

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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GLENN COOK NAMED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

State Archivist Glenn Cook has been named Deputy Director of the Alaska Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums.

The division -- which is an integral part of the educational mission of the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development -- operates the Alaska State Museums in Juneau and Sitka; the Alaska State Library which is comprised of the Talking Book Library in Anchorage, the State Historical Collections and the State Information Services Library in Juneau; and the Alaska State Archives in Juneau.

Additionally, the State Museums and the State Libraries provide grants and services to local institutions across Alaska, and the State Archives provides record-keeping guidelines to local governments and the state government.

Cook has served as Alaska State Archivist since March 2008. The state will recruit for a replacement.

Cook's professional background is predominantly in libraries and archives, although he also spent 10 years as an underground miner in southwestern states. Additionally, he has served as Acting Chief Curator for the Alaska State Museums since July 2009.

Cook holds a bachelor's degree in history with minors in public and special libraries and K-12 library media from the University of Wisconsin Whitewater. He holds a master's degree in library and information studies with an emphasis in archives from the University of Wisconsin Madison. Cook has previously served as a librarian and/or archivist at federal agencies, private companies, and universities.

The division is moving in the direction of providing more links with educational programs and more support for lifelong learning programs, and furthering the digitization of the state's holdings in libraries, archives and museums, Cook said.

"The big issue is connectivity statewide – how do we get library resources, archive resources, museum resources out to the remote communities so they can use them to educate their public," Cook said.

"Glenn is results-oriented," said Linda Thibodeau, Director of the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums and the State Librarian. "He tackles multiple complex tasks and completes them. His understanding of archives, libraries and museums will help our division in its mission to serve Alaska".

For more information: Glenn Cook, 907-465-2275, glenn.cook@alaska.gov.

CHIEF CURATOR – WAIT FOR IT

Due to unanticipated delays, final interviews for State Museum chief curator will be conducted in mid-November. We hope to announce the new chief curator shortly afterwards.

DOROTHY G. PAGE MUSEUM ON GOTOAK.COM BLOG

Bethany Buckingham of the Dorothy G. Page Museum in Wasilla sent us this report about video coverage from KTUU:

Scott Elnes, morning meteorologist on KTUU channel 2, came out last week and filmed the museum and our current Smithsonian exhibition New Harmonies. This is part of the gotoak.com blog segment he has been doing all summer. The video has been posted to http://affiliate.kickapps.com/_New-Harmonies-Dorothy-Page-Museum/blog/1035603/94519.html. Check it out!

Thank you to Scott for taking the time out to visit us here in the valley and to showcase this exciting exhibition about American Roots Music.

We are still hosting our Night at the Museum Film Series about American Roots Music on Thursdays from 6-8 pm. This week's movie is Peter, Paul and Mary: Carry On.

Second Saturday Reception for New Harmonies will be tomorrow, October 10 from 2-4 pm. Live music provided by Duo Sonics.

New Harmonies closes October 30, 2009.

For more information visit us online at <http://www.cityofwasilla.com/museum>

See you at the Museum!

FOR THE RIGHTS OF ALL: ENDING JIM CROW IN ALASKA

For the Rights of all: Ending Jim Crow in Alaska is the title of a new film that documents the civil rights movement in Alaska. It will premiere in Alaska next week as part of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) conference in Anchorage. It will also be shown in Sitka on November 1st where Diane Benson and Roy Peratrovich Jr are expected to be guests. There is a companion website at <http://www.alaskacivilrights.org/> with archival photos, interviews and more. (Hat tip to Sue Sherif and Sarah Jones for this item)

UAS EGAN LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE A SUCCESS

Wendy Girven of the Egan Library at University of Alaska Southeast sent this report of their open house last month:

Egan Library recently had its first annual open house on 9/16 with over 220 participants. Photos of this successful event can be found at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/eganlibrary/sets/72157622397843000/>.

The event featured stations where students, staff, and faculty could learn about and register for services such as Iliad, Refworks, and ebrary. Additionally, we offered brown bag sessions which available via streaming video to distance students, a virtual tour of the library via Flickr, and tours of the Pacific Coast Native art that is on display in the Library.

The Open House was a great success and will be held again in Fall 2010.

NATIONAL ARCHIVIST APPOINTEE SPEAKS

President Obama recently appointed David S. Ferriero to be the new Archivist of the United States. As part of the confirmation process, Mr. Ferriero responded to a number of written questions from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. His responses can be found on the History Coalition website at <http://historycoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/Ferriero-Pre-Hearing-Questions-2009-09-16.pdf>.

FREE ARTWORK FOR LIBRARIES

Would you like to spruce up your library, but have no budget to decorate? If so, the Kids! @ your library® Campaign has just the answer for you! The Kids! @ your library® Campaign is thrilled to present new FREE downloadable artwork for libraries from Caldecott-winning illustrator, David Diaz. Diaz's full-color illustrations can be downloaded for either mini-posters or bookmarks. The artwork can be found on David Diaz link at <http://www.ala.org/kids>.

In addition, the Campaign now offers the logo and tagline in 5 languages and in two different color schemes. You can find the "So Much To Do, So Much To See" artwork now available in English, Spanish, Polish, Russian and French on the Campaign's website. To find even more free activities for your library, check out the Kids! @ your

library online toolkit: <http://www.ala.org/kids>. (From Laura M. Schulte-Cooper, Association for Library Service to Children via Patience Frederiksen)

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFERS POSTER CONTEST FOR FIFTH-GRADERS

Alaska's fifth-graders are invited to participate in the 2010 Missing Children Day Poster Contest.

Individual schools will select one winner to represent their school in a statewide competition, and must submit the entry no later than January 13, 2010.

One winner out of all the submissions will be selected to represent Alaska in the national competition. That entry will then be judged against other entries from all 50 states to decide an overall winner. The winning student, their parent, and their teacher will receive a trip to Washington, D.C., for the 2010 National Missing Children's Day Ceremony.

Winning entries from the Alaska competition might be used as artwork for an Alaska ICAC Internet Safety Information Brochure, as well.

To learn more about the contest, see <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/programs/postercontest/>.

Det. Sgt. Ron Tidler of the Anchorage Police Department's Cyber Crimes Unit is the Alaska contact. He can be reached at rtidler@ci.anchorage.ak.us and 907-786-2679 or 907-317-0294. Entries should be sent to Det. Sgt. Ron Tidler, Anchorage Police Department, 4501 Elmore Road, Anchorage AK 99507. (EED Information Exchange 10/8/2009.)

INTERACTIVE ARCHIVIST

At the *Friday Bulletin*, we often highlight libraries, archives, museums and government agencies who have adopted some Web 2.0 tool such as Twitter, Facebook, Flickr, etc. But how is Web 2.0 actually put to work in a cultural institution? The Society of American Archivists has established a website to help answer this and related questions. The site is called *Interactive Archivist: Case Studies in Utilizing Web 2.0 to Improve the Archival Experience* and can be found at <http://lib.byu.edu/sites/interactearchivist/>.

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