

# FRIDAY BULLETIN

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## **HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS FUELS RUSSIAN CONFERENCE**

The Historical Collections has been collaborating with the National Library of the Sakha Republic to make available thousands of pages of material from MS 81, the Michael Z. Vinokouroff Manuscript Collection. Several hundred photographs from PCA 243, the Vinokouroff Photograph Collection, are also available through Alaska's Digital Archives at <http://vilda.alaska.edu>. Type "pca 243" into the search box in the right hand corner of the Alaska Digital Archives screen to view the available photographs.

Principal selection of materials was made by a team of five researchers, all native speakers of the Sakha Language as well as Russian, who came to Juneau from Sakha in May of 2008.

The Vinokouroff materials are being featured this week in a conference in Yakutsk. Unable to attend in person, Linda Thibodeau, Kay Shelton, Jim Simard and Tanya Stepanova prepared a video presentation which was played as part of the conference.

Here is the press release announcing the conference:

First Vinokouroff's Readings: International Scientific and Practical Conference  
5-6 November, 2009

National Library of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) and Arctic State Institute of Arts and Culture are holding a conference "First Vinokouroff's Readings" devoted to memory of Mikhail Zinovievich Vinokouroff, who is a famous bibliophile and bibliographer of Russian literature, the founder of Russian Collection in the Library of Congress, USA.

National self-consciousness of society in transient epochs is leading up to an increased interest to the unique experience of preservation of academic traditions by our compatriots in another ethnoconfessional and socio-cultural circle. Mikhail Vinokouroff belongs to glorious pleiad of Russian historians emigrated to the USA in the first half of

the XXth century. In 2008 by the order of the President of Sakha (Yakutia) Republic and by Resolution of the Government of Sakha (Yakutia) Republic, the copies of Mikhail Vinokuroff's Collection (Juneau, Alaska) were brought to Yakutia.

Mikhail Zinovievich Vinokuroff was born in Yakutsk in 1894. He came from the family of clergymen served in Russian America. In 1919 he emigrated to Japan and further to USA, where he worked all his mature years in the Library of Congress, USA. During the long life, Mikhail Vinokuroff gathered a wide collection of books, manuscripts, periodicals, photographs and other documents dedicated to East Siberia and Russian America. Vinokuroff's collection consists of the following groups: private archive, Library of Congress of USA (1921-1956); Russian Orthodox Church; Siberian serial editions (1906-1919); notebooks (hand-written copies); Russian emigrants; organizations; periodicals in Russian (1884-1979); calendars in Russian (1847-1984); children's literature in Russian; selected publications; reproductions of engravings, cartographic documents, etc.

Vinokuroff's Readings will involve history of book, book business and bibliography and will take part once per three years. First Readings will take place within the framework of 115th anniversary of Mikhail Zinovievich Vinokuroff. A wide circle of matters connected with life and many-sided activity of Mikhail Vinokuroff, history of libraries and private book's collections, life of unique collections and book's monuments will be discussed. On 5th of November, 2009 the Museum of Book of the National Library of Sakha (Yakutia) Republic will open an exhibition of documents brought from USA entitled "Return of Mikhail Vinokuroff".

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Internet site of the Sakha State Library: [www.nlib.sakha.ru](http://www.nlib.sakha.ru)

### **ANSWERED BY THE STATE LIBRARY IN NOVEMBER**

A few months back the Alaska State Library started a blog to feature selected reference questions and their answers. In November 2009 we posted answers to the following questions:

- Is it common practice for authors to donate books in order to gain exposure?
  - <http://askasl.blogspot.com/2009/11/got-book.html>
- Where can I find oil spill data for Alaska online?
  - <http://askasl.blogspot.com/2009/11/alaska-pipeline-oil-spill-data.html>
- Can you suggest books about the history of Alaska and its major cities?
  - <http://askasl.blogspot.com/2009/11/reading-about-alaskas-history.html>
- I'm interested in learning more about the history of alcohol use in Alaska. Can you suggest some resources for me?
  - <http://askasl.blogspot.com/2009/11/history-of-alcohol-in-alaska.html>

### **KICK OFF YOUR HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS AT THE DOROTHY G. PAGE MUSEUM**

Wasilla - Join us Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 2 to 4 pm at the annual Wasilla Community Holiday Celebration. Live musical performances by the Air Force Band of the Pacific - Northern Lights Brass and the Mat-Su Community Chorus. Visit with Santa

in his workshop and make holiday decorations and cards. Listen to Mrs. Claus tell holiday stories. View the annual Gingerbread House Competition and 12x12 Days of Christmas Community Art Exhibit. Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies as we light the tree. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information contact the Dorothy G. Page Museum at 373-9071 or visit us online at [www.cityofwasilla.com/museum](http://www.cityofwasilla.com/museum). The Museum is located at 323 N Main street, next to the Wasilla Public Library. Winter Hours are Wednesday through Friday 9 am - 5 pm. We look forward to seeing you at the Museum! (Thanks to Bethany Buckingham for this item.)

