Mason;

WHEREAS, the OWL Project Team worked with the US Department of Commerce, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Rasmuson Foundation, the Alaska State Library and the University of Alaska to see this vision through;

WHEREAS, the OWL Project Team received 8.2 million dollars for the OWL project;

WHEREAS, the OWL Project Team built infrastructure in communities all over Alaska to bring broadband to public libraries;

WHEREAS, the OWL Project Team has worked indefatigably for 97 public libraries and their communities all over Alaska for three years;

WHEREAS, the OWL Project Team formed an advisory board consisting of public librarians from around the state; Heather Fett from Aniak Community Library, Amy Marshall from Craig Public Library, Bill Galbraith from Fairbanks North Star Borough Public Libraries, Jonas Lamb from University of Alaska Southeast, and Dan Masoni from Unalaska Public Library;

WHEREAS, the OWL Project Team has increased broadband speeds to 67 public libraries thereby bringing connectivity speeds up to 1.5mpbs, impossible for many public libraries;

WHEREAS, the OWL Project Team has provided all 97 public libraries with a vast array of computing equipment from desktops and laptops and early literacy stations, wireless hotspots and servers and video conferencing screens and headphones;

WHEREAS, the OWL Project Team has been successful in providing video conferencing capabilities to public libraries all over Alaska;

WHEREAS, the OWL Project Team has been successful in providing technology training to public libraries all over Alaska;

WHEREAS, the OWL Project Team was instrumental in bringing increased employment, training, educational and entertaining opportunities to public libraries all over Alaska;

WHEREAS, the OWL Project Team has helped public libraries with the application and reporting requirements of E-Rate making connectivity to the Internet affordable for these 67 public libraries;

WHEREAS, the OWL Project Team maintains a video conference calendar for video conferences available to all public libraries to access thereby increasing the availability of information to communities;

WHEREAS, the OWL Project Team maintains an archived list of all video conferences available to public libraries at any given time;

WHEREAS, the OWL Project Team undertook the exemplary task of increasing access to information for 97 public libraries, large and small, urban and remote with astounding success.

WHEREAS, communities all over the state of Alaska have benefitted tremendously and infinitely from the vision of the OWL Project Team;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a Letter of Commendation be presented to the OWL Project Team for expanding public library computing services in the state of Alaska;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Library Association wishes to express its deepest appreciation for the work done by the OWL Project Team.

Moved by: Mary Jo Joiner  
Seconded by: Dan Masoni

Here is the text of the Letter of Commendation the above resolution provided for.

## Letter of Commendation to the OWL Project Team

March 1, 2014

The purpose of this letter is to formally and publicly commend the Online With Libraries Project Team for their exemplary work in elevating public library service in communities, large and small, rural and urban throughout the state of Alaska. At no time in the recent past has there been a project of this magnitude carried out on behalf of libraries across the state. The OWL Project is transforming public library service everyday.

From its inception as a big idea to its implementation, the OWL Project Team has put forth tremendous energy and dedication on behalf of all public libraries and the communities they serve. From Anchorage to Lake Minchumina and Barrow to Ketchikan, our communities are benefiting everyday from the work you've done.

Training sessions over the three years of this project increased the skills of many librarians and library tech staff. Staff is better able to meet the technology needs of their patrons and is providing ground breaking library programming with the tools learned and provided by the OWL Project Team. The Readers Theater style event, Plays the Thing, held over the OWL video conferencing network between the Craig Public, Haines Community, Cooper Landing Community and Kenai Community Libraries was a smash hit.

The vision to develop broadband connectivity in the most remote communities in Alaska is now a reality. Against logistical odds only found in Alaska, broadband equipment was installed in sixty-seven communities. Permafrost outside our library doors, concrete in our library walls and a thousand miles of distance in the smallest airplanes, didn't stop the progress of this Project. Faster Internet for video conferencing now brings information possibilities from the wide world to remote communities statewide. Information services considered impossible just three years ago are now used everyday by communities.

The vast array of computer equipment tailored to each of ninety-seven public libraries that was purchased and distributed, expanded computing capabilities statewide, equipment that some of these libraries with volunteer staff and very little resources were not able to provide without this assistance. Distance learning courses, egov resources, fire-fighter training, early literacy stations, to name a few are now a reality in the most remote libraries. Lifelong learning opportunities are now available to communities through their public libraries. Some, like Lake Minchumina Public Library are connecting for the first time to the outside world.

The OWL Project has had incredible statewide impact. No longer are our remote communities restricted to what they have in their libraries by where they are. The OWL Project Team has transformed the public library landscape in Alaska. Now for many communities, their public libraries are critical digital hubs, where patrons can compete for jobs, improve their health and skills, find government services, and connect with others. Many thanks go out to the OWL Project Team for this extraordinary accomplishment.

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