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SLAM BUILDING PROGRESSES TO RFP

The proposed joint State Libraries, Archives and Museums (SLAM) building took a step closer to reality with the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for design services on November 10, 2009. The RFP will be open until December 4, 2009 at 4pm. The RFP can be viewed at

<http://notes4.state.ak.us/pn/pubnotic.nsf/1604e1912875140689256785006767f6/418a82b7d5f51dca8925766a007f2378?OpenDocument>. A link to the RFP will also be posted on our SLAM Building page at http://lam.alaska.gov/slam_building.html. Questions about this RFP should be directed to Kim Mahoney, P.E. of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities at kim.mahoney@alaska.gov

IGIUGIG LIBRARY HOSTS FALL PROGRAMS

Betsy Hostetter from Igiugig, a town of 40 people, told Library Development staff about her programs this fall.

“Our first program was held on the 25th of September. We had 23 people, 12 adults and 11 children, attending. Our theme was “Who can pick the biggest blueberry and/or the biggest “black “berry?” The prizes were \$20 for the biggest blackberry and \$20 for the biggest blueberry and for the smallest berry, the cash prizes were \$2 for black and \$2 for blue. The Village Council donated money for this event. With measuring devices, paper and pencil, we were ready to start measuring berries. First came one excited student proudly showing me what berries he picked: he had just two berries. So I took my trusty measuring device and started measuring. Slowly a stream of patrons came in, excitedly showing me their precious cargo. One elderly woman came in with a pill bottle! She had ten berries, both black and blue. I started making a list, one for black and one for blue. Since I did not have my “easy to read” glasses, I could not read the measurement. so, we just eye-balled the berries. We had a sheet full of gigantic blueberries and a couple of tiny ones for all to see. But as we were measuring the blackberries, someone came and ATE all the big blueberries!!!! We could not figure out who was guilty because most of the

patrons had blue lips! As patrons ate blueberry desserts and mingled with friends and told tales of where they found the berries, the evening came to an end.

We had our second library gathering on the 29th of October, with 9 puzzling adults and 13 excited children attending. Our theme for October was “Picks and Sticks Tricks”! Since we had very young patrons, I wanted to do something totally different. I pondered for two weeks, finding amusing matchstick or/and toothpicks puzzle for patrons to solve. I had 3 tablefuls of these mind boggling “tricks”. I also had a table full of Halloween printouts for the younger patrons to make their own creations. I had six puzzles on each table. I copied what the patterns were and patrons were to solve WHAT it should look like. The easiest was “The Upside Down “L”. You had to move only two toothpicks to turn the “L” upside down. Some of the patrons did this in a few minutes. One other trick was called “Three Triangles to Five”; you had to move three toothpicks to make five triangles. I think those were the only TWO “real” easy ones. One medium complicated puzzle was called “Above are four triangles formed of seven matches; can YOU produce the same in a different way?” No one solved this. The one that had lots of patrons gathering around was how THIS is possible was “Take four matches as illustrated here, and move ONLY ONE of them to form a SQUARE”! All the patrons said was “Dahhh!!!!” The most brain storming was “Move 1 match to make 4 triangles.” This match puzzle had two triangles, with 6 matchsticks on display. One patron shouted “I GOT the answer!” After pondering with this for 15 minutes. I walked over to him and asked him to show me the answer. So we went to bleachers, but while going to the “answer place”, he forgot the answer! He kept telling me that HE knew the answer, but he just FORGOT! That I had to show the answer to the patrons; they were not amazed by the answer. While some were working on the puzzles, other patrons were snacking on treats. All in all, I thought this event was tricky and a great success!” (Thanks to Patience Frederiksen for this item.)

BARANOV MUSEUM JOINS TWITTER

The Baranov Museum in Kodiak has started a Twitter account at <http://twitter.com/BaranovMuseum>. We’re tickled that one of their 11/4/09 tweets was an announcement about Bob Banghart’s elevation to Chief Curator of the Alaska State Museums. It includes a link to a Baranov Museum Facebook posting that calls Bob “a stand-up guy ... and a top musician, too.”

FREE CONTINUING EDUCATION IN NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 17 (8:30-9:30 am) *Moving Forward: Engaging the 21st Century Learner* (School Library Journal Webinar)

Are schools engaging today’s digital learner and empowering them with the skills and knowledge demanded by universities and employers in a global economy? As a library professional and educator, your interaction with the 21st century learner may hold the key to each student’s success in an increasingly competitive world. Join moderator Michelle Begora, Program Director at Follett Software Company and a panel of library experts to find out:

- What new skill sets are important to move the librarian role forward.
- How new library technology is re-engaging digital learners.
- Why librarians are ‘information managers’ who help students become competitive and competent in today’s world.