## **VIRTUAL MICROFORM READER FROM LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA**

Libraries and Archives Canada has recently started digitizing some of its microfilm holdings and making them available through a “virtual microform reader” at <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/006003-110.01-e.php>. So far they have posted two collections and both should be of interest to genealogists: Form 30, Border Entry Records, 1919-1924 and School Files Series - 1879-1953 (RG10)

## **WYOMING LIBRARIES SERVICE TO SOLDIERS**

The Summer 2009 issue of Wyoming Library Roundup is a special issue devoted to documenting how Wyoming’s libraries are supporting deployed military servicemembers and their loved ones back in Wyoming. Services and collections discussed included:

- MP3 Players loaded with audiobooks from WY’s statewide audio site
- Wyoming State Library’s military collection
- Video chat connecting deployed members with family through library webcam

The issue also included articles about military librarians and librarians who served in the military. Wyoming Library Roundup is available on the web at <http://www-wsl.state.wy.us/roundup/index.html>.

## **FINDING GEOLOGY INFORMATION WEBCAST**

There is literally a goldmine of geological information from the federal government, but to the uninitiated it can be hard to find. Put on your miner’s hat, fire up Internet Explorer and view this eight minute video:

**Geology Librarianship and Government Documents** presented in August 2009 by Stephanie Earls, GPO intern and MLIS student at the University of Washington.  
<http://www.opal-online.org/Geology/>

In this video you’ll learn that the US Geological Survey isn’t the only federal agency to offer geological information and that there are reports, photos, videos, raw data and more just a few mouse clicks away.

Not covered in the video, but worth remembering in Alaska is the website of the Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys at <http://www.dggs.dnr.state.ak.us/>.

## TRACK ALASKA NATIONAL PARKS VIA TWITTER

The Alaska region of the National Parks Service recently put together a list of National Parks in Alaska that Twitter that is available at <http://twitter.com/alaskanps/alaska-national-parks>. Recent tweets from parks have included:

**DenaliNPS** - Nenana mourns loss of longtime civic leader Mitch Demientieff  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_15980/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=fpwMewSf](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_15980/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=fpwMewSf)

**KobukValleyNPS** - <http://twitpic.com/rr5zd> - Biologists just completed a moose survey covering 320 sq. miles in a Park with no trails or roads. How? –MJ

**GlacierBayNPS** - A pod of resident killer whales can be heard clicking and whistling on the park's hydrophone right now. LISTEN <http://bit.ly/82O295> TV

This list looks like it could be good for teachers and parents wanting to show students science taking place close to home, as well as learning about park events.

## MIRRORS, WINDOWS, AND SLIDING GLASS DOORS

*Mirrors, Windows, and Sliding Glass Doors* is an article by Rudine Sims Bishop of Ohio State University that explores the possible effects of a childrens' literature that does not accurately reflect the diversity of the people living in this country. The article is available on the "Reading is Fundamental" website at [http://www.rif.org/multi\\_campaign\\_windows\\_mirrors.mspc](http://www.rif.org/multi_campaign_windows_mirrors.mspc). (Hat tip to David Ongley for this item.)

## CAREER ADVICE FOR CULTURAL INSTITUTION JOB SEEKERS

In a post titled "Want to get a job? Read this post" at the ArchivesNext blog, Kate T. gives some job hunting and interview advice based on conversations with hiring managers. Although the advice is aimed at archivists, it seems mostly applicable to library and museum staff as well. Some of the tips included:

Cover Letter: "Maintain a professional tone in all your communications. Avoid using exclamation marks or emoticons. Do not invite the reviewer to coffee or lunch. Do not offer to work for less than the posted wage."

Interview: "Be prepared. Read everything you can about the place you are interviewing. Be familiar with the information they provide to the public about their collections, their digital projects, their annual reports and strategic plans. Have questions ready for your interviewers about their program. You can impress them just as much with the questions you ask as with the way you answer their questions."

The full post is available at <http://www.archivesnext.com/?p=652>.

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