

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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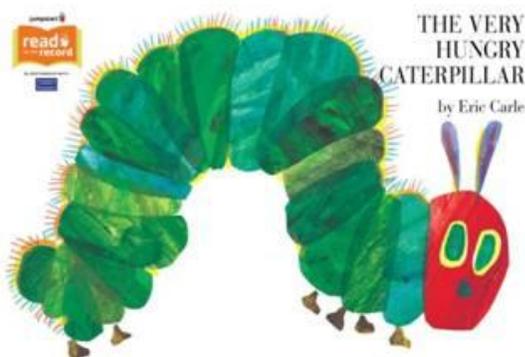
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SUNDAY LAM OUTAGE

Some State of Alaska online services will be interrupted by a scheduled equipment upgrade this coming Sunday. There were also outages the last two Sundays as part of this process. The outage will occur between 6 am and 2 pm. What does this mean for you? Some of the services that may be down include:

- Phone service, including voice mail, for Libraries, Archives and Museums staff and other State employees in Juneau;
- Webpages, including the main State of Alaska website and all websites of the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums;
- Additional services may also be affected.

READ *THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR* ON OCT 8TH



In 2006, Jumpstart's Read for the Record was created; it is an international campaign to bring preschool children together with valued grownups to read the same book, on the same day, in communities all over the world. In 2008, nearly 700,000 readers shared the classic children's tale, *Corduroy*. On one historic day, this amazing book was read aloud in classrooms, libraries and homes from Japan, Germany and Brazil to cities and rural communities across America.

On October 8th, educators and community members across the country will attempt to set a world record reading Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

Invite people to your library to read this classic tale to your youngest library users. It is a wonderful opportunity to work together to promote literacy and community involvement. For more information about this event:

http://www.readfortherecord.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Jstart_homepage

RADICAL LIBRARIANS GET DOWN!

Here is some more fund-raising news out of Ester provided by D. Helfferich:

“If anyone knows how to throw a family fun music festival in the name of books, berries and a building, it’s the radical librarians of Ester.”

—Rebecca George, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

“And they [the staff of the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner] don’t know the half of it....”

—June Pinnell-Stephens, retired librarian, Noel Wien Public Library

With seventeen pies, three judges, twelve bands and performers, and roughly 200 or more attendees, the John Trigg Ester Library earned \$2,596 from its 4th Annual Li-Berry Music Festival and was a celebration of good food, good music, and good books. The event, held at the Golden Eagle Saloon and Ester's community center, Hartung Hall, lasted from noon until bar closing. Attendees included people, dogs, and horses, and bar owner Hillary even broke out the fireworks later in the evening, after a few downpours soaked the woods. Champion pies were auctioned off for as much as \$75, and contestants put in bribes for the library totaling \$133. Donations of \$5 per slice, plus \$10 at the door, meant that the library was able to earn funds to pay for the year's rent and heating fuel on its current location, plus earn some money for the building fund for its future location. Music at the event featured local performers, and ranged from folk to experimental rock to traditional Celtic to jazz to blues to union tunes. A square dance at the community hall was well received, and will become a regular monthly event in Ester. The library formally started its capital campaign with this year's music festival, and received its first pledge of \$1,000 toward the new building (with a \$100 installment paid at the fundraiser).

If your cultural institution has held a fundraising event that you’re proud of, please send a note to the *Friday Bulletin* and we’ll let your colleagues around the state know about it.

ARCHIVIST LISTS FAVORITE ARCHIVES BLOGS

Archivist Kate Theimer writes about her favorite archives-related blogs in a post titled “Some other cool archives blogs you should look at & things to do” at

<http://www.archivesnext.com/?p=339>. The blogs she lists are:

Archives, Records and Artefacts – <http://archives-records-artefacts.blogspot.com/>

Practical E-Records – <http://e-records.chrisprom.com/>

L’Archivista – <http://larchivista.blogspot.com/>

Sowing Culture – <http://sowingculture.wordpress.com/>

Archives Outside – <http://archivesoutside.records.nsw.gov.au/>

If you're not familiar with Kate's blog Archives Next at <http://www.archivesnext.com>, it's worth checking out as well. She spent six years as a policy specialist for the National Archives.