- How librarians can improve student achievement by increasing the library-classroom connection.
- How to integrate social networking to bring students back to the library.

For more information and to register for this program, visit:

<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/webcasts/48850/Webcasts.html>

Tuesday, November 17 (9-10 pm) *George and Joan on Revitalizing the Library Experience* (Infopeople Webinar)

Information has become an off-shored commodity. Google handles more questions in a second than a reference librarian will answer in a career. Social gatherings have moved to online networks. Why come to a library? For the experience! If your members still experience your library the way they did in the 1990s (1950s?), perhaps it's time to rethink and revitalize. In this webinar, library consultants Joan Frye Williams and George Needham will reprise their popular presentation from this year's ASCLA President's Program. They'll describe new ways to present your services to the world. or more information and to register for this program, visit:

<http://infopeople.org/training/webcasts/list>

Tuesday, November 17 (9-10 am) *We can count 'em...but do they count? Challenges in assessing ROI from information services* (SirsiDynix Institute)

Ulla de Stricker shares observations and caveats from her experience with strategic assessments and planning for knowledge centric entities and suggests basic guidelines for presenting ROI-type information to organization managers. or more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.sirsidynixinstitute.com/>

Tuesday November 17, 2009 (11:00 – 12:00pm) *How to Approach a Foundation*

This free webinar from the Foundation Center will cover strategies for effective communications with grantmakers, taking you through initial contact to what happens after you receive funding. To register

http://www.foundationcenter.org/getstarted/training/webinars/haf_webinar.html

Thursday, November 19 (10-11 am) *Using Social Media to Make the Case for Supporting Library Services* (WebJunction Webinar)

Join us and learn how non-profits such as libraries can use social websites to put access to information and libraries on the agenda of community leaders, elected officials, and local and national agencies. The content of this WebJunction and REFORMA co-sponsored webinar includes a background on social websites, how to use social websites for advocacy, national and international advocacy efforts by representatives from American Library Association (ALA) and the International Federation of Libraries and Institutions (IFLA), and suggestions on how to advocate for services for Latinos and Spanish speakers. or more information and to register for this program, visit:

<http://evanced.info/webjunction/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>

Friday, November 20 (10-11 am) *Frugal Innovations: LTAs Worth Trying or Retrying* (TLT Group)

Charles Ansorge and the TLT Group have collected many LTAs (Low Threshold Activities) which are especially valuable in the current no-money climate. This session will introduce/reintroduce you to the LTAs - both the specific tools and the LT Approach. Targeted toward academic librarians. or more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://tltgroup.roundtablelive.org/Default.aspx?pageId=338009>

Tuesday, November 24 (9-10 am) *Effectively Managing Your Email* (Infopeople Webinar)

By the end of the webinar participants will learn and begin to master:

- * Using a decision making process for managing email
- * Scheduling uninterrupted time to process and organize email daily
- * Organizing Logins and Passwords
- * Writing Subject Lines that attract the recipient to open your email
- * Keeping the message focused and readable
- * The difference between formal and informal email writing
- * Easy steps to proofreading email
- * Email Etiquette for managing incoming and outgoing email

For more information and to register for this program, visit:

<http://infopeople.org/training/webcasts/list>

ALASKA CAREER READY TRAININGS ARE AVAILABLE

The Alaska Career Ready Program is offering trainings for educators in how to use the WIN courseware that helps improve students' skills in the assessed WorkKeys subjects of reading for information, applied math, and locating information in graphical formats. The WIN courseware is available free to all Alaska public school students.

The webinar schedule is: November 24, 2009 -- 3 p.m., January 26, 2010 -- 10 a.m., February 23, 2010 -- 3 p.m., March 30, 2010 -- 10 a.m., and April 27, 2010 -- 3 p.m.

You MUST pre-register for a webinar at this web site: <http://www.w-win.com/akcareerready/>. See <http://www.careerready.alaska.gov> for updated information on the Alaska Career Ready program. (EED Information Exchange, 10/30/2009)

TEAM DIGITAL PRESERVATION AND THE DEADLY CRYPTIC CONUNDRUM

What does “representation information” have to do with saving the Sydney Opera House from certain doom? Find out by watching the video *Team Digital Preservation and the Deadly Cryptic Conundrum* at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yun9hkPPF9M>. This video is presented by WePreserve, an international group “committed to raise awareness about digital preservation issues among the widest possible audience and to breaking down barriers to access.” Other “Team Digital Preservation” adventures can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/user/wepreserve>.

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