

FRIDAY BULLETIN

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LOUSSAC LIBRARY TO SCALE BACK HOURS

According to the June 18, 2009 issue of the Anchorage Daily News, the Anchorage Public Library is cutting hours from July 6th through September 27th in response to a mandate of 56 hours of unpaid furloughs for library workers. During this period, the main Loussac Library and all the branches will be open only Tuesday through Friday. The article is titled “Loussac Library to scale back hours” and can be found at <http://www.adn.com/news/alaska/story/836299.html>. These service cuts come at a time where library visits and circulation are rising across the country.

FRIDAY BULLETIN CHANGES

In response to reader feedback, we will only send out the plain version of the *Friday Bulletin*. Electronic mailing lists that support attachments will receive the plain version with a PDF version of the “fancy” format. We hope this will keep the bulletin readable while addressing the needs of our readers for less e-mail.

WATCH LAM CHANGE

As we mentioned in the re-launch of the Friday Bulletin a few weeks ago, the Alaska Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums is working on how to consolidate and integrate the work of its three sections: the State Library, the State Archives, and the State Museums. We’ve posted material related to this ongoing process at http://lam.alaska.gov/slam_building.html and invite you to use this page to keep up with our efforts. We welcome questions and/or comments on the process.

WORK FOR LAM

As mentioned last in last week's *Friday Bulletin*, the Alaska State Museum in Juneau is searching for a Chief Curator and the State Library Anchorage office is seeking a Library Assistant I. Full job descriptions and application instructions can be found at <http://workplace.alaska.gov>.

ALASKA RECIPIENTS OF CONNECTING TO COLLECTIONS BOOKSHELF

Anne-Imelda Radice, Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), announced today that 907 museums, libraries, and archives nationwide have been selected to receive the IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf. The Bookshelf comprises resources for collections typically found in art or history museums and in libraries' special collections, with an added selection of texts for living collections. This is the third and final installment of the Bookshelf program, which has distributed 2,751 sets of books, online resources, and a user's guide to institutions in every part of the country.

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NOW OPEN: BOB AND EVANGELINE ATWOOD ALASKA RESOURCE CENTER

The Anchorage Museum reopened May 30th with the completion of an 80,000-square-foot wing. The Bob and Evangeline Atwood Alaska Resource Center, formerly the Library & Archives, is located just inside the new main entrance of the museum which is oriented on C Street in downtown Anchorage. The resource center includes the Allen Family Foundation Reading Room, where public and staff can access the museum's 12,000 books and over 500,000 historic photographs.

Open hours are:

JUNE

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday

JULY THROUGH SEPT. 15

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday*

WINTER

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday*

*Archival material and rare books are not available for use on Saturdays.

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For more information on the Anchorage Museum expansion visit

www.anchagemuseum.org.

NEW ONLINE EXHIBIT: CONSTRUCTING THE CAPITOL

As the 50th Anniversary of Alaska Statehood Celebration approaches, the Juneau-Douglas City Museum is pleased to announce the addition of *Federal and Territorial Building: Constructing the Capitol* to its virtual exhibit offerings at

<http://www.juneau.org/parkrec/museum/exhibits/>.

This on-line exhibit of photographs document the construction of what is today our Capitol.

Comprised of 46 photographs, the exhibit includes images of men using a “slusher” system which involved dragging a scraper (or plow) across the ground by a cable and system of pulleys, numerous workmen, the building at various stages of construction and Governor George Parks raising the 48 star flag atop the completed building on February 2, 1931.

The photographs presented in this exhibit were collected by the company’s accountant Louis Delebecque, who only agreed to come to Alaska after the company promised his next job would be in Hawaii. During the course of the project in Juneau however, Delebecque met Roberta Gallwas of Juneau. The two eventually married and stayed in Juneau. The display of these historical photographs is made possible through Louis and Roberta’s daughter Katherine L. Smith.

Does your institution have an online exhibit that you want others to know about? Please contact the Friday Bulletin and tell us about it.

PIONEER AVIATORS PROJECT JUKEBOX

- A female pilot who suffers carbon monoxide poisoning while flying on the North Slope.
- A mechanic who is flown out to a remote crash site and with limited supplies fixes the airplane and flies it home.
- Transporting cargo ranging from US mail to furs to reindeer to bodies in caskets.

These are some of the exciting stories of Alaskan aviation you will find in the Pioneer Aviators Project Jukebox, the latest multi-media website launched by the Alaska and Polar Regions Collections at Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks www.uaf.edu/library/jukebox.

The Project Jukebox website features oral histories, historic film clips, and still photographs to highlight some of Alaska's pioneering but less well known aviators and airplane mechanics. You can access the site at www.uaf.edu/library/jukebox (then go to "Pioneer Aviators Project Jukebox").

For further information, contact Project Jukebox at (907) 474-6672. This project is supported in whole or in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the Alaska State Library.

WILL MANLEY LIKES US!

As the librarians in Alaska probably remember, *American Libraries* columnist Will Manley gave several talks at the 2009 Alaska Library Association annual conference in Kodiak. In his "Will's World" column in the June/July 2009 issue on page 104, Will has high praise for Alaskan librarians:

"I thought about the Alaska librarians. A more alive and enthusiastic group of people I had never met before. In Alaska, there is no defensive talk about the future of libraries. Libraries are vitally important, and the librarians are not shy about proclaiming that. "

Pat yourselves on the back. A national columnist has proclaimed Alaskan librarians the hope of the profession.

FREE TOOLS FOR JOB SEEKERS

The June 2009 issue of *Searcher* magazine has a four page article titled "Free Tools for Job Seekers" that includes sites for generating resumes, cover letters and other resources needed by job seekers coming to their local library. The full citation for the article is McDermott, I. (2009, June). Free Tools for Job Seekers. *Searcher*, 17(6), 7-10. All Alaskans should be able to access the full text of this article courtesy of the Digital Pipeline by visiting <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=tfh&AN=40924634&site=ehost-live>. More resources on many topics can be found on the Digital Pipeline's main page at <http://sled.alaska.edu/databases/home.html>

Although not mentioned in the article, job seekers in Alaska might find the Alaska Job Center Network helpful. Find it at <http://www.jobs.state.ak.us/>.

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