



ASM / Museums Alaska Chat 58

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WebEx chat

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DELLA HALL	Hello!
DELLA HALL	Lizzy, nice to have you on the chat! Is this your first one?
LIZZY WALSH	Hi, yes this is my first chat!
DELLA HALL	Welcome!
DELLA HALL	Well, we normally have a few more people on, but we took a break for the summer and we're just getting back into the swing of things.
DELLA HALL	But I'm happy to answer any questions you have about the Chat, or Museums Alaska, or our upcoming grant deadlines (the applications opened today).
LIZZY WALSH	I'm so glad that something like this exists, I actually didn't know about it until I received an email this morning.
DELLA HALL	Great! Did you get the email through the akmuseums listserv?
LIZZY WALSH	Is there supposed to be audio? or is it just messaging?
DELLA HALL	Just messaging

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LIZZY WALSH	yes I got the email through the listserv
DELLA HALL	we try to keep it low-tech for people who may not have the bandwidth to handle much more
DELLA HALL	I also try to send chat reminders and information out in Museums Alaska's email blasts, so keep an eye out for those!
LIZZY WALSH	okay good!
LIZZY WALSH	I will definitely keep an eye out!
DELLA HALL	Next time I hope the new Curator of Museum Services at the Alaska State Museum will be able to join us! Since this is a partnership between the two organizations.
DELLA HALL	Amy has been keeping the chats afloat during the transition :)
AMY CARNEY	I'm just glad to see that it's continued.
DELLA HALL	Lizzy, when did you start your position?
LIZZY WALSH	I heard that a new Curator of Museum Services had been hired that is very exciting! I was hired this spring and started at the beginning of June .
DELLA HALL	Yeah! We're excited about it too. Great! How are things down there in Petersburg?
DELLA HALL	I'm always curious to hear what organizations are up to during the busy season
LIZZY WALSH	The summer has just flown by here. I just had a meeting with the Museum's Board of Trustees and we're already discussing fall/winter fundraisers and events
DELLA HALL	Summer does go by fast, doesn't it?

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DELLA HALL	What sort of events and fundraisers do you have planned?
LIZZY WALSH	I was able to have some special exhibits which were fun, my assistant curator has been amazing during this transition, I don't know what I would do without her. The Museum cohosts an art show in partnership with the Rainforst Festival and thats the Museum's next big event, starting in Sept.
LIZZY WALSH	And I'm thinking about doing a fall fundraiser, the Musuem usually has a raffle around christmas but I want to do another small funraiser in the mean time
DELLA HALL	That sounds great! And fun!
LIZZY WALSH	Yeah! I'm really looking forward to fall, with the tourist season ending I can focus on host community events and maybe write a grant!
DELLA HALL	Great! If you have any questions about Museums Alaska's grant opportunities, please do let me know. Happy to help in any way I can.
DELLA HALL	If you have any ideas you want to run by me, I can give you some feedback here, too. Or you can always call or email.
LIZZY WALSH	Well I have been playing with different ideas regarding the storage of some of the musuem's more delicate objects, woven baskets for example, and since we have limited storage space thinking about cases that would protect them, but could also double as a means for displaying, would this be something that would work for a collections managment grant?
DELLA HALL	That's a great question! And the answer can be yes, but it depends on how you write the grant. Display cases are considered "collections care" when they are replacing other, worse forms of storage or display. However, if you wanted to just buy a larger case to fit more objects in it, or improve your exhibit text panels, that sort of thing would not be eligible.

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LIZZY WALSH	Good to know, Thank you!
DELLA HALL	So it would be important in your application to explain why you are choosing protective display cases, rather than non-display (i.e. if that fits with your mission or strategic plan)
DELLA HALL	Or if it is just the best solution for your situation and space needs
DELLA HALL	We actually had a great chat led by Amy Steffian from the Alutiiq Museum last year, in which she outlined her best tips for a successful application. You can check it out here, Chat 51: https://museums.alaska.gov/ASMChat.html
LIZZY WALSH	Thats great, I will check it out
DELLA HALL	Well, we have just a few minutes left. Hopefully next time we'll get a few more people, with the close of the summer busy season! Any suggestions for a future chat topic?
LIZZY WALSH	I would love to hear how other museums are engaging with their communities, either through events, commuity partnerships etc.
DELLA HALL	Yes, great idea! I'll add that to our list of ideas. Thanks! And so very fitting of our upcoming conference theme, Relationships! :)
DELLA HALL	I look forward to meeting you in person at the conference! Thanks for joining us today!
DELLA HALL	Have a great rest of your week!
LIZZY WALSH	thanks you too!