

ALASKA NATIVE
LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES,
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Northern Light:
Sharing Our Stories Summit
and Plan

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What was the Big Idea?

- ▣ Training for professional and paraprofessional staff members working in Alaska libraries, archives, museums, and cultural centers that serve a significant Alaska Native population or who work with Alaska Native cultural materials through a 2011 gathering and follow-up workshops over 3 years
- ▣ Developing a plan to make training in our fields more accessible

ANLAMMS Collaborators

- ▣ Alaska Library Association
- ▣ Museums Alaska
- ▣ Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board
- ▣ First Alaskans Institute

ANLAMMS TIMELINE

- ▣ 2007 – Focus Group – Linda Wynne, David Ongley
- ▣ 2008-2009 – Steering Committee Meetings
- ▣ 2009 – STREAMS Conference
IMLS grant application
- ▣ 2011 - Northern Light Summit, Anchorage
- ▣ 2012-13 - Follow-up workshops and plan



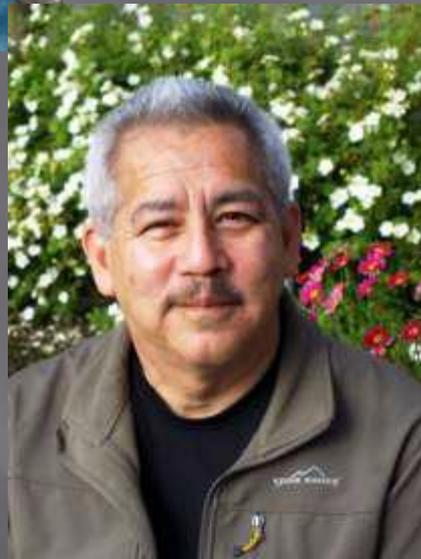
Alaska Native Libraries, Archives, and Museums Summit

Anchorage, April 2011





Summit: Guest Speakers



Keynote Speakers

- ▣ Sven Haakanson, Jr., formerly of the Alutiiq Museum and Repository, Kodiak
 - ▣ Paul Ongtooguk, University of Alaska
 - ▣ Cheryl Metoyer, University of Washington
 - ▣ Dr. Loriene Roy, University of Texas Austin
 - ▣ Joan Kane, Award-Winning Poet
 - ▣ Willie Hensley, First Alaskans Institute Chair
 - ▣ Jill Norwood, National Museum of the American Indian
 - ▣ David George Shongo, Seneca Nation Archivist
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- ▣ Joined by distinguished and talented Alaskan leaders including Paul John, Yup'ik Elder; Bill Schneider, oral historian; Dean Dawson, State Archivist; Susan Means, National Archives Pacific Alaska Region, and many other instructors

150 Participants



78 Scholarships

5 Preconferences 45 Sessions



Keynotes Daily



Response

Northern Light Continuing Education Survey N=85

PLEASE FILL THIS OUT AND TURN IT IN WHEN YOU PICK UP YOUR LUNCH ON SATURDAY.

I received training for my job (check as many as apply):

- 11 No training
- 61 On the job
- 38 Occasional workshops
- 39 State conferences (Museums Alaska, Alaska Library Association, other)
Name other conferences:
- 10 Audioconferences
- 23 Online webinars or classes
- 18 Undergraduate training
- 23 Graduate level professional degree

I have attended state conferences like the Northern Light Summit, Alaska Library Association, Museums Alaska or other job-related conferences before (Check one please)

- 37 (45%) No
- 11 (11%) 1 time before
- 20 (23%) 2-5 times before
- 17 (20%) More than 5 times before

Conferences like these help me do my job. (Circle your choice) Yes 100% No

Responses from the participants were overwhelmingly positive. A federal program officer asked participants to send letters to provide input to the federal office. Over 35 participants responded within 3 days of the ANLAM Summit's end. Here is what some attendees wrote:

“I am so pleased to see a conference that meets the needs of Alaska Native people and that brings balance to the forum – in return the non-native attendees get to hear a different perspective, in my mind this completes the circle of learning and brings balance. This is not about native vs. non-native, but about diversity and ensuring all voices are recognized and heard at a professional level. My hope is that this will be a yearly conference....”





“I would like to express our gratitude on all the hard work that you and many others did in putting together such a wonderful summit meeting. It was an invaluable experience for me. The summit gave me the opportunity to not only network with other participants working on similar projects..., but also introduced me to other resources available. I had no idea of the many possibilities of how to strengthen our language revitalization efforts using digital storytelling, cultural artifacts, and oral history. ... Each presenter offered a great reminder and encouragement of the importance behind Alaska Native archives and materials. The summit was an inspiration to me and the work that I’m involved with, digital archiving and language revitalization.”

Follow-Up

- ▣ February 6-9, 2012: Museum Boot Camp with MuseumsAlaska
- ▣ May 1-2, 2012 Archives Workshop with Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board
- ▣ May 28-30, 2013: Library Training with the Alaska Library Association
- ▣ Scholarships to state, national, and international professional meetings
- ▣ August 2013: Library of Congress digital preservation workshop organized by Elmer Rasmuson Library, Fairbanks



Sustainability?

- ▣ Periodic conferences/ short courses
 - A summer institute held every 2-3 years?

- ▣ Ongoing class offerings including distance delivery
 - Museums and archives class offered at UAS
 - Museums in archeology class offered at UAA
 - Basic training for public library paraprofessionals conducted by Alaska State Library
 - Basic training for school library paraprofessionals offered by the Alaska State Library
 - School Librarians Leadership Academy offered as a graduate-level course by State Library and UAA
 - UA network and Alaska State Library OWL (Online With Libraries) provide infrastructure for distance classes
 - Frequent archives training through ASHRAB and State Archives
 - Internships are available at various institutions, but there is no one place to find them

More Sustainability

- ▣ Travel support/scholarships
 - Alaska State Library provides continuing education grants on an annual basis for librarians
 - Alaska State Archives regularly secures grants with travel support sometime included
 - Institute of Museum and Library Services includes a stipend for training travel in their tribal libraries program and also for recipients of their larger grants

- ▣ Validation
 - All of the existing training offers a paper certificate or university course credit
 - ANLAMMS project instructors and participants have expressed an interest in an umbrella certificate in cultural collection preservation and management

Want to Learn About Future Training and Professional Development Opportunities?

- ▣ Subscribe to the ANLAMMS-L e-list that announces training opportunities throughout Alaska and out of state by contacting:
 - Sue.Sherif@alaska.gov
- ▣ To share information or learn from others serving indigenous communities, go to:
 - <http://ilams.org>