WAAC IN JUNEAU NOT TOTAL DISASTER

Several of the most recent issues of *Friday Bulletin* have expressed gratitude for the work done by attendees of the Western Association of Art Conservation (WAAC) who were in Juneau for their annual conference the same week the Alaska State Archives experienced its flood. This issue we'd like to note the many useful informational sessions that took place as part of the regular WAAC conference. Ellen Carlee of the Alaska State Museums wrote about WAAC 2009 in several blog postings:

WAAC 2009 in Juneau: Extracurriculars

<http://ellencarlee.wordpress.com/2009/09/07/waac-2009-in-juneau-extracurriculars/>

WAAC 2009 in Juneau: Aug 21 Sessions

<http://ellencarlee.wordpress.com/2009/09/07/waac-2009-in-juneau-aug-21-sessions/>

WAAC 2009 in Juneau: Aug 20 Sessions

<http://ellencarlee.wordpress.com/2009/09/07/waac-2009-in-juneau-aug-20-sessions/>

WAAC 2009 in Juneau: Angels Earn Wings

<http://ellencarlee.wordpress.com/2009/08/19/waac-2009-in-juneau-angels-earn-wings/>

ANCHORAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY RESTORES DAYS, BUT FORCED TO REDUCE SOME SERVICE HOURS

Staff of the Anchorage Public Library will finish their mandatory 8 day furloughs on Sunday, September 27th. In order to accommodate the furloughs, the entire library system has been closed Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays from July 6 through September 27. Anchorage will return to the weekly schedule that existed prior to the furloughs.

Further cuts to the Anchorage budget have led to reductions in staffing two services: telephone reference will be reduced to Monday through Friday 10 AM to 6 PM and the Alaska Collection will be open to the public Monday through Saturday noon to 6 PM and Sunday 1 to 5 PM. (Thanks to Patience Frederiksen for this item)

KETCHIKAN REVIEWS FRUGAL DINING BOOKS

In a blog entry titled "Cheap Eats" at

<http://ketchikanpubliclibrary.blogspot.com/2009/09/cheap-eats.html>, the Rainbird Librarian of Ketchikan Public Library reviews the budget cookbooks *Eat Cheap But Eat Well: over 120 penny-pinching recipes* and *Almost Meatless: recipes that are better for your health and the planet*. If your patrons or staff are looking for ways to stretch their food dollar, these reviews are worth checking out.

JUNEAU-DOUGLAS CITY MUSEUM HISTORIC PRESERVATION DATABASE

The Juneau-Douglas City Museum announced their new Historic Preservation Database. This database is an online inventory of Juneau historic buildings and can be found at <http://www.juneau.org/cddftp/HSD/>. The database may be browsed by neighborhood or searched by building name, year built and more. Most records include information on when the building was built and its historic uses.

Does your library, archives or museum have a similar online resource? Let us know and we'll highlight it in the *Friday Bulletin*.

C-SPAN SEEKS STUDENT VIDEO ENTRIES FOR CONTEST

C-SPAN is calling for entries in the 2010 StudentCam video documentary competition.

Here is a video announcement:

http://download.rbn.com/cspan/cspan/download/classroom/StudentCam2010_promo_2.zip

The competition invites all middle school students (grades 6-8) and high school students (grades 9-12) to produce a five- to eight-minute video documentary using C-SPAN programming.

Students may produce a documentary on either of the following topics: one of the country's greatest strengths, or a challenge the country is facing.

A total of \$50,000 will be awarded in cash prizes, which includes 75 student awards and 11 teacher awards.

Students, working alone or in groups up to three, can upload their entry form and videos directly online at <http://www.studentcam.org/>. Documentaries must be the original work of students; teachers may provide guidance.

The deadline for entries is January 20, 2010. (From EED Information Exchange 9/18/2009)

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