

## FUNDING MILESTONES

Funding for the SLAM project has been gradual but steady and has moved the project to its current state of readiness for groundbreaking in December of 2012:

- \$1.5M Land Purchase 2002 – completed
- \$1.4M Pre-Planning 2006 – completed
- \$7.5M Architectural Design 2008 – to be completed April 2012
- \$18.5M Construction General Obligation Bond 2010 – awaiting use
- \$5.0M FY12 Legislative Appropriation for Design & Site Development – in use
- \$20.0M FY13 Governor's Budget
- \$29.0M FY13 Legislative Appropriation
- \$50.0M Remaining Budget Need**



## VISION

The State of Alaska has the dual obligation to provide educational access to, and protection of, its current and future collections. The peoples of Alaska have the right to view and learn from these collections for generations to come. We are now in the final phase of the process that will lead to a new Libraries, Archives and Museums facility.

SLAM will integrate the three units of the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums is becoming a reality. At its heart, SLAM is about protecting the existing collections. Many of our treasures, if damaged, are irreplaceable, yet they are housed in buildings that can no longer adequately protect them. Existing hazards to the collections include: overcrowding; flooding; water damage; friable asbestos; insect infestations; and uncontrolled or inadequate systems for humidity, fire protection, heating and lighting.

The new State Libraries, Archives and Museums Building will provide the communities of Alaska with a facility capable of receiving and protecting their valuable artifacts, historical documents, and archival materials. At the same time, the facility will provide seamless access to the collections for the communities of the world.



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# SLAM



STATE OF ALASKA  
**LIBRARY ARCHIVES MUSEUM**

## WE HAVE A PROJECT

- December 2012: Construction Begins
- March 2014: Museum Collection Relocation
- April 2016: SLAM Opens to the Public



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SVEN HAAKANSON, JR., DIRECTOR, ALUTIIQ MUSEUM:

“With the Alaska State Museum’s professional advice and evaluation, the Alutiiq Museum has obtained collections care grants, trained staff, enhanced its facilities, and improved its policies. In 2011, we cemented this work by becoming the second tribal museum in the United States to achieve national accreditation. The ASM helped us reach this long held goal.”



## THE BUILDING

- 118,000 sf of new construction translates to twice the current space allocation for the Division
- 61 basement level parking stalls
- 33 surface parking stalls
- Doubling of the museum’s exhibition space
- Tripling of the museum’s collection storage area
- Projections show no increase in facility costs despite a doubling of usable space. If alternative energy goals are achieved, facility costs could be reduced by another 10-15%.

NIESJE STEINKRUGER:

“Thank you for the great co-operation and flexibility you showed when Meg Greene and I were in Juneau conducting research. Your staff did an incredible job in assisting us. We have been singing your praises around State Government.”



preserving alaska's  
past and future

## STATEWIDE IMPACT

- **LAM helped community libraries keep their doors open:** 104 public libraries received Public Library Assistance grants for operations and collections costs. For some smaller public libraries this is a lifeline—the only cash they receive to help keep their doors open.
- **LAM trained Alaskan cultural professionals:** 150 museum staff, 350 library staff, and 448 archives/records managers participated in LAM-sponsored educational events.
- **LAM helped bridge formal and traditional process of cultural preservation:** Alaska Native Libraries Archives and Museums Summit served as a strategic launching point to make training in our fields more accessible for cultural heritage agencies throughout Alaska.
- **LAM sponsored connectivity:** Online With Libraries (OWL) began implementing broadband improvement, audio-conferencing, training, and technical support to patrons of 100 public libraries.
- **LAM helped provide literacy and research support to families:** 40 Interlibrary Cooperation Grants for local and statewide projects.
  - Books by Mail: hundreds of Alaskans without a local library receive thousands of books annually
  - Ready to Read Resource Center: preschool literacy kits for homes and childcare providers statewide
  - Alaska’s Digital Archives: provides digital copies of thousands of Alaska’s historical photos and documents

## SMART DESIGN

- Two state-of-the-art conservation labs—the only such labs in Alaska—will support the long-term care and restoration of artifacts statewide.
- The Division will deliver improved technical and program support, conservation services, traveling exhibits, and loans to archives, libraries, and museums statewide.



JOYCE MCCOMBS, DIRECTOR, DELTA JUNCTION LIBRARY:

“We really feel strongly supported by the State Library, and you must realize that you are our patron saint. We all know we can call on you for anything and that we’ll not only have your complete attention and support, but quite likely a creative answer or possible solution in practically no time.